

## **Germanfest Bicycle Rally Inclement Weather Policy**

The Sacred Heart Alumni strives to produce a full and safe Bicycle Rally, but sometimes the weather conditions can impact those plans.

We encourage all participants to arrive as scheduled on the morning of the ride as weather condition related decisions will be made shortly before the ride start time of 10 AM. In many instances, weather conditions in one part of the state may not be impacting the event location, or weather conditions may improve in the hours preceding the event, both of which impact the ride start.

In the event of light to moderate rain, and in the absence of any lightning, our goal is to proceed with the full event as long as road conditions are safe and will allow the bike ride to take place.

If there is lightning in the area, the event will be placed into a weather hold and can be held for up to one hour. If the lightning has departed the area after one hour, the ride can proceed as planned. If there is still evidence of, or the potential for lightning in the area, the ride may either be shortened or cancelled.

The event has a one hour weather hold time frame because the schedule impacts the safety of the event by such factors as other scheduled events during Germanfest, increasing traffic on the routes as the day passes, law enforcement and medical support schedules, and permit limitations if the weather hold exceeds one hour.

Due to the nature of bike rides taking place generally in the outdoors, weather conditions can play a large role in the production of the event. Because a significant amount of the funds collected during registration have already been expended by the day of the event for the production of the event, and because each event is uniquely scheduled for its date and location, registration refunds are not possible and rescheduling the event is not feasible, and therefore we have a no refund policy. We do, however, encourage all pre-registered to pick up their packets with the t-shirt and park entry tickets. T-shirts will not be mailed.

Proceeds from registration fees, donations and sponsorships will continue to benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Thank you for your understanding of these policies. We appreciate your participation.

Germanfest Metric Century Bicycle Rally