

SHRSL ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS GUIDANCE

GENERAL

The Meet Director from the home team is the ultimate authority for the final decisions made to address adverse weather conditions, however the Meet Director shall consult both team Presidents prior to deciding and announcing any changes, postponements or cancellations. All efforts shall be made to finish the meet, but only with safety as a first priority.

Any meets that are rescheduled or resumed at a later date shall be hosted at the same pool as a first option.

Any changes made to meet scheduling shall be reported to SHRSL via email to swimshrsl@gmail.com.

Any host pool policies that are more restrictive than the guidance in this document shall overrule this document. It is recommended to provide the visiting team a listing of any such policies prior to the meet.

LIGHTNING

The official league app to determine lightning distance is Storm Radar (Weather Channel) and is available for iOS and Android.

No swimmers can be in the pool when lightning is within 15 miles, which will result in a 20 minute Lightning Delay timed by the Meet Director of his/her designee. It is advisable to recommend participants to seek shelter or go to their cars and await further instructions.

Lightning Delays shall only end after 20 minutes and when the lightning distance is no longer within 10 miles and clearly moving away, and the proper number of timers and stroke judges are present.

Any Lightning Delay that lasts more than 2 hours shall officially end the meet for the night.

The maximum number of Lightning Delays is 3. Upon the 4th instance of a Lightning Delay, the meet shall officially end for the night and attempted to be rescheduled if event 50 has not yet been completed. The Meet Director may decide to end after the 1st Lightning Delay if the weather outlook does not appear promising to end timely.

POLICIES

Meets can run during rain as long as the lightning policy is upheld and there is no safety hazard created (e.g. unable to adequately see pool bottom by lifeguards).

Completing events through backstroke (event 50) shall determine a COMPLETED meet and therefore any Lightning Delay occurring after event 50 shall officially end the meet per Bylaws.

Any meet that cannot be started prior to 7:00pm shall be cancelled and rescheduling attempts should be begin.

Meets shall not continue past 11:00pm. At this time, the meet shall be ruled as completed or attempted to be rescheduled to resume at a later date if not yet through event 50.

Rescheduled meets are resumed at the point of suspension.

If long delay prior to meet start, it is permissible to cancel medley relays and IMs in order to attempt to get in all individual stroke events. This decision shall be made by the Meet Director. Note: this policy does not allow cancellation of events 1 and 2 (6&Under Free Relays).

Swimmer attendance and times earned during incomplete meets shall still count.

If the Visiting team decides to leave during a Lightning Delay but prior to a meet cancellation and the Meet Director restarts the meet after a Lightning Delay:

- The Home team may continue the meet if the proper number of timers/scribes/SJs are present.
- Ribbons may be given out and all times count, however the meet scoring shall not continue.

WAYS TO SPEED UP MEETS OR REDUCE DELAY TIMES

- Running only Heat 1s to attempt to speed up or shorten a meet is not allowed.
- Use a texting app to keep your teams informed during Lightning Delays. Twitter is FREE and easy.
- If Lightning Delay occurs prior to meet, warmup times could be reduced, but as long as each team gets the same amount of time.
- Skip Medley Relays and/or IM
- Combine relay heats when lane space exists
- Eliminate 6&under swim ups in strokes other than freestyle
- Fast announcer/starter
- Communicate with Age Group/Tent Parents