

Mentone Open Water Swim Weather Management Plan 2014



Event Details	
Name:	Mentone Open Water Swim
Date:	Sunday 14 th December 2014
Location:	Mentone Life Saving Club
Type of Event:	Open Water Swim 1km, 2.5km and Splash & Dash

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide a point of reference for the event team in making decisions related to risk, and specifically risk related to weather.

A series of weather matrix tables have been designed for each risk factor. It is important to understand that the matrix is a guide only.

Weather Matrix Tables:

Temperature	Risk Category	24 hours	12 hours	6 hours	1 hour
35 – 40 C	Extreme	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 4	ACTION 5
30 – 35 C	High	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 4	ACTION 5
25 – 30 C	Moderate	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Proceed
20 - 25 C	Ideal	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Proceed
15 – 20 C	OK	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Proceed
< 15 C	High	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 4	ACTION 5

Water Quality (EPA)	Risk Category	24 hours	12 hours	6 hours	1 hour
Poor	Extreme	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 1	CXXD
Fair	High	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 5	ACTION 5
Good	Ideal	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Proceed

WIND	Risk Category	24 hours	12 hours	6 hours	1 hour
Gale/Storm (34kts)	Extreme	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 1	CXXD
Strong (22-33kts)	Extreme	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 1	CXXD
Fresh (17-21kts)	Extreme	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 5	ACTION 5
Moderate (11-16kts)	High	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 2 & 5	ACTION 5
Slight (< 10kts)	OK	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Proceed
Nil	Ideal	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Proceed

Surf / Swell	Risk Category	24 hours	12 hours	6 hours	1 hour
2.5m+	Extreme	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 1	CXXD
1.5m – 2.5m	High	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 5	ACTION 5
0.5m – 1.5m	Moderate	Monitor	Monitor	ACTION 5	ACTION 5
0 – 0.5m	Ideal	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Proceed

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Action Options:

Action Number	Activity
ACTION 1	Cancel the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - put notice on Face Book Page - Send email to participants - Announce on PA - Station person at site to inform
ACTION 2	Move Course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 hours before event. Communicate to set up crew. Important to have alternative course details available. Announce on PA at event, inform volunteers - 1 hour before event. as above. If course already set up, inform set up crew. Announce on PA at event.
ACTION 3	Inform: Use communication mediums available to inform participants or volunteers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of PA to announce - During safety briefings - At volunteer event briefings - Via facebook page - Via emails to participants
ACTION 4	Arrange additional resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrange additional Marquees for shade and protection - Arrange additional hydration stations - As required
ACTION 5	Review Wind / Swell conditions and decide the course of action. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider Action 1 - Consider Action 2 - Activate Action 3 when and if required

Consequences:

1. If event cancelled due to risk: An alternative date will be set. At this time the date is the 21st December. All reasonable attempts will be made to secure an alternative date. It is understood that in some situations an alternative date may not be possible at the same location.
2. Cancellation Policy: If the decision to cancel the event is due to safety, no refund will be made.