

# 2012 BUPA CHALLENGE TOUR

## HEAT/EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

The Bupa Challenge Tour, presented by The Advertiser is one of the two recreational rides that make up the 2012 ŠKODA Breakaway Series, the official recreational ride program of the Santos Tour Down Under.

The decision to amend or cancel the Bupa Challenge Tour will be made by the event organisers Events South Australia (a division of the South Australian Tourism Commission) following advice from a dedicated working party.

All preventative measures identified by the event organisers will be in place prior to event day to minimise the effect of hot/extreme weather for riders in the Bupa Challenge Tour.

### **RIDER RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of the participant/parent/guardian to ensure that participants use sunscreen, drink plenty of water & carry plenty of water with them, wear appropriate clothing and take advantage of shade and rest areas provided for the event they are participating in.

It is the responsibility of the participant/parent/guardian to make appropriate decisions about whether to start or continue riding based on their physical condition.

### **CANCELLATION/AMENDMENT POLICY**

#### **Automatic Cancellation**

If the Bureau of Meteorology forecast the temperature to be 40 degrees Celsius and above, and those temperatures are expected to be reached through the duration of the event, then management will cancel the event.

If the Country Fire Service issue a fire danger rating of Catastrophic then management will cancel the event.

#### **Possible Cancellation**

If the Bureau of Meteorology forecast the temperature to be between 36 and 39 degrees Celsius (inclusive), management will consider other extreme weather factors and determine if the event is to be modified or cancelled.

## Notification

Notification of cancellation or modification will be made at 6:00pm the day prior to the event or at 6am on the morning of the event with the hope of being on all news services at these times.

Upon cancellation or modification the Event organisers will

- Send an SMS message and email to all participants and stakeholders (via phone and email).
- Issue an official press release announcing the cancellation or modification of the event/s
- Communicate with media broadcast representatives, DMG (radio), The Advertiser (print) and Channel 9 (television), request they issue on air 'media updates' advising of the cancellation or modification.
- Upload advice of the cancellation or modification on the Santos Tour Down Under website [www.tourdownunder.com.au](http://www.tourdownunder.com.au) and through Facebook and Twitter.
- In the case of event cancellation, all on route support including, but not limited to, refreshment stations, technical support, event specific infrastructure and traffic management support, will be cancelled.

All Media enquiries please contact the Santos Tour Down Under Media Centre on telephone 8212 3800.

Participants and general public please contact the Škoda Breakaway Series Operations Centre on telephone 8463 4760.

## PARTICIPANT REFUND

If the Bupa Challenge Tour is cancelled by the organisers because of one of the circumstances listed above, all participants will be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid for the Bupa Challenge Tour registration and will be entitled to receive their official Event jersey.