

Notification # 21 - AFA Competition Cancellation Policy

- Scope of this Policy is “cancellation of a sanctioned competition”.
- Competitions involve a lot of planning, preparation and work by Organisers, Officials and Participants, and should proceed if at all possible. Cancellation shall not be for frivolous reasons.
- The decision to cancel a competition shall generally be taken on the grounds of safety, to both dogs and people, but this is not intended to exclude other grounds. Examples of legitimate reasons to cancel include but are not restricted to:
 - Wet weather
 - High temperature
 - Unsuitable running surface
 - High wind
 - Outbreak of disease
 - Major external event (eg bushfires, floods)
 - Loss of grounds
 - Electrical storm
- Options include total cancellation of a competition or shortening the competition Program in order to obtain a valid result in less races, such as:
 - Cancel the competition before start (either on or shortly before the day)
 - Delay the start of the Competition if conditions are unsafe but look like they could improve
 - Take a break during the competition to avoid racing during temporary unsafe conditions
 - Abandon the competition after racing has started
- Cancellation should be considered at any time that racing conditions appear to be unsafe for dogs and people.
- Decision to cancel should be taken by the following competition officials:
 - The Competition Organiser
 - The AFA Representative(s)
 - The Judge(s)
- It is strongly recommended that the competition officials consult amongst themselves and come to a consensus decision, however, if consensus cannot be reached, the following should be noted:
 - The Competition Organiser may cancel the competition if, in their opinion, proceeding is unsafe or would place their club at risk;
 - The AFA Representative(s) may withdraw sanctioning for the competition if, in their opinion, proceeding is unsafe or the AFA's insurance would be compromised;
 - The Judge(s) may withdraw from officiating at the competition if, in their opinion, proceeding is unsafe.

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- Refund of entry fees and payment of levies such as the AFA Lights Levy will depend on when the cancellation occurs, as follows:

	Entry fees	AFA Lights Levy
Cancellation before racing starts	Full refund	Not payable
Abandonment after racing has begun but before enough races have been run to achieve a result in all divisions (could include abandonment due to poor light caused by late running after cumulative short breaks).	Full refund	Not payable
Abandonment after enough races have been run to achieve a result in all divisions, but before scheduled end of racing	No refund	Payable