



SDK HEAT POLICY / PROCEDURE

PURPOSE

To provide a safe and healthy sporting club environment for driver, crew, spectators, volunteers, and officials, in the hot Sunraysia Environment.

POLICY

Racing activities are to be avoided during days with a forecast of 39 degrees or above.

POLICY STATEMENTS

- Racing during extremely hot weather is dangerous to the drivers, their crew and the officials
- Track preparation during extremely hot weather is dangerous for those involved
- The racing surface does not cope well under extremely hot weather conditions
- During times of drought, the water requirements for track preparation should also be considered

PROCEDURES DURING HOT WEATHER

- The committee will closely monitor weather conditions in the week leading up to a race meeting
- A decision will be made on at least one day prior to racing as to whether the racing event will be cancelled / rescheduled or turned into a practise event
- The decision will be communicated to the best of the committee's ability via phone, email and social media.
- During hot weather, drivers should monitor their communication devices for such a notification. In the event that no notification arrives, drivers should consider that the event will go ahead and act accordingly. Ringing committee for updates will be counter-productive
- If the actual temperature exceeds forecasted, and the meeting is being conducted as scheduled then the following will occur whilst the sun is still up:
 - Race laps will be shortened / declared at stoppages near the end. This will ensure drivers waiting on the dummy grid are not exposed to extreme heat for an extended time
 - Plentiful water will be provided to all officials
 - If a driver is involved in an on-track racing incident, then they should be offered a cold drink of water as soon as approved by First Aid
 - Drivers will be encouraged to remain in the shade and ensure they are fully hydrated
 - Racing may be suspended until after sunset in order to maintain the integrity of the racing surface

If the Sunraysia Dirt Karters Heat Policy is applied to the 2017/2018 SKAA Victorian Title (or also in the case of a rain out) the following shall apply:

1. All nominations are automatically transferred, and existing qualifications stand, unless notified by the driver within 1 week of the original title date
2. Refunds will be provided if required, providing driver notifies the club in writing within 1 week of the original title date
3. Nominations will be opened back up, with a new close of nomination date, for new applications only. New applications must meet the new qualification requirements (ie timeframe for meetings)
4. If you request a refund, and later decide you do want to race, then you must re-apply again and provide proof to the new qualification requirements
5. Drivers are reminded to check the expiry date on their licence, and to make a note of your accommodation requirements.

If the Sunraysia Dirt Karters Heat Policy is activated, the decision for this meeting only will be made on the Sunday prior, to allow for those who are travelling.

The alternate date if required will be June 23rd 2018. New Close of nomination date will be 9th June 2018.