



Arizona State Archery Association Inclement Weather Policy

Lightning or dangerous weather - Procedures policy

Safety is the priority. Participants expend time and money to take part in events. Delay, modification and cancelation of an event should be as a last resort. Competition should be meaningful and severe weather may not yield meaningful results. The policy provides minimal guidance only and is subject to supplemental action beyond the scope of the policy.

- Decision requires knowledge, in the case of weather, information and forecasting. Utilize smart phone mobile internet real time weather and lightning detection service. Example: Telvent www.telvent.com. A secondary choice is to use a portable device such as Thunderbolt www.tbi-usa.com and Sky scan www.skyscanusa.com
- Begin to use the service or device should weather be anticipated, detected or appears. Take action based on information and common sense.

Steps:

Caution: Announce that there is storm activity in the area and that the event is monitoring developments. Announce that participants, officials and guests should seek safety prior to official announcement at each individual's discretion.

Warning:

When lightning or severe weather is observed or detected within 20 miles (32 Kilometers). Announce that dangerous weather maybe approaching and may impact the event. Warn to be prepared to depart quickly and seek safety.

Evacuation and Suspension:

When lightning or severe weather is observed or detected to be within 10 miles (16 Kilometers), announce to: Evacuate the premises immediately and seek safe refuge such as inside automobiles and vehicles as well as buildings and places with a higher degree of protection. Evacuate canopy areas, and where there are high structures, wires and electricity. The event will be suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes at which time the event will announce if weather delay continues or if competition will resume. The announcement will be made at the **field**, the **host hotel** and via **social media.**

Review, inform, resumption and as a last resort, cancelation

- Suspended tournament for a minimum of 30 minutes. Should the perceived danger pass after 30 minutes, announce the schedule to resume of the event.
- Should the perceived danger persist after 30 minutes; announce that suspension will extend an additional 30 minute until the perceived danger has passed.
- After one or two hours of suspension, the administration shall review the need announce suspension of the event for a half day.
- When there is no longer sufficient daylight duration to conduct a significant portion of a round or event, announce suspension of the competition for the remainder of the day and resume the next scheduled event day.
- Should the delay require a modification in the event procedures or the elimination of a round or an event; convene a participants meeting. Inform the meeting and invite participant input with regards to executing the event safely and to accomplish the goals of the competition. Consider rules application and input.
- Should the tournament be delayed to the end of the scheduled competition, the standings at the time of suspension shall stand as the final results and be so published with pre-event information.

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