

## **Weather Contingency**

In the event of bad weather on the day of the Championships the organisers will take advice from the Race Committee Chairman and Safety Advisor and adjust the racing arrangements.

This note summarizes some of the options that will be considered. All distances are based on 2000m for the long course start and 0m for the normal finish.

As conditions worsen an escalating response will be implemented, to include one of, or a combination of, the options listed below

In all situations, especially if wind increases, the lanes will be changed if possible to ensure fairness by moving crews across into the more sheltered lanes. This can only be done in races that use fewer than 6 lanes.

If conditions should become extreme it could become necessary to impose a total cessation of racing for a period of time, and ultimately abandonment of the rest of the day's racing.

### **Head wind**

A very strong head wind could make conditions at the start and in the marshalling area above the start difficult.

- 1) Drop novice events.
- 2) Drop IM3 events.
- 3) Free start from below start (950m), race to normal finish.
- 4) Free start from 500m to normal finish.
- 5) Time trial over the 950m or a shortened distance to normal finish in whichever lanes are more sheltered (usually 1 and 2).

### **Tail wind**

A very strong tail wind could make conditions at the normal finish line and in the boating area difficult. The options look at using the top section of the course which can be less rough in tail wind conditions.

- 1) Drop novice events.
- 2) Drop IM3 events.
- 3) Stakeboat or free start from 2000m to 1250m or 1000m (which would be dependent on moving intermediate start).
- 4) Free start 1500m to 500m finish, would depend on moving intermediate start.
- 5) Time trial over a shortened distance (e.g. 1750m to 1250m) in whichever lanes are more sheltered (usually 1 and 2).
- 6) Consider changing boating arrangements to prefer Country Park raft and de-boating on boathouse raft if practical.

## **Cross wind**

A strong cross wind can make conditions difficult, and unfair, in the outer lanes.

- 1) If conditions are unequal draw crews into lanes 6 → 1 or 1 → 6, with the fastest crews in the favoured lanes.
- 2) Move crews across to use sheltered lanes where possible.
- 3) Drop novice events.
- 4) Drop IM3 events.
- 5) Time trial over shortened distance to normal finish in whichever lanes are more sheltered (usually 1 and 2).