# EXTREME WEATHER and SAFETY POLICY
# DOGS TASMANIA
15th October 2023

For the purpose of this regulation, the "forecast temperature for the location" is to be the temperature referred to on the BoM Weather Website bom.gov.au 48 hours prior to the scheduled start of the fixture. Where the exact location is not noted, the temperature is to be taken from the closest noted location.

The BoM Weather Website bom.gov.au provides temperature forecasts and committees must apply these hourly forecasts during the conduct of fixtures to ensure the temperatures do not exceed the temperature as listed for the discipline

The gale force winds, thunderstorm or flood predictions for the district where the fixture is to be held will be as advised on the BoM Weather website bom.gov.au at 10 am 24 hours prior to the fixture.

The Fire Danger Rating for the district where the fixture is to be held will be as advised on the Tasmania Fire Service website (www.fire.tas.gov.au)at 10 am 24 prior to the fixture.

Where multiple fixtures are scheduled over a cluster of a number of days, then only those day(s), where the temperature reaches or is higher than listed for the discipline or the fire danger rating is Extreme or Code Red or gale force winds, thunderstorms or floods are predicted, will be affected

It is the responsibility of the secretary of the affiliate or its delegate, and the exhibitor to check the forecast weather, the temperature, the fire danger rating, or the gale force winds, thunderstorms and flood prediction, for the district where the fixture is to be held

## HEAT

**The Extreme Heat Policy applies to all fixtures held during the Daylight Savings, period in Tasmania between October of one year and March of the following year.**

**Temperatures (Fixture to be cancelled or postponed)**

**35 degrees Celsius or higher**
Conformation

**34 degrees Celsius or higher**
Obedience, Agility, Rally O, Jumping & Games Trials, Trick Dogs, Earth dog, Lure Coursing, Dancing with Dogs, Fly ball

**30 degrees Celsius or higher**
**H**erding Trials Tests & training

**32 degrees Celsius or higher**
Tracking Trials, Track & Search (night tracks are exempt)
Retrieving Trials for Gundogs (unless ample water available)

Field Trials (all disciplines)
**24 degrees Celsius or higher**
Endurance test

Retrieving Ability Trials for Gundogs (RATG)
Scent Work Trials

At any point during the running of a fixture where the temperature forecast reaches or exceeds the temperature as listed for the discipline the fixture must immediately suspended until such time as the temperature drops below the temperatures as listed for the discipline or after a reasonable amount of time (eg 2 hours) the temperature does not drop to temperatures as listed for the discipline or below the fixture must be cancelled

**A fixture may also be cancelled**

1 Due to heat and/or bushfire Tasmania has been declared as a State of Disaster or a State of Emergency

2 The Environment Protection Agency has issued an alert for air as quality Extremely Hazardous.

3 If the TFS fire danger rating for the district where the fixture is to be held is Extreme or Code Red

**Gale Force Winds / Thunderstorms / Flood**

If gale force winds, thunderstorms or floods are predicted for the district where the fixture is to be held then:

1 The fixture MAY be cancelled or

2 A wait and see approach may be adopted

3 If the fixture proceeds, judging must stop during thunder storms or periods of heavy rain.

4 Judging may continue without a lunch break.

5 If possible the fixture may be moved inside.

6 If the committee of the affiliate deem the fixture to be unsafe once it has commenced, the fixture must be cancelled.

The secretary of the affiliate or its delegate must notify the Executive Officer of Dogs Tasmania of the decision made to cancel a fixture and the time judging concluded at their most earliest time

**WHERE FIXTURES ARE CANCELLED PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DATE OR PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF JUDGING ON THE DAY**

The Executive Officer will place a notice on the Dogs Tasmania Facebook page and website advising members of the status of any fixture affected by this regulation.

Exhibitors are to refer to the Dogs Tasmania Facebook page and/or website to check the status of the fixture.

Show Manager be requested to send a notice to all Exhibitors

On application by the affiliate to Dogs Tasmania the fixture may be rescheduled at a later date where possible

**STATUS OF AWARDS WHERE FIXTURE IS Cancelled Where** a fixture has commenced but is cancelled due to the temperature reaching or exceeding the temperatures as listed for each discipline or above all awards made will stand.

**~~REFUND OF~~ ENTRY FEES**

To be included on the schedule When a fixture is cancelled due to the Extreme Weather and Safety Policy entry fees will not be refunded

**DOG LEVIES**

Where the fixture is cancelled on the day after the commencement of judging due to the Extreme Weather and Safety Policy all levies due to Dogs Tasmania must be paid within 14 days

**AFFILIATE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The following are recommendations for affiliate secretaries

1 consider commencing fixtures earlier

2 contract judges to stay over the night of the fixture allowing judging to be completed on the day if interrupted by any extreme weather

3 insure travel expense