



ADVERSE WEATHER

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RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Policy & Membership 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.

Prior to the event commencing the Official in charge must advise those present of the location of safe refuge in the event of extreme conditions such as storms or fire occurring. This may include vacating the area.

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 1.4

[Archery Australia Policy 1020-Heat Stress](#) 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.

*Lightning: The field should be cleared of personnel who should take cover until the storm has passed.

The lightning safety code is based on the 30/30 rule and requires the activity to be stopped when the lightning/thunder ratio reaches 30 seconds or less (i.e. the time between when the lightning is seen and the thunder is heard is 30 seconds or less.) This means that the lightning is 10 km away and the next strike has a “significant risk” of hitting participants.

Safe shelter: Sturdy buildings are the safest place to be during lightning storms. Avoid sheds, picnic shelters, metal coaching boxes and goals. Staying in a car with windows closed also offers some protection.

** The Official in charge is the Director of Shooting (DOS), in consultation with the Chair of Judges and the Tournament Director.

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 11.00 am and 3.00 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. UV exposure is not related to air temperature. You can still get skin damage on cool, slightly overcast days.
- Due to 50% of the 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, SEEK & SLIDE!