

Severe Weather Policy for 2008 NCAA Cross Country Championships

For the safety of all competitors, coaches, spectators and race officials, the following policy will be used in case of severe weather such as extreme temperatures and heavy rain or snow:

1. The meet director and NCAA representative will monitor the weather during the week and morning of the championship.
2. Coaches will be given a central information location and/or phone number to call for information on delays and/or postponement to the following day. The event host can alert coaches of different starting times or a delay in course inspection times due to inclement weather.
3. The race committee will determine whether the start of the meet should be delayed or if the meet should be postponed until the following day. All consideration should be taken in regards to the policies toward competition on Sunday for each institution.
4. If the race has already begun and would have to be suspended in the middle of the competition:

Women's Six-Kilometer - if competition is suspended before the two-kilometer mark, the race may be run the same day with a two-hour delay. If competition is suspended after two-kilometers, the race will be postponed until the next day.

Men's Eight-Kilometer - if competition is suspended before the three-kilometer mark, the race may run the same day with a two-hour delay. If competition is suspended after three-kilometers, the race will be postponed until the next day.
5. If necessary, competition may be postponed until Sunday, per NCAA policy, with competition not starting prior to noon. This information must be communicated with all involved institutions.
6. Prior to decisions on delaying or postponing competition, discussions must take place and approval must be granted by contacting the national office or the chair of the NCAA Division III subcommittee.
7. If the meet is postponed to Sunday because of severe weather, the following time schedule may be used.

1:00 pm Men's Eight-Kilometer Race
2:00 pm Women's Six-Kilometer Race

- ** Appropriate provisions will be made to the facility to ensure the safety of competitors and spectators. The race committee reserves the right to make changes to the above policies and schedules as they see fit.