

Weather Contingency Plan ROWONTARIO Championships Regatta

Purpose:

To describe an approach to be used by the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire of a RO Championships in determining a course of action in the event that inclement weather threatens the continuation of the championship regatta.

Principle:

At the annual Championships regatta every effort will be made to complete the day's schedule of races on each day while at the same time not compromising the safety of the athletes.

Procedure:

The Regatta Chair will inform the Organizing Committee of the regatta that volunteers should plan to stay to allow for completion of races with the last race leaving the starting gates at 7:00 PM.

Below are the steps that will be followed when weather delays are experienced:

Weather Delays

1. Updates on the delays will be given to Clubs participating in the regatta on no less than 30 minute and not more than 1 hour centres.
2. If the duration of the delay is such that the posted schedule can be completed, the regatta will continue on assigned centres with extension of racing beyond the scheduled race times with the last event of the day leaving the starting gates no later than 7pm.
3. When the delay exceeds the time available to complete all posted races on assigned centres, but there is time to complete a portion of the remaining races, priority will be given to incomplete heats followed by straight finals. If there is insufficient time to complete both incomplete heats and straight finals, priority will be given to incomplete heats. These races will be held on posted centres with the last race leaving the starting gates no later than 7pm.
4. When the delay exceeds the time available to complete all finals, then events for which all heats have been completed will have their times used to calculate who should be declared the gold, silver, and bronze medalists.

Cancellation of Saturday and /or Sunday Heats and Finals

5. In the event that inclement weather resulting in a significant delay causes the total cancellation of either the Saturday or Sunday schedule, ROWONTARIO commits to hold discussions with a group comprising one representative from each participating club. After consultation with the Clubs, ROWONTARIO and the local organizing committee will take into account the concerns of the Clubs and consider further options in an attempt to declare Ontario Champions.