



Extreme Weather Policy

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In line with the Sports Medicine Australia & Equestrian Australia guidelines, the NDHD committee has decided to introduce an "Extreme Weather Policy" at our events. This will ensure the welfare of Horses and Riders competing during extreme weather conditions like high temperatures or humidity, severe rain and thunder storms.

Hot Weather

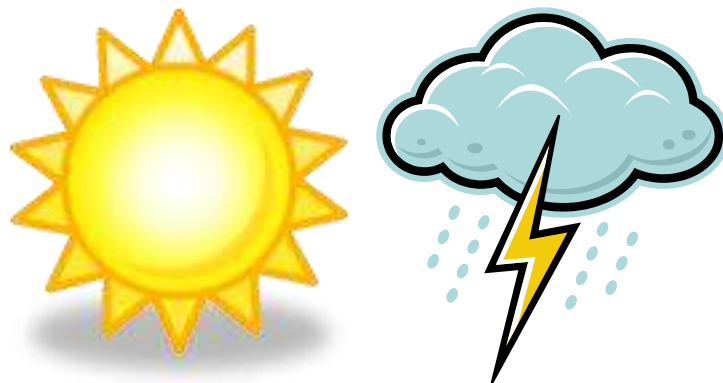
The EA policy specifies that a competition will be cancelled if the temperature forecasted is 35 degrees or above (as telecast on ABC 7pm weather report on day before event). Riders are asked to listen to the weather forecast and check the NDHD website for updates to confirm the status of the competition. If you are unsure just call the NDHD club mobile number 044849886 to clarify.

In the event of the competition going ahead, all precautions will be taken to schedule riding in the cooler part of the day. The committee may specify that the wearing of riding jackets will be optional - meaning that all riders can elect whether or not they wish to ride in a jacket. Riders are asked however to follow the EA dress code ruling - shirts must have a sleeve (short or long) and rat-catcher or regular collar, tie or stock.

Severe Rain and Thunder Storms

In the event that severe rain or storm conditions develop during the day of a competition, the NDHD Committee reserves the right to cancel the event at any time.

If the event or competition is cancelled or rescheduled do to extreme weather - refunds will be given in accordance to NDHD Refund Policy. While we realise you may be disappointed at not riding, we firmly believe this policy is best for both horses and riders.



References:-

Equestrian Australia Hot Weather Policy - <http://www.equestrian.org.au>

Sports Medicine Australia - <http://sma.org.au/resources/policies/hot-weather/>