

15.9 EXTREME WEATHER POLICIES

- 15.9.1 Prior to the commencement of a Trial, where conditions are deemed to be unsafe for dogs or competitors to compete, the Committee conducting the fixture may cancel the Trial after consultation with the VCA Representative, Judge/s or the Chief Executive of the VCA.
Alternatively, where the majority of Judges present and officiating at the fixture decide that conditions are unsuitable, they will instruct the Committee to cancel the Event.
- 15.9.2 A trial must be cancelled where any one or more of the following apply:
- The temperature at the trial site at the scheduled start time is forecast to exceed 30 degrees Celsius.
 - The temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius during the course of the trial.
 - The CFA fire danger rating for the district where the trial is to be held is Catastrophic.
- 15.9.3 Where the forecast temperature at the scheduled start time is between 25 and 30 degrees Celsius, the trial management should adjust the start time of the event so that the temperature falls within the allowable limits.
- 15.9.4 Where multiple trials are scheduled over a number of days, then only those day(s), where the forecast temperature is 30 degrees Celsius or higher, or the fire danger rating is Catastrophic will be affected.
- 15.9.5 A judge may order removal from competition of any dog suffering signs of heat stress as the dog is unfit to compete (Dogs Australia Rules for the conduct of Lure Coursing Sanctioned Events, Rule 6.10).
- 15.9.6 Should any run be completed by eligible competitors prior to a trial being suspended then the qualifying scores for that stake will still stand.
- 15.9.7 Any extreme weather conditions that occur prior to or during a trial must be managed in accordance with Regulation 3.5.20.