

APPENDIX 1: CCAA WEATHER DELAY GUIDELINES

If the weather delay occurs:

PRIOR to the start of warm-ups:

In the event that there is a weather delay **prior** to the start of warm-ups,

- if the weather clears sufficiently to proceed with the meet, both coaches may agree to shorten warm-ups to **15** minutes per team. Both teams are entitled to participate in warm-ups.
- unless both coaches and team reps agree to the contrary, if **warm-ups** have not started by **8:00pm**, then the meet should not be started and should be rescheduled.

DURING warm-ups:

In the event that there is a weather delay during warm-ups:

- if the weather clears sufficiently to proceed with the meet, both teams must have had a chance to **complete** warm ups before the meet officially begins.
- If one team has completed warm-ups, but warm-ups are interrupted during the second team's warm-ups, the first team is not entitled to another warm-up period. The second team is entitled to a total warm-up time of at least as much time as the first team had to warm up, not to exceed 30 minutes.

PRIOR to the official start of the meet:

In the event that there is a weather delay **prior** to the meet starting, but **after** warm-ups:

- unless both coaches and team reps agree to the contrary, if the meet has not started at all by 8:30pm, then the meet should not be started and should be rescheduled.
- If the weather clears sufficiently to proceed with the meet, both coaches should discuss the reduction of extra exhibition heats, particularly if such heats are scheduled in events other than freestyle. The longer the delay, the stronger the rationale to reduce such heats.

In the event that a meet is started after a weather delay and subsequently delayed any number of times for further weather issues,

- unless **both coaches and team reps** agree to the contrary, if the cumulative time of delays exceeds 1 hour and 30 min, then the meet should be suspended, and the rain agreement opted for at the pre-meet meeting should be followed.
- as described above, both coaches should discuss the reduction of extra exhibition heats

If the weather delay occurs DURING the course of a meet:

In the event that a meet is started on time without a weather delay, and a subsequent weather delay(s) develops, unless **both sets of coaches and team reps** agree to the contrary, if the cumulative time of delays exceeds 1 hour and 30 min, then the meet should be suspended, and the rain agreement opted for at the pre-meet meeting should be followed.

The decision of the meet official concerning the continuation of the meet for **safety** reasons is final. The decision should follow an adult conversation discussing the guidelines and how they apply to the situation at hand at the time. If the team reps and coaches are not in agreement over whether to stop or continue the meet, the meet official decision will take the responsibility to make a final decision. Please refer to CCAA rule 22 regarding the roles of the Meet Referee and the home pool's facility manager in stopping and/or restarting a meet.

****The coach and/or team rep of the home team should notify the coach and/or team rep of the visiting team upon arrival about where swimmers and parents should go in the event of a delay.****

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