



**MT BARKER
DISTRICT
ATHLETICS**

Weather Cancellation Policy

Scope

This policy applies to all MBDLA Committee members, volunteers, parents, and athletes associated with the Mt Barker and District Little Athletics Club.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to keep all people associated with the Club safe during risky and dangerous weather conditions. It covers both heat, storm, and wet weather risks. It has been developed in concert with similar SALAA policies which have been in turn developed with consideration of guidelines produced by Sports Medicine Australia. It applies to both competition meets and training.

Hot Weather

A MBDLAC meet or training will be cancelled if the forecast maximum is 41°C or higher according to the online Australian Bureau of Meteorology Mount Barker forecast ([Mount Barker Forecast \(bom.gov.au\)](http://bom.gov.au)) at 16:10 (4:10 pm) on the day prior to the meet. For most MBDLAC meets, this means 4:10 Thursday afternoon. For most MBDLAC trainings, this means 4:10 pm Monday afternoon. For temperatures between 37°C and 40.9°C, the meet or training may be delayed or program amended to suit the conditions. For hot weather, MBDLAC will ensure that water is available for all athletes and volunteers.

Meets and training will also be cancelled on any day that the CFS declares that the Mount Lofty Fire Ban area will have either an Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger rating for the following day. The CFS will update the fire danger rating after 4:10 pm on the preceding day.

For SALAA meets, see <https://salaa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Extreme-Weather-Standard-V1.pdf> at the SALAA website.

Severe Weather, Thunderstorms, and Strong Winds

On days when the Australian Bureau of Meteorology forecast thunderstorms, the MBDLAC Committee will monitor the forecasts both online and via radio as available. A meet or training will be cancelled any time after 14:00 (2:00 pm) the day of the meet up to and including during the meet or training should severe weather develop or be forecasted for any time the meet/training is scheduled (including set-up and pack down).

If a club event is in the morning or during the day prior to 2 pm, then the club will make the decision at the earliest practicable time.



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Should severe weather develop during the meet or training indicated by audible thunder or visible lightning in the vicinity, all athletes, volunteers, coaches, parents, and Committee members will be immediately evacuated from the Oval to one of the following in order of preference:

- Cornerstone club rooms/toilets
- Parents'/guardians' vehicles
- Club storage shed

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Wet Weather or Low Visibility

The Committee will determine whether a meet or training will be cancelled due to wet weather or poor visibility after 14:00 (2:00 pm) on the day of the meet or training. In general, meets and training will proceed during wet weather unless the Committee determines that the conditions on the oval pose a reasonable risk to the health and safety of the athletes.

A meet occurring during wet weather or reduced visibility will proceed using the wet weather schedule of events instead of any other planned schedule of events. In general for wet weather, this means that jumping events (high jump, long jump, and triple jump) and javelin (excluding turbo) will be either replaced with another event or the program will be reduced by the cancelled event. The event scheduler will have altered schedules available. For reduced visibility, this means that throwing events may be affected.

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Notification

Updates will be published on the Club's Facebook as soon as practicable following a decision to cancel a meet or training. When feasible, every effort will also be made to send an email through ResultsHQ.

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