

BASKETRY SA - EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Basketry SA acknowledges that our meetings/activities may be increasingly influenced by extreme weather events, particularly associated with hot, dry periods.

Basketry SA strives to create a safe and healthy environment for all its members.

Extreme weather can be a serious risk to health and well-being. In this policy, we cover extreme heat (the dangers associated with extreme heat, such as bushfires) and other extreme weather conditions, such as flooding.







EXTREME HEAT

Groups will ensure that all possible precautions have been taken to reduce risks to health and well-being in extreme heat.

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Bushfire is a natural part of the South Australian landscape. South Australia experiences bushfires every fire season. In areas of high fire danger, the official rating for the day of the meeting should be used when considering cancellations.

The Fire Danger Rating is an indicator of the impact of a bushfire, should one occur. It is not a predictor of how likely a bushfire is to occur.

	NO RATING	No rating issued
	MODERATE	Plan and prepare
	HIGH	Be ready to act
	EXTREME *	Take action now to protect your life and property
	CATASTROPHIC *	For your survival leave bushfire risk areas
	Total Fire Ban	There is a Total Fire Ban in place

FLOODS

- When extreme weather forecasts have been issued by the SA Government, meetings/activities will be cancelled.

NOTIFICATION OF CANCELLATION: WHO DOES WHAT?

Each group will develop an Action Plan relevant to their setting to be published each October in the BasketrySA newsletter. If moving from one group location to another, the relevant action plan should be applied.

- Check with your venue hosts to see if a policy is already in place. Follow venue policy if one exists.
- Nominate who will decide on cancellation
- Make clear how the decision will be communicated to members
- In the case of a paid workshop, the circumstances leading to cancellation should be clear with a refund policy in place during planning and communicated to registrants.
- The final decision could be made based on the BOM website forecast temperature and CFS Warnings at 6pm the night before.
- In the event of an activity held outside the usual venue, especially one outdoors, an alternative cancellation plan may be required.

RESOURCES:

www.cfs.sa.gov.au Hotline 1800 362 361

www.bom.gov.au/sa/

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Example Action Plans

Mile End:

Metropolitan meetings will not be cancelled due to heat if we are meeting in an air-conditioned venue.

In the event that we are meeting outside, or in a non-airconditioned venue, cancellation will be published on the website by 6 pm of the day prior depending on the proposed location, when the BOM forecast is >36C. When moving into another group's vicinity, the relevant group's policies apply.

Riverland:

Our policy regarding our cancellation of monthly gatherings due to inclement weather, is: "Riverbank Basketmakers will not meet on a day the weather is predicted to be CATASTROPHIC, no matter what the cause."