



## Reynella East and Districts Little Athletics Centre Inc.

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### Weather Policy

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#### ***Purpose:***

This policy is designed as a guideline for committee members and volunteers to base decisions on addressing athletes' safety during different weather conditions at centre home meets over the summer season. This policy is to be used in conjunction with the Little Athletics South Australia Extreme Weather Policy and will only apply to centre home meets.

#### ***Forecasts:***

For the purpose of this weather policy, forecasts used will be either from the BOM website set to Noarlunga or the BOM app set to Reynella East, SA.

For hot weather, the predicted Sunday forecast temperature at 9 am (when our meet is held) as stated at 9am on the preceding Saturday morning will be used to inform a decision.

For wet and windy conditions the website/app will be used in conjunction with observation at the centre on the day of the meet.

#### ***Hot Weather:***

If the temperature is forecast up to 32°C, the centre shall run a normal full program.

If the forecast temperature is between 33°C and 36°C, the centre shall run a modified hot weather program. The hot weather program will not contain High Jump, Long Track or Hurdles and will be reduced to a maximum of 3 events for U6 – U8s and 4 events for U9 + age groups. During the meet athletes shall be made comfortable with the supply of a water in the water cooler and wet sponges at the end of events. Athletes should be encouraged to bring extra drinking water. The length of the Tiny Tots program will be up to the discretion of the Tiny Tots coordinator.

If the forecast temperature is 37°C and above the meet will be cancelled.

#### ***Wet and Windy Weather:***

Due to the unpredictable nature of wet and windy weather, the use of forecasts may not be reliable and any adjustments to the program including cancellations will be determined by the set-up team on the Sunday morning before 8 am. The Centre will endeavour to notify all members of any cancellation via our Facebook page.

#### ***As a guideline:***

If a thunderstorm is forecast, as per the hot weather conditions, the meet will be cancelled the day before.



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If the rain is heavy and it is extremely windy, the meet shall be cancelled.

If the rain and wind is moderate, a wet weather program will be implemented. This could include the removal of High Jump, Hurdles, Long and Triple Jump from the program. The wet weather program will include a minimum of 3 events.

If the rain and wind is mild, the meet can go ahead, but the weather will be monitored for any changes. If conditions worsen, the meet can be called off at any time.

#### ***Training:***

Any changes will be at the discretion of the committee and adjustments will be notified accordingly on the Facebook page.

#### ***Communication:***

Cancellations and adjustments to the program will be communicated to all members on the Facebook page.

#### ***Points System and Awards:***

For attendance trophies, cancellations will be considered for the total number of meets that are needed. If a meet is cancelled before 3 events are completed, athletes who attended will be credited for 3 events for that meet.