

Safety & Severe Weather Evacuation Plan – Instructions for Officials

Clemson Sprints 3/28/09

YELLOW ALERT

Alert to all participants of the possibility of adverse weather conditions. Event continues after instructions are announced on procedures to follow if adverse weather develops and a higher level alert is issued. ***The default alert status for this year's Clemson Sprints will be YELLOW due to forecasts predicting possible adverse conditions. Severe Weather Plan will be reviewed at all C&C and Officials Meetings.***

ORANGE ALERT (ROUTINE EVACUATION)

At the first sound of thunder or when severe weather is forecast to occur within one hour, evacuation of the course and venue will take place as follows:

Chief Official will give the order to evacuate via radio and PA systems.

Dockmaster will cease launching crews.

During competition, the starter may start only the next race (if it is ready) and then ensure the evacuation of all remaining athletes, start area officials and boat holders to the **Boathouse**.

Start marshals and referees will direct athletes to return to the **Boathouse** without delay and will follow the crews to the docks. They will report the status of course evacuation via radio to the Chief Official (LOC) and then secure their launches.

The finish and launch area marshals will direct all crews in their areas (including crews who are proceeding to the start area) to return to the **Boathouse** without delay.

Coaches and athletes will assist their crews with shell take out and to properly secure their equipment in the Park.

Everyone seeks shelter in the **Boathouse** or inside automobiles. (Under a tornado warning, all seek shelter in the Boathouse.)

RED ALERT (URGENT EVACUATION)

At the first sight of lightning, severe hail or tornado watch:

A race in progress may continue to the finish and then proceed to the Boathouse. No other races will be started.

Marshals and referees will direct all other athletes on the water to proceed to the **nearest private covered dock on either side of the course immediately**. They will ensure the evacuation of the start area officials and boat holders to those docks and then moor their launches nearby. They will remain with the crews to ensure that all athletes are under cover, that their shells are secure and will report the status of course evacuation via radio to the Chief Official. Officials shall monitor athletes in their vicinity for hypothermia and take appropriate action. See rower friendly lake home attachment.

NO ONE SHOULD BE OUTDOORS DURING A RED ALERT.

As a general rule, launching will not resume until at least 30 minutes after the most recent thunder has been heard.

GREEN ALERT

Resume event activity. Additional warm up time may be granted as determined by Chief Official and Regatta Director.

Medical Alerts:

MEDICAL CODE RED – In case of a medical emergency, a call of code red should be made on radio channel Channel 77. Be prepared to report the nature of the injury/condition, whether the injured is mobile and stable or whether the EMT will be required to come to the injured and what first aid has been administered thus far.

Medical assistance can be found at the ambulance located on site near the Finish line/Tower parking lot.

What should happen in case of an emergency on the land?

First aid should be administered as quickly as possible by whom ever can do so the fastest. EMT should be brought to the injured person or the person , if mobile and stable, can be brought or escorted to EMT.

Where should the injured party go? When should they not be moved?

If they are mobile and the injury or illness is minor, they can be escorted to the EMTs. If it is major and/or they are not mobile, first aid and EMT should be brought to them.

Who needs to be contacted?

- Injured Party's emergency contact (should be on file with LOC/registration)
- Minor's parents/Guardians
- Regatta Director and Chief Referee

What paperwork is required?

An incident report is required for all incidents of significance.