



Code Red Fire Policy

Fire ratings are forecast for four days for each Bureau of Meteorology district in Victoria. Fire ratings are updated daily and published on the website of the Country Fire Authority www.cfa.vic.gov.au. Fire ratings provide information to the community regarding how dangerous a fire would be in if started in the relevant region on a specific day.

Code Red is the highest fire danger rating given for a Bureau of Meteorology district.

Code Red conditions are the worst conditions for a bush or grassfire. The Country Fire Authority advises Victorians that in response to bushfire threat on a Code Red day, leaving Designated Bushfire Prone Areas the night before or early in the morning is the safest option.

The Country Fire Authority website provides information about the locations and boundaries of Bureau of Meteorology districts. This information will assist in identifying the relevant Bureau of Meteorology district for individual Victorian Athletic League Events.

Victorian Athletic League events being conducted in identified Designated Bushfire Prone Areas are advised to monitor the Country Fire Authority website for declared Code Red days www.cfa.vic.gov.au

The Victorian Athletic League is committed to ensuring the health and safety of its employees, volunteers and athletes.

On Code Red Catastrophic days, Victorian Athletic League events scheduled to occur in identified Designated Bushfire Prone Areas will be cancelled.

Events being conducted at venues partially affected by the designated bushfire prone area will be evaluated and the decision to cancel, suspend or modify events will be the responsibility of at least two of the following:

- Chief Steward
- Club Representative
- Event Manager
- Venue Manager
- Victorian Athletic League CEO, Manager or Committee Member

Where the decision is made to proceed with an event partially affected by the designated bushfire prone area or low risk area, there should be consideration of changing meeting times to mornings rather than afternoons as extreme fire risk is generally in the later parts of the day, but not always. Circumstances will dictate the



appropriateness of this measure.

Where events are suspended or modified during the course of play, officials should immediately broadcast information and advice to clubs, athletes and associated members as soon as practically possible.

Notification of Code Red Day Cancellation

The VAL will notify athletes of the event cancellation via notification on the VAL website, Facebook and Twitter page no later than the midday prior to the event.

Once a Code Red day cancellation has been announced it will not be rescinded even in the event that the weather changes from the original forecast.

The Victorian Athletic League endeavors to act reasonably at all times and accepts no responsibility for actions and events beyond its control and for the consequences of actions taken in good faith, for the overall health and safety of participants, administrators, officials, spectators, at all Victorian Athletic League related events.