

Following representations from member associations, the board of Rowing Victoria (RV) has issued the following guidelines for regatta cancellation (prior to race day) to assist clubs and schools -

1. We participate in an outdoor sport which requires us to be tolerant of, and allow for, most environmental factors. RV has existing safety precautions and policies which operate on regatta race days which include the option of cancellation of regatta racing on the day.
2. In general, and excluding other extraordinary situations, regattas will proceed.
3. If, by virtue of Bureau of Meteorology forecasts relevant for the regatta venue, or any other reason, it appears that extraordinary conditions may arise sufficient to warrant the cancellation by RV of a regatta prior to race day, the following will occur
  - a) No later than 10.30 am on the day prior to the race day, all School and club coaches, rowing administrators and competitors will be advised by text message notification warning of the risk of complete or partial cancellation, and
  - b) No later than 2.30 pm on the day prior to the race day, all School and club coaches, rowing administrators and competitors will be advised by text message notification that complete or partial cancellation has occurred, and
  - c) Should a partial cancellation be deemed to be necessary, RV will advise the revised program on the Regatta Manager website no later than 3.30 pm on the day prior to race day. RV will determine a revised program using the process outlined in the Heat Policy and the Regatta Guidelines Policy.
  - d) Advice to all warnings, and decisions, and in accordance with the above timelines, will also be advertised on the Regatta Manager website and by email to club representatives. It will not be necessary to contact the RV office for clarification.
4. In the situation that a race day, or a regatta is cancelled completely
  - a) due to lack of entries, entry fees will be refunded. In this case notification will be available on the Regatta Manager website no later than 12.00 pm Wednesday prior to the regatta or race day.
  - b) due to extraordinary conditions, no refunds of entry fees will be made (whether before or during a race day, or a regatta).
  - c) As most costs in running regattas are of a fixed nature, and incurred by organising committees prior to an event (such as course hire, course establishment, trophies, programs etc.),

