



2020 WESTPAC CHALLENGE TOUR, PRESENTED BY *THE ADVERTISER* EXTREME WEATHER PLAN AND CANCELLATION POLICY

The Westpac Challenge Tour (CT), presented by *The Advertiser*, is one of the three recreational rides that makes up the 2020 Subaru Breakaway Series, the official recreational ride program of the Santos Tour Down Under (TDU).

The decision to amend or cancel the CT on account of extreme weather will be made by the event organiser, Events South Australia (ESA), a division of the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

Extreme weather can take a variety of forms: heat, thunderstorms, high winds or lightning (or some combination thereof). ESA has implemented this Extreme Weather Plan to ensure the safety of all employees, contractors, participants, volunteers and spectators of the event.

ESA will implement any necessary actions resulting from extreme weather as early as possible to minimise the impact on participants and those involved in its organisation.

Rider Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the participant / parent / guardian to ensure that participant(s) use sunscreen, drink plenty of water and carry plenty of water with them, wear appropriate clothing and take advantage of shade and rest areas provided.

It is the responsibility of the participant / parent / guardian to make appropriate decisions about whether to start or continue riding based on their physical condition.

Forward Planning

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) provides updated information and warnings on weather forecasts, including hot weather, thunderstorms, high winds and possible lightning. ESA will, in the lead up to the event, monitor the forecast and maintain a heightened level of awareness of weather forecasts.

ESA will seek additional specifically detailed information from the BOM to determine the likelihood and severity of extreme weather if forecast and will consult with key State emergency agencies (ie SAPOL, SES, CFS, SA Health) to inform its decision.

If extreme weather is forecast, all safety briefings with riders will highlight the dangers and will provide guidance on appropriate safety measures. The safety briefing will also notify participants of the processes outlined in this Plan.

CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT / MODIFICATION POLICY

Possible Cancellation

In the week preceding the event, the event organiser will consult with the BOM and key State emergency agencies (ie SAPOL, SES, CFS, SA Health) to consider extreme weather factors, including but not limited to localised conditions, heat loading, extreme winds, lightning and thunderstorms. The Executive Director ESA will consider these factors and advice from emergency agencies to determine if the event should be cancelled or modified.

Automatic Cancellation

If the BOM forecasts the temperature to be 40 degrees Celsius and above, and those temperatures are expected to be reached through the duration of the event, the event organiser will cancel the event.

If the Country Fire Service (CFS) issues a fire danger rating of 'Catastrophic' in the region in which the ride travels, the event organiser will cancel the event.

Notification

Notification of cancellation or modification will be made as early as possible but no later than 0530 ACST Friday 24 January 2020 (event day) with the aim of being on all news services as early as possible.

Upon cancellation or modification, the event organiser will:

- Send an SMS message and email to all participants and stakeholders;
- Issue an official press release announcing the cancellation or modification of the event;
- Communicate with event media partners and request they communicate the cancellation or modification;
- Upload advice of the cancellation or modification on the TDU website www.tourdownunder.com.au and through Facebook and Twitter; and
- In the case of event cancellation, all on-route support including but not limited to refreshment stations, technical support, event-specific infrastructure and traffic management support will be cancelled.

All media enquiries should be directed to contact the TDU Media Centre on telephone (08) 8212 3800. Enquiries from participants and the general public should be directed to the CT Call Centre on telephone (08) 8463 4760.

SAFETY BRIEFING

If there is a possibility of extreme weather, a safety briefing at each start will highlight the potential risks and provide advice. Participants will receive an SMS notifying them of the threat (for example, of thunderstorm activity) and the actions that participants should take in accordance with advice provided by emergency service agencies.

LIGHTNING AT START AND FINISH LOCATIONS

If thunderstorm activity occurs or is forecast to occur at a start or finish location, the MC at that location will direct all people located in that location to a safe area under cover where they should wait until the storm passes.

PARTICIPANT REFUND

If the CT is cancelled by the event organiser because of one of the circumstances listed above, all participants will be entitled to a full refund of monies paid for CT registration and, if they have already been ordered, will be entitled to keep / receive their official event jersey.



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