



# COMPETITION ABANDONMENT POLICY FOR COMPETITIONS AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## PURPOSE & APPLICATION

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1. This Policy describes the procedure for cancelling events hosted by the ASSA due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event that this policy conflicts or contradicts the Bylaws of ASSA, Policies of Swim Alberta, the ASSA Bylaws and Swim Alberta Policies shall take precedence.

## CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER OR ANY OTHER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

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2. In the case of weather or any other unforeseen adverse circumstance that prohibits the start or continuation of a competition, the meet management, in consultation with the meet referees, lifeguards/pool staff, and ASSA Executive will have the authority to “call” the competition (stop competition) on account of the circumstance.
  - a. Such weather will involve the presence of lightning or thunder within sight or sound of an outdoor pool in which the competition is being held, or any other weather condition that could constitute a danger to participants/spectators. (Examples may include tornado warnings or hazardous driving conditions.)
  - b. Other unforeseen adverse circumstances will include any other circumstance that could constitute a danger to participants/spectators. (Examples may include electrical, mechanical or structural failures, pool contamination, hazardous imbalances in pool chemistry, etc.)
3. The meet manager, in consultation with facility staff, will monitor weather conditions when lightning is probable.
4. In a case where a competition is called or cancelled because of weather or any other unforeseen adverse circumstance, awards will be determined based on the events completed to that point, providing that at least half of the events have been completed. Events partially swam will not be included in points tabulations.

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5. Whether or not to refund monies to clubs for events not swam will be at the discretion of meet management.

### REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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6. When the competition that is called due to weather is Regional Championship Competition, the referees, in conjunction with ASSA Executive and coaches present at that competition, will determine the best course of action, prior to a decision to cancel the competition.
7. Swimmers unable to compete due to weather at a Regional Championship Competition will not be penalized.
8. Where events have not been swum at a Regional Championship Competition, the top six times registered in the competition in each event not swam will be used to determine who will compete at Provincial Championships.
9. Swimmers must be in attendance and ready to swim, swimmers that scratch their events will not be eligible. If the cancellation of the competition is called prior to warmups being swam, the top 6 registered for the race will not need to be in attendance.