

In Case of an Emergency

Call 911 James City County

1. Be prepared to describe the nature of the emergency, type of injury(s) and number of people affected;
2. Our Location is:

Chickahominy Riverfront Park

1350 John Tyler Highway
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Park Office phone: 757-258-5020

3. Follow instructions of dispatcher and provide information as requested;
4. Request an ETA (estimated time of arrival) of the assistance;
5. After calling 911, notify the Park Office that you have placed an emergency 911 call and let them know the ETA of responders.

NOTES: _____

SHOT Severe Weather Policy and Procedures

The SHOT Board of Directors (BOD) recognizes that lure coursing trials are an all season activity and that participants of these events assume responsibility to plan for and protect themselves, their dogs and their possessions from the various weather conditions that may be encountered.

SHOT works to hold trials as scheduled in the most timely and efficient manner as possible. However, in the event of severe weather conditions such as thunderstorms with threats of lightning or conditions conducive of tornados or windstorms, the BOD establishes the following priorities:

1. Ensuring the safety of all club members and event participants;
2. Ensuring the safety of the dogs belonging to the aforementioned; and
3. The protection of SHOT equipment.

SHOT will seek to postpone a trial rather than cancel the event as long as the conditions will safely permit the running of the remaining courses. The trial should be completed by one hour before sunset.

If the Saturday trial is postponed and upon resumption of running the remaining courses it is estimated that post-trial events cannot be completed prior to one hour before sunset, the following will be canceled and fees refunded in the following order:

First, the Wanna Be competition, and
Second, lure practice.

Conditions reported by the National Weather Service on NOAA radio will drive the decision to postpone or cancel the trial.

Consistent with the priorities of people first, then animals, then equipment, SHOT will make every effort to have a recordable event consistent with either AKC or ASFA rules.

The decision to postpone or cancel the trial will be made by the Field Trial Chairman (FTC) following consultation with the Field Committee.

The FTC, with consultation with the Field Committee, will decide when to resume the trial. All efforts will be made to resume the trial if the field conditions permit, if it can be done safely and if the equipment can be operated in a safe and effective manner.

If the trial is postponed due to thunderstorm or lightning threat it will be resumed no sooner than 30 minutes following the last audible thunder. If postponed due to tornado threat, the trial will be resumed no sooner than when the tornado warning has been lifted for James City County.

If the trial has begun and is subsequently canceled due to weather conditions, there will be no refund of entry fees.

Readiness Condition 3

Weather conditions with 40% to 60% predicted chance for thunderstorms or severe weather in or around James City County for the day of the trial.

_____ FTC (Field Trial Chairman) will call a meeting of the Field Committee and all available club members to do following:

1. Summarize the contingencies and Readiness Conditions as described in the Policy;
2. Emphasize the need to prepare to safely protect their animals and secure their property;
3. Assign members to be ready to secure club equipment (canopies, generator, machines, trailer, etc.) in event of decreasing Readiness Conditions.

_____ Following judge's briefing, (or when changing weather conditions become evident) the FTC will announce the potential for severe weather conditions and a brief summary of SHOT's procedures in the event of severe weather; for general information, a copy of Lightning Safety will be posted.

_____ The FTS (Field Trial Secretary) will have the SHOT Severe Weather Policy and Procedures document out and ready for reference.

_____ FTS will ensure that the NOAA weather radio is monitored for any change in the forecast.

_____ FTS will review procedures for securing trial records in the event of decreasing Readiness Conditions.

Readiness Condition 2

Weather conditions with 70% or greater predicted chance for thunderstorms or severe weather in the area; severe thunderstorm watch declared for James City County.

_____ FTC (Field Trial Chairman) will announce weather update and evolving conditions to SHOT members and trial participants; recommend undertaking measures to protect dogs and property.

_____ FTC will have assigned individuals begin the following:

1. Drop and secure main and hospitality canopies;
2. Have FTS relocate with trial records to a safe location such as a vehicle;
3. Pack and secure all club equipment and materials not immediately needed for running the trial.

_____ FTC will closely monitor weather conditions and NOAA radio announcements.

Readiness Condition 1

Weather conditions, including audible thunder, indicate close proximity for thunderstorms or severe weather in the area; severe thunderstorm warning or tornado watch issued for James City County.

_____ FTC (Field Trial Chairman) will call together the Field Committee and using the best available information, determine the projected path of the severe weather on a map and assess the threat to the Park.

_____ If after consultation with the Field Committee, the FTC determines there exists a credible threat to life safety and property, he or she will have the trial operations cease. The timing to cease operations will consider time to stow and secure club equipment so that club members will have time to secure themselves, their dogs and their property.

_____ The Equipment Chairman will oversee the stowing and securing of club equipment.

_____ The FTS will ensure that trial records are gathered, protected and secured in a vehicle or other safe location.

_____ The FTC will announce to the trial participants the decision to cease operations and will advise:

In case of lightning: to shelter-in-place themselves and their dogs within a vehicle;

In case of tornado: to evacuate to a building such as their motel or other substantial structure;

