



ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

1 PURPOSE:

Adverse weather conditions can sometimes make travel to and from a BC Artistic Swimming event difficult or dangerous. Additionally, despite planning in advance, unexpected and uncontrollable transportation delays or cancellations (e.g. flights, ferries, etc.) can create challenges for participants traveling to a BC Artistic Swimming event. This policy advises clubs of the appropriate procedures to follow in the event of adverse weather conditions or travel delays.

2 CLUB RESPONSIBILITY:

As participants travel from different parts of the province, weather and road conditions may vary. BC Artistic Swimming encourages clubs and coaches to heed weather and road condition warnings published by the Ministry of Transportation and police services, as well as weather forecasts and actual weather conditions before making a decision to travel.

2.1 It is a club's responsibility to decide if their coaches, athletes and families should attempt to travel in adverse weather conditions. If a decision is taken not to travel, the club must notify the Executive Director at ed@bcartisticswimming.ca at the earliest opportunity with a copy to the Meet Manager.

2.2 In the event of unexpected and uncontrollable transportation delays or cancellations that affect a club or its athletes ability to participate in a BC Artistic Swimming event, the club must notify the Executive Director at ed@bcartisticswimming.ca at the earliest opportunity with a copy to the Meet Manager.

2.3 In such cases as a club or its athletes are unable to participate in a BC Artistic Swimming event or competition, the club Head Coach has the authority to recommend a bye for athletes in accordance with the [Provincial Program Procedures](#). Per the Provincial Program Procedures, final authority for granting byes rests with the Leadership Team.

3 BC ARTISTIC SWIMMING RESPONSIBILITY:

3.1 Authority to cancel a BC Artistic Swimming sanctioned event prior to the start of competition lies with any two of the Executive Director, Meet Manager and Chief Referee.

3.2 Authority to suspend or cancel a BC Artistic Swimming sanctioned event that is underway lies with the Chief Referee in consultation with the Meet Manager.

3.3 Factors contributing to the decisions outlined in 3.1 and 3.2 include:

- Weather conditions (current and forecasted)
- Road conditions
- Pool facility closure

- Ability to access and use the pool facility safely
- Disadvantages of sending participants back into adverse weather
- Anticipation that conditions will worsen, or roads may be closed
- Ability of judges and officials to travel to the event

3.4 BC Artistic Swimming will endeavor to make timely decisions related to adverse weather; however, the situation may be fluid so understanding and patience of participants is appreciated. The safety of athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and staff is the primary concern.

3.5 The primary means of communication of any cancellation will be by email to Club Head Coaches, who will be asked to share the information with their members.

3.6 In the event that a provincial qualifier meet is cancelled, BC Artistic Swimming will grant a bye for all registered athletes to attend the subsequent provincial championship. Athletes who are not registered for the provincial qualifier, will not be eligible to register for the provincial championship.

3.7 In the event that a provincial championship event that qualifies athletes and teams for a national competition is cancelled, BC Artistic Swimming will:

- 3.7.1 Consider the results from the preceding provincial qualifier and national quotas in determining byes for the national competition.
- 3.7.2 Consideration may be given to follow a video submission and video judging process for individual events.
- 3.7.3 In such cases as a video submission and video judging process is to be used, the parameters for video submission and review will be distributed to all the affected clubs.