

## EXTREME WEATHER SAFETY PLAN & CANCELLATION POLICY *Subaru Breakaway Series Participation Events*

The 2019 Subaru Breakaway Series, the official recreational ride program of the Santos Tour Down Under (TDU), and includes the following events:

- Family Ride (Sunday 13 January 2019)
- Mini Tour for Kids (Sunday 13 January 2019)
- Challenge Tour (CT), presented by The Advertiser (Saturday 19 January 2019)

The decision to amend or cancel any of these events due to extreme weather will be made by the event organisers Events South Australia (ESA), a division of the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

Extreme weather can take a variety of forms: heat, thunderstorms and lightning. ESA has implemented this Extreme Weather Plan to promote the safety of all employees, contractors, participants, volunteers and spectators of the Subaru Breakaway Series.

ESA will implement any necessary actions resulting from extreme weather as early as possible to minimise the impact on riders.

### **Rider Responsibility**

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

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 on weather forecasts, including hot weather, thunderstorms and possible lightning warnings. 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 BOM to determine likelihood and severity of extreme weather if forecast and will consult with key state emergency bodies (ie. SAPOL, SES, CFS, SA Health) to inform a 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 organisers will consult with the BOM and key state emergency bodies (ie. SAPOL, SES, CFS, SA Health) to consider extreme weather factors (including but not limited to localised conditions, weather warnings, heat loading, extreme winds, thunderstorms). The Executive Director, ESA will consider these factors and advice from emergency bodies to determine if an event is to be cancelled or modified.

## **Automatic Cancellation**

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

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

## **Notification**

### For the Challenge Tour

Notification of event cancellation or modification will be made as early as possible, with the aim for decisions to be made at approximately:

- 1800 ACST Friday 18 January 2019; but no later than
- 0530 ACST Saturday 19 January 2019 (Challenge Tour event day)

### For the Family Ride and/or Mini Tour for Kids

Notification of event cancellation or modification may be made at approximately:

- 1800 ACST Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019; and/or
- 0730 ACST Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### Communication

Upon cancellation or modification, the event organisers 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/s, with the aim of messages being distributed through news services.
- Communicate with event media partners and request they communicate the cancellation or modification.
- Upload advice of the cancellation or modification on the Santos Tour Down Under website [www.tourdownunder.com.au](http://www.tourdownunder.com.au) and through Facebook and Twitter.
- In the case of event cancellation for the CT, 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 will be directed to contact the Santos Tour Down Under Media Centre on telephone (08) 8212 3800.

For participants and general public enquiries, please contact the Subaru Breakaway Series Operations 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 (i.e. of thunderstorm activity) and the actions participants should take, in accordance with advice provided by emergency services agencies.

## **Lightning at Start and Finish Locations (for Challenge Tour Participants)**

If thunderstorm activity occurs 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 will wait until the storm passes.

## **PARTICIPANT REFUND**

If any of the 2019 Subaru Breakaway Series rides is cancelled by the event organisers because of one of the circumstances listed above, all participants will be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid for their registration and if they have already been ordered will be entitled to keep / receive their official event jersey (Challenge Tour only) and/or event t-shirt (Mini Tour for Kids only).