

PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF 2012 TRA WEATHER CANCELLATION SURVEY

June 2012

Do you have formal guidelines for the cancellation of racing due to weather (ie: temperature/heat index/wind chill etc.)?

Track	If yes, please outline your policy:		Comments:
Beulah Park	No		We cancel only when safety is an issue
Calder	No		Judgment calls are made on a case by case basis on temperature, humidity, rain and
Canterbury	No		No formal policy, but general rule is if heat index is over 105 degrees we would consult with State Vet and consider cancellation. General rule on thunderstorms is delay and/or cancellation if lightning is in the area. Final decision made by management after consulting with stewards and jockeys. General rule on delay is we will wait an hour to possibly an hour and a half if we think the thunderstorms will pass. Delay of more than an hour and a half we will cancel.
Charles Town	Yes	Cold: cancellation occurs when wind chill goes below 5 degrees. Heat: None	
Churchill Downs	No		In any event where there is a potential for risk to animals or human beings, racing is postponed or canceled.
Del Mar	No		We race in California. We don't have extreme weather conditions during the summer.
Delaware Park	Yes	When extreme temp and high heat indexes are forecast, State Vet, exec dir of racing, jockey's rep and horsemen's exec. meet and determine whether to race or cancel.	As long as the weather has been consistent where horses are not affected with a sudden change in temperatures racing is normally conducted.
Ellis Park	No		
Fair Grounds	No		
Finger Lakes	Yes	In case of the canc. of live or simulcast racing, each mgr. is to insure they have current contact info. for each employee. Each mgr. has the responsibility to reduce payroll for the company in the event of a cancellation 1) Canc. of live racing to be determined by FL Pres/GM or by jockey voting process. GM will contact Dir. of Op. and/or Sr. Dir. of Op. notifying them of the cancellation. 2) Dir. of Op. notified by FL GM or appointed designee regarding cancellation. 3) If Dir. of Op. is unavailable, contact Sr. Dir. of Op. 4) Dir. of Op. (or Sr. Dir.) contacts dept. mgrs to notify their staff.	
Hawthorne	No		While we don't have formal guidelines, if we know there will be a cancellation, we will do everything we can to make that call before horses are treated with Lasix.

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Keeneland	No		We rely on Doppler system both here at track and weather reports from local weather services to determine safety-though we have not had to cancel races, we have delayed them for up to 30 minutes due to weather. Safety is paramount to us and I feel comfortable we would cancel if the safety of our patrons, jockeys and horses were in any way threatened-we do have a formal evacuation program and are prepared for natural disaster evac.
Lone Star Park	No		Extreme weather events are discussed with the HBPA and stewards as they occur.
Parx	No		We have a committee of horsemen, jockeys and management that meets at 7am to discuss and decide.
Penn National	Yes	Winter agreement with the jockeys. No racing if the wind chill is below 2 degrees F at the start of the first race or predicted to drop below -5 F at the end of racing. No formal summer policy although we are looking at a combination of heat and humidity at 140 being a potential tipping point.	
Portland Meadows	No		
Prairie Meadows	Yes	Extreme Heat Conditions A discussion between Horsemen, State Veterinarians and Racing Management to determine the safety of the horse in extreme heat. A decision will be made by noon on race day to determine if the Heat Stress Index (HSI) is greater than 180 degrees by using www.weather.com with the location guide of Adventureland Park. HSI is calculated by the sum of the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit plus the percent of humidity.	
Remington Park	No		
Santa Anita	No		
Tampa Bay Downs	No		
Woodbine	Yes	Winds gusting over 60km/hr, wind chill below -20c, heat index over 44c	
Total: 21		Yes: 5 No: 16	

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