

VLY BEACH TOUR EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

Introduction

This document serves to clarify the decision-making processes in relation to the cancellation of Beach Tour Events and ensures that the communication of any such decision is made in a timely manner to all involved.

VLY Beach Tour Events are intended to be **fair** and **enjoyable** to all participants, and it is on the basis of defending these two key areas that any decision to cancel an event will be made.

The Process

From a week in advance of a VLY Beach Tour Event and every day thereafter, the weather forecast for the venue in question (or nearest location if unavailable) will be checked – on the *Met Eireann* website/app – to ensure that conditions are likely to be conducive to a successful event.

If, 48 hours in advance of the event, the forecast is predicting any, some or all of the following, then all stakeholders will be informed of the adverse forecast, and warned that a cancellation may take place:

- A base wind speed in excess of 25 km/h,
- Wind gusts in excess of 35 km/h,
- Heavy rain for prolonged periods during the duration of the Event,
- Any weather warnings covering the location and duration of the Event.

This notification shall take the form of an email, accompanied by a relevant screengrab from Met Eireann highlighting the issue. From there, a final call will be made 24 hours prior to the start of the Event and, in the event of a decision being taken to cancel the Event, all stakeholders will be notified by email as soon as possible thereafter. A notification will also be posted on VLY's social media channels to that effect as well.

It is also possible that the medium-term forecast in advance of an Event might be adverse. If that forecast deteriorates, or fails to improve, then VLY reserves the right to cancel an event in advance of the timelines noted above.

Mitigation

VLY acknowledges that some venues have unique features that may mitigate the potential effects of adverse weather, and therefore VLY reserves the right to take this into consideration during the decision-making process.

In addition, it should be noted that the data being considered is simply a prediction of what might happen, and no guarantee that it actually will eventuate as predicted. As such, it is accepted that there may be occasions where a forecast results in an Event being cancelled, but it subsequently transpires that the weather on the day would have been reasonable for conducting the Event.