



Weather and Air Quality Protocol

Below are the guidelines for how the Idaho Interscholastic Cycling League (IICL) will conduct races in the event of challenging weather and/or acts of nature. Our primary consideration is the safety of racers, race support staff, race visitors, and potential damage to the race course site.

Any decisions regarding cancelling, postponing, or altering race start times, lap lengths, number of laps, etc. will be made jointly by the ID League director, the land manager, and the ID League chief referee. Often, this decision cannot be made until the morning of the race due to the unpredictable nature of wet or stormy weather, or acts of nature such as lightning, forest fires, etc.

The IICL will make every attempt to notify the racing population via email, social media and the IICL web site updates as soon as possible.

IICL Weather & Acts of Nature Guidelines:

- Races are held on their scheduled dates unless the race course on the day of the race is deemed un-rideable and dangerous.
- The IICL will have the option to delay the start of a race from the published times if the weather or act of nature has created dangerous conditions.
- Courses and/or lap lengths may be altered or shortened because of weather conditions. Last minute changes will be broadcast to racers at the start of each wave via the race announcer. If conditions require a change in number of laps during a race, a person will be stationed at the lap line advising riders of the change.
- When possible, the IICL will develop a wet weather course alteration in case of extremely wet conditions that threaten the trails used for the race.
- All racing will stop immediately in the presence of lightning as signified by the chief referee. Racing may continue once the league director, chief referee, and the head timer have conferred.
- Re-starting a race that has been stopped due to lightning;
 - depending on schedule and number of laps completed, the race may be declared over
 - if time permits, racers will be able to resume laps beginning from the start line

IICL Air Quality Guidelines:

The IICL will follow the Idaho DEQ recommendations as adopted by local school districts. Current air quality readings as well as forecasts can be accessed online at airnow.gov.

- Green and Yellow Air Quality Index (AQI) – No change in IICL races.
- Orange AQI - Length of races may be shortened.
- Red AQI - IICL will cancel all scheduled races.

The IICL will assess the forecast as well as the current air quality readings. Decisions to cancel or alter an event due to unhealthy air quality conditions will be made as early as possible to allow for participants to plan accordingly.

Communications and Refunds:

- Communication of delays, changes in start time, courses, and so on will be made by the IICL as follows:
 - on the league web site prior to the race day, if possible
 - on the public-address system on the race day
 - on IICL social media platforms
 - via emails to team directors and all participant email addresses in the IICL database
- IICL will not refund pre-registration fees due to inclement weather, acts of nature or air quality conditions.
- IICL does not allow registration transfers to subsequent races due to inclement weather