DRRA

Heavy Rain, Lightning/Thunderstorm Conditions Policy

**SAFETY**

Safety for all of our members and staff is our highest priority.  Inclement weather is a routine occurrence and we have policies to follow during extreme weather events. These policies are not negotiable and we ask that you take them seriously for your safety and those around you when they happen.  Listen to the Pool Manager on duty and follow their instruction. Failure to listen or take safe shelter may lead to injury or worse.  Disregard to these policies may lead to loss of membership privileges.

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* DRRA Main pool will close whenever the pool bottom in all areas is not clearly visible. Flash flooding, downpours and cloudy water are examples of this occurrence.  The DRRA main pool will open as soon as conditions improve. Members may stay on the grounds.
* DRRA will close when lightning is seen or thunder is heard, noticed or reported within 10 miles of the facility.
* When a staff person or loudspeaker announces to exit the facility or the pool water, you must immediately follow the directive.
* For your safety, when you exit DRRA for a lightning/thunderstorm event, members should immediately leave the pool facility and take shelter in a hardtop vehicle. Please don't touch the radio dial or the door handle if they are metal.
* For your safety, when you exit DRRA for a lightning/thunderstorm event, you are not allowed to stand or sit outside anywhere on the property. This includes all areas inside and outside the fence. Parking lot included.
* Those that cannot safely take cover in their cars are expected to leave DRRA property and seek safe shelter.
* Staff will seek safe shelter inside the bathhouse. Their lives will not be placed in danger to enforce safety protocols by going to the parking lot.
* DRRA will open 30 min after the last lightning is seen or thunder is heard, noticed or reported within 10 miles of the facility.
* Due to the amount of electricity in the area, DRRA will not answer the telephone or cell phone until 30 minutes after clearance.
* The closing and opening of the facility will be announced on our Twitter feed and website.
* Use of showers/snack bars/changing rooms are prohibited.
* Sale of items will stop while DRRA is closed for a lightning/thunderstorm event. The snack bar will immediately close.

**Protocol for swim and dive events**

* Due to lack of space inside the bathhouse and all staff's safety, everyone will be asked to exit the facility and go to safety. The only exceptions will be the following swim or dive team rep and staff: General Manager, Assistant Managers, lifeguards, front desk and snack bar staff that are on duty.  These remaining staff members are to stay inside the bathhouse, undercover and away from the flagpole.
* Marshalls at the event should help with the exit and safety of all participants and spectators.
* All food, beverage and vending will stop at the first announcement of closure and will stay closed until DRRA is cleared to open. No sales are allowed in the parking lot.
* Those that cannot safely take cover in their cars are expected to leave DRRA property and seek shelter.
* Communication with the visiting team to DRRA policy is required by Team Reps before the swim or dive meet.