

Bad Weather Policy for Sectional Meets

The referee and meet manager will determine any hazardous condition of the course due to bad weather. The coaches shall be alerted to pending bad weather conditions. Coaches will be asked to follow these guidelines.

If the threat of bad weather is present, it would be in the best interest of everyone not to start the race. Rain, wind, and cold are not defined as bad weather. Lightning, thunder, hail, and tornados would be definitions of bad weather. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of bad weather conditions. The starter shall have full control to decide whether or not a meet should continue. If bad weather is in the area, wait until the weather has cleared before starting any race. If the race has started and bad weather comes up during the race, the following guidelines should be followed:

- A. If a race is in progress an air horn shall be used to notify runners and coaches.
- B. Coaches should get runners off the course and into a safe area. If there is lightning, seek shelter in the bus, vehicle or nearby shelter. Do not go under a tree or under tents with metal poles.
- C. If the race is stopped with the lead runner *less than half way* through the course, then there will be a one hour rest period. All runners will go back to the starting line and the race will start all over.
- D. If the race is stopped with the lead runner *more than half way* through the course, then there will be a two hour rest period. All runners will go back to the starting line and the race will start all over.
- E. If the majority of the runners have finished and the race has to be called because of bad weather, the results will stand if the last runners who have not finished do not affect the results of the top teams or individual qualifiers that advance.
- F. If the race cannot be completed on the scheduled day, then the race will be run on the first Monday following the canceled race.

Note: Situations described in C, D, and E above are extreme situations and may never happen, especially if no race is started with the threat of bad weather in the area. Every effort to complete the race when it is safe to resume should be made for the benefit of the conduct of the state series.