

BACCHUS MARSH PONY CLUB INC. EXTREME WEATHER & TOTAL FIRE BAN POLICY.

The emphasis must always be on avoiding situations of risk. All clubs/zones and event officials have an ongoing responsibility to identify and remedy possible risks through dangerous situations and practices before they result in loss or injury.

EXTREME WEATHER: Heat, Extreme Storms/Wind, Rain/Flooding.

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club will not hold an event on days where Extreme conditions are forecast or a Day of Total Fireban has been declared for the Region.

The decision to hold an event will be reviewed three days prior to the event based upon the weather and other State authority forecasts.

HEAT:

Days of heat above 32 degrees are considered Extreme Heat

The health and welfare of Horses, Riders, Judges and volunteers need to be considered.

DAYS OF TOTAL FIRE BAN:

On a day of Total Fire Ban/Extreme Heat, Pony Club Rallies, Activities and Competition will either be cancelled, postponed or run at a cooler time of the day – early morning or evening.

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club should take into consideration the time of the year when scheduling events/activities, including camps and clinics.

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club should also consider vehicles traveling on roads during the summer/fire season, should a fire break out.

To re schedule an event which has been canceled due to the weather, the club will need to consult with the Zone Secretary for another available date on the Zone Calendar.

EXTREME RAIN BEFORE AN EVENT:

If the Bacchus Marsh Pony Club grounds are covered in water, the club must establish whether vehicles can safely access the grounds and the grounds are safe to ride on.

The arena's to be used must be considered safe to ride on for the duration of the event.

Emergency vehicles must be able to safely access the grounds at all times throughout the day. (Horse Trials - vehicles and emergency vehicles must be able to drive around the cross country-course).

The Club must be aware of safe and acceptable standards.

The organising committee must check the grounds in the days leading up to the event. If the club has any concerns, they should contact the Zone Rep. who with other members of the Zone Executive will come out and check the grounds.

EXTREME STORMS/WIND:

If the conditions are deemed to be unsafe the event is to be canceled or postponed.

IF A BACCHUS MARSH PONY CLUB EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED, THE CLUB SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE ZONE SECRETARY AND SEE IF THE EVENT COULD BE RE SCHEDULED ON ANOTHER DAY - ON THE ZONE CALENDAR.