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FORT LAUDERDALE AQUATIC COMPLEX

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event the competition must be suspended due to inclement weather, the Meet Director/Referee and Pool Manager will make the call, with the Pool Manager having final authority.

In the event of lightning, the grandstands and pools decks must be cleared. Participants and spectators will be directed to exit the facility and move indoors - locker rooms, Hall of Fame Banquet Hall & Museum, Offices or nearby vehicles.

The inclement weather policy at the Aquatic Complex is based upon the National Lightning Safety Institute and the National Weather Service.

1. If thunder is heard, all pools are cleared. All in attendance at the facility must seek shelter indoors. Furthermore, no participants or spectators outside the facility will be permitted to enter the complex or deck area until the storm has passed.
2. Lightning is observed and proximity is determined by timing the interval between the flash and the sound of thunder.
3. If lightning is seen and there is an elapsed time of 30 seconds with no thunder, the pool will remain open. If lightning is seen and thunder is heard within 30 second of the lightning the facility will close.
4. A lifeguard will execute one long blast on a whistle to signal the pool is closed and/or the Head Referee along with the announcer will inform participants that the competition has been suspended.
5. No one will be allowed remain on the pool deck or to linger on the pool deck area. Furthermore, the grandstand seating area, sun-deck, and on-deck bleacher seating areas must be cleared.
6. The facility and all pools will remain closed for 30 minutes past each sound of thunder or each strike of lightning followed by thunder within 30 seconds.
7. Should it rain hard enough to hinder a clear view of the bottom of the pool, regardless of lightning, the pool will be closed and shall remain closed until the rain subsides so the bottom of the pool is visible. In the event of severe rainfall during a competition, warm-up lane usage will be limited / reduced for safety purposes.