

Hot or Extreme Weather Policy

SADA has a duty of care to ensure the health, comfort and welfare of all members, volunteers, officials, visitors and equine members of the organisation.

Hot Weather Policy

If the Channel 7 news/weather broadcasts the Friday before a competition/event that the temperature will be 35 °C or over on the competition/event day, the competition/event will be cancelled. Alternatively, the competition/event may start early (e.g., 7 am) and aim to be finished before noon.

Fire Danger Ratings

If the **Fire Danger Rating** for the **Lewiston** area (**Mid-North**) is **Extreme** or **Catastrophic** for the day of a competition/event, the competition/event will be cancelled. These ratings are published at 4.30 pm on the previous day on the CFS website.

During hot weather rated as **High**, a member of the Committee will be assigned to consult the CFS website hourly for updates to the fire danger rating or the listing of a fire that could potentially impact the grounds or surrounding areas.

Wet Weather

Wet weather during the preceding week of a competition/event may render the grounds unsuitable for use. The Committee will review the situation with the owner of the grounds and decide on the Friday before if the competition/event should be cancelled.

In all cases, cancellation of a competition/event or alternative arrangements will be published on SADA's website and Facebook page. If possible, an email will also be sent to all competitors.

Extreme Weather

If extreme weather occurs during a competition/event e.g., wind, rain, hail etc, the Committee may cancel or postpone the competition/event if deemed unsafe for horses, riders, officials, members, volunteers and any other person present. This will be communicated over the PA system.