

Flamstead Pony Club – Cancellation of Rallies in Bad Weather Policy

Purpose

To ensure that rallies and competitions only go ahead in safe weather conditions and to put in place a procedure for determining whether to go ahead with events when the weather is poor and/or there are thunderstorms forecast and/or Met Office yellow weather warnings for wind and snow.

Before the Event

When making a decision whether a rally or competition will go ahead, the following steps will be taken:

- Appoint a volunteer to monitor the weather forecasts regularly in the days leading up to the event;
- If there is a Met Office weather warning in place and/or thunderstorms forecast, the day before the event a conversation will be had with the Coach about whether to go ahead. If possible, agreement will be reached with that Coach about a time at which a decision will be made whether to cancel. The Coach's cancellation charge, if any, will be agreed; and
- Inform participants that the conditions are being monitored.

Decisions to Cancel

In the event of cancellation, inform participants of the decision to cancel as soon as possible, this should include:

- Cancelling the event on Horse Events;
- Emailing participants, in the event that Horse Events does not generate an automatic "Cancellation" email; and
- Putting an Announcement in the Flamstead Pony Club WhatsApp Group.

On the Day of the Event

If the event goes ahead:

- inform the individuals attending that they should satisfy themselves that the conditions for traveling from their location to the event are safe; and
- ask the Coach to check the arena and field conditions for safety before the event commences.

Thunderstorms

If thunderstorms are anticipated or start once an event is underway, to follow the Pony Club Bad Weather Plan, available [here](#).