



# EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

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This By-Law has been approved by a majority of not less than three fourths of the members present and voting in person or via proxy in a General Meeting. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Club Constitution and other relevant Regulations, Codes, Policies, and Documents

## 1. Purpose

This policy is intended for use by the Club where extreme weather occurs at a club sanctioned event, where the health and safety of members and dogs could be affected.

In applying this policy, it must be remembered that both people and dogs are affected in similar ways by weather conditions such as high temperatures; high humidity, hot and gale force winds, thunderstorms, lightning, or intense rain/flooding.

This policy does not apply to Dogs Victoria competition trials, where relevant Dogs Victoria policies will take precedence.

## 2. Hot Weather

### 1. Scheduled events prior to 6pm

When the Scoresby temperature, as determined by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), reaches 30°C, this shall be the “trigger” for the following actions:

- ✦ All ground events shall be suspended immediately.
- ✦ The Club will then monitor the temperature at 15-minute intervals from the time that events were suspended.
- ✦ Should the temperature drop and stay below the “trigger” for a period of 15 minutes, events may resume.
- ✦ If however after 90 minutes has elapsed since the suspension of events (i.e. after the 6th temperature check) the temperature is still above the “trigger”, the Club shall abandon the balance of the event.

### 2. Scheduled events after 6pm

When the Scoresby temperature, as determined by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), at 6pm is 30°C or above, no scheduled ground events shall be commence.

## 3. Gale Force Winds, Thunderstorms, Lightning & Intense Rain / Flooding

*(Definition of Gale Force Winds is between 63-87kms per hour)*

### 1. If gale-force winds or stronger, lightning or thunderstorms are forecast for the area/district where the event is being conducted, then:

- ✦ Refer to the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Melbourne Radar site and adopt a wait and see approach to determine if the weather is clearing. Events may proceed once the weather clears.
- ✦ At the onset of either thunder and/or lightning all events are to be suspended immediately
- ✦ The Club will then monitor conditions at 15-minute intervals from the time that events were suspended.
- ✦ Events may recommence once conditions have cleared.
- ✦ However, if after 90 minutes has elapsed since the suspension of events, and the conditions are still unsafe the Club shall abandon the balance of all events.