



ADVERSE WEATHER

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RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Policy Committee to review these procedures annually.

ARCHERY SA recognises that ADVERSE WEATHER conditions may affect the health and wellbeing of Competitors, Officials and Volunteers.

An Athlete, Official or Volunteer may withdraw from the competition/event at any time, a parent/guardian may withdraw their charge(s) from the event at any time. Those withdrawing should notify the Officials in charge of the event.

Adverse conditions may include but are not limited to:

- Extreme heat and/or humidity
- Strong wind
- Storms, including lightning
- Heavy rain
- Ground conditions.

If any of the above conditions occur prior to or during an event the Officials shall take the appropriate action to delay/postpone or cancel the event. See ARCHERY SA Pol-03 1.5.

Archery Australia Policy 1020-Heat Stress (<https://archery.org.au/governance/>) contains comprehensive guidelines for determining when heat stress is likely to be of concern.

Even on days where heat stress is not an issue, the UV factor may be. ARCHERY SA has adopted the following SunSmart Policy.

ARCHERY South Australia - Be SunSmart

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Archers are exposed to the sun during tournaments and other activities and are therefore at great risk of developing skin cancer, particularly if they don't follow certain procedures.

- Seek shade wherever possible, particularly between 11 am and 3 pm (daylight saving time)
- Wear a wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap to protect the face, ears and back of the neck
- Wear loose-fitting, cool T-shirts, preferably with a collar and long sleeves
- Use a maximum protection, broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF30+ for the face and other areas that cannot be covered with clothing
- Apply sunscreen at least 15 minutes before going out in the sun and re-apply regularly, particularly during tournaments
- UV rays cannot be seen or felt, it is not related to air temperature. You can still get skin damage on cool, overcast days
- Due to 50% of UV rays being scattered from surfaces such as concrete, sand and water, you can still get burnt under umbrellas, tents, and verandahs
- Always - SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, WRAP!