

POLICY TITLE	Event Abandonment and Weather Impacted Events
PURPOSE	Management of all probable scenarios arising from an abandoned event and/or any disruptions of an event caused by inclement weather
INTRODUCED	September 2012 (previously ANDRA Rain Out Policy)
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REVIEW FREQUENCY	Annually
RESPONSIBLE	ANDRA Technical

OVERVIEW

This policy replaces the ANDRA Rain Out Policy which was introduced in September 2012 and reviewed in July 2016.

The intent of this document is to provide further information and guidance when managing an abandoned event due to inclement weather or any other reason beyond the control of the venue or ANDRA.

The cancellation of the event could be the result of weather events such as rain, hail, snow, high winds as well as dust storms (caused by high winds), for example. Or the cancellation could be the result of something else outside of the controls of the venue/ club/ ANDRA, Government directives due to a pandemic for example.

When an event is cancelled before the end of the scheduled qualifying sessions/ rounds, or before the end of the scheduled racing/ elimination sessions/ rounds and/or cancelled before the start of the event considerations need to be made for the distribution of any prize monies, awards/ trophies as well as the allocation of any championship points if the event is eligible. Points allocations are to be considered at (but not limited to) any/ all Summit Racing Equipment Sportsman Series rounds as well as any/ all State/ Territory championship rounds deemed applicable.

CRITERIA

As per the current ANDRA rulebook,

Weather: Where rounds of the Australian Group 1 Championships are affected by weather, the minimum possible points, including the performance bonus points, will be allocated where at least one round of Qualifying has been completed. Cancelled events cannot be completed at any other event.

All Drivers/ Riders are required to record at least one Qualifying Run to be eligible for Elimination Brackets; however, a Driver/ Rider not recording a Qualifying Run may be seeded into an Elimination Bracket if that bracket is incomplete (e.g. less than 16), and must occupy the lowest qualifying position.

The Promoter of any event, while being bound to advertise the Qualifying Sessions and schedules where used, has the right to extend these if necessary due to extenuating circumstances.

Pre-Qualifiers: The top ten points earners nationally, in Groups 3 and 4, will be guaranteed a place in Eliminations for their respective brackets at the final event of the season. In all cases, bracket seeding will be determined by qualifying at the event. All Pre-Qualifiers must attempt at least one Qualifying Run to remain eligible for Eliminations. In Eliminators that require a set performance to be achieved in Qualifying (i.e. Supercharged Outlaws 6.50 to 7.99 seconds), competitors who fail to complete at least one run during Qualifying to satisfy the requirement, will not progress to Elimination Rounds.

Should a Qualifying Round commence but be unable to complete due any reason, including weather conditions or time curfew, then all Qualifying Runs completed in that round of Qualifying will be disallowed.

Where any round of the series or the final event for an Eliminator is abandoned at any point, all entrants in attendance at the event will receive a minimum of 20 points. Competitors who have not qualified for a maximum field size, of 16 or 32 as per Class/Eliminator regulations, will receive zero points if Qualifying is completed. Where competitors are eliminated prior to points being allocated, zero points will be issued.

Award Eligibility: To be eligible for any award, trophy or prize offered for an ANDRA Sportsman National Championship the competitor must have competed outside of their home division in at least one round of their ANDRA National Sportsman Championship. This includes but is not limited to eligibility for trophies, financial rewards and prizes.

SUMMARY

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Where qualifying is interrupted or abandoned for any reason, but eliminations are still able to take place the following contingencies will be utilized.

- Should a qualifying session/ round commence but is unable to be completed to due any reason, including weather conditions or time curfew, then all qualifying runs completed in that session/ round of qualifying will be disallowed.
- If an eliminator/ class has completed one qualifying session/ round, the order of qualifying after that one session/ round will stand for elimination seeding.
- If an eliminator/ class has not completed one session/ round of qualifying the order of qualifying will be determined using current ANDRA national championship series point standings (#1 in points will assume #1 qualifying position, and so on). At first event of season, previous season's championship point standings will be used.
- If the above scenario cannot be met for any competitors (e.g. two or more competitors do not have points from the previous season), their qualifying order will be drawn by random by the Meeting Director.
- All runs prior to a cancellation of a session will be voided for qualifying purposes.

If the scheduled qualifying sessions are only partially completed, and lane choice is to be determined for the next session/ round of qualifying the meeting director may determine that competitors do not need to meet the requirement of lane swapping in qualifying.

ELIMINATION ROUNDS

Where rounds of the Australian Group 1 championships are affected by weather, the minimum possible points, including the performance bonus points, will be allocated where at least one round of qualifying has been completed. Cancelled events cannot be completed at any other event.

All Group One lane choice decisions lie with the Meeting Director and are determined by the current ANDRA Rulebook if zero rounds of Qualifying have been completed.

For Sportsman racing, in the event of one semi-final race being completed, where there is one winner and one loser being established, the winner will be awarded 80 points (as the event runner up) the loser of the completed semi-final and the two competitors who did not complete the other semi-final race will all be awarded 60 points.

In the event of any quarter final races not being completed, but where there is a winner and a loser being established, the winner will be awarded 60 points the loser of the completed quarter final and the other competitors who did not complete the other quarter final race/s will all be awarded 40 points.

If the first rounds of Eliminations are not completed, all races will be disregarded, and the minimum 20-point rule will be invoked.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Where a final has not been contested, trophies and awards will not be awarded for that eliminator/ class.

ABANDONED EVENTS

Any/ all abandoned events may not be completed at any other event.