



Severe Weather Policy

Where athlete safety is at risk, or where there is risk to the safety of officials or volunteers due to lightning or other severe weather, the appropriate referee, in consultation with the meet director, if available, shall decide when to suspend or conclude the specific competition(s), and when to recommence the competition(s).

If the suspension is due to an electrical storm, it is recommended that where possible, such decision shall be made with the aid of lightning detection equipment. However, Environment Canada's guideline for electrical storms which is "If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Take shelter immediately." Should be followed. All persons at the meet shall be directed to seek appropriate shelter and remain there until the Referee(s) have determined it is safe to resume competition. The Environment Canada guideline on electrical storms states that there is a possibility of lightning for 30 minutes after the last time thunder was heard. It is therefore recommended that competition not be resumed until a full 30 minutes has passed since thunder was last heard. Policy and evacuation protocol shall be reviewed at the Technical meeting prior to meet.