

EXTREME WEATHER

Riders should be reassured that Bicycle SA's Grand Slam Challenge Series has in place strategies to deal with hot weather.

There will be a minimum of 1 refreshment station on each of the two ride loops on the day, offering water, juice and hydration product; plus fruit and cake.

In addition there will be Rides Marshals and support vehicles providing extra back up. Each vehicle will carry additional water supplies. Water and hydration product are also available at the start / finish venue.

Riders should carry AT LEAST 2 x 750ml bidons (even more on days of higher temperatures) and should make the effort to stop at each refreshment station to top-up bidons and rehydrate even if they feel like they may not need to at the time.

Most routes pass through several towns and if riders find themselves short of water in between refreshments stops they should look to local shops/amenities to access additional water. If riders find themselves in need of further assistance they should call the emergency support contact numbers listed on the route map/notes, available for download on the website and at registration on the day.

Extreme weather that may influence any decision to modify, postpone or cancel the ride, would be assessed using the following criteria:

- If three or more consecutive days leading up to the event day experience extreme apparent/wet bulb temperatures

- If the forecast for event day is for extreme apparent/wet bulb temperatures

- Hot / strong winds are forecast

In the event of forecast hot weather during the week prior to the event, regular assessments will be made. If extreme weather is expected, the option remains to modify, postpone or cancel the ride, and any such decision will generally not be made any later than 8am the day before the event. In this case any change would be highlighted on the Bicycle SA website and attempts would be made to contact registered riders by email or telephone.

In the case that the route is simply shortened or modified at short notice, riders will be notified at the start venue on the day of the ride.

As detailed in the Conditions of Entry, if the event is cancelled, fees are transferable to other Bicycle SA rides.

Riders are encouraged to monitor the weather forecast and prepare appropriately. Detailed weather information can be found on www.bom.gov.au.

Please get in touch if you would like further information. rides@bikesa.asn.au Tel: (08) 8168 9999