

2011 Baker's Dozen Rain Policy

The following is the 2011 Baker's Dozen Rain Policy. The number statements are from the SORBA Race Policy. The explanations below each number statement are the policy that will be used for the 2011 Baker's Dozen event.

- 1. All SORBA events for which a fee is charged must have an alternate route plan, rain date, cancellation, and refund policy stated on all advertising.*

Alternate Route Plan – None

Rain Date – October 29, 2011

Cancellation Plan – See Refund Policy.

Refund Policy – If the race is postponed to the Rain Date, and the Rain Date is cancelled, then a prorated refund will be given back to each paid rider. All expenses related to the 2011 Baker's Dozen will be calculated and then divided by the number of paid riders. The difference between the rider's entry fee and the expenses per rider will be refunded to each paid rider. Once the race has started, no refunds will be given due to delayed start or early conclusion of the race.

- 2. If the weather is so bad that even the alternative route is not usable, then event must be postponed or canceled. Environmental protection and the public image of the sport must always come first. If cancellation is the only option, refunds of entry fees may not be possible.*

Alternate Route Plan – None

Postponement – Based on recent weather conditions and future forecast, along with observed trail conditions, the race will be postponed to the Rain Date if the Race Director believes the trail will be damaged. Postponement will be announced on the SORBA-CSRA website and an e-mail will be sent to all pre-registered riders. The announcement will be made no later than 7pm on October 20th.

Cancellation Plan – See Refund Policy

- 3. An organizer should be sensitive to trail conditions 72 hours before an event. If conditions are poor and it appears they will not improve, then the event should be postponed or cancelled. Cancellation or postponement must be announced on www.sorba.org and every effort to communicate the event change will be undertaken by the organizer.*

72 Hours – Not Applicable

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Poor Weather Conditions – See Item 2

Communicate Event Change – Any event changes will be sent to paid rider's email and will be posted on the www.sorbacsra.org home page.

4. If weather conditions change within the 72 hour window, then the organizer must decide if the event can go forward taking into consideration the trail conditions. Changing the route to make use of roads and to move the event off fragile trail surfaces must be an alternative when possible.

Weather Conditions Change within 36 hours – At the discretion of the Event Director due to weather and/or trail conditions:

- Event start time may be delayed
- Event end time may be changed

5. After an event begins under good circumstances, but conditions worsen, the organizer should shorten the event to limit impact when possible.

Weather Conditions Worsen During Event - If during the race a thunder storm with lightning occurs, all riders will be encouraged to stop the race and seek shelter. If during the race, rain occurs, the Event Director will make the decision whether to delay the race, or stop the race. The decision will be based on trail conditions observed and the amount of mud on rider's bikes & clothing.

6. The organizer is expected to balance the benefits to SORBA when making a decision to run an event. The trail, the mountain biker, and the reputation of SORBA must all be weighed when making this decision.