

Inclement Weather Policy for New York State FFA Events:

In cases of actual or anticipated inclement weather that causes a State event to be cancelled or rescheduled, state staff will inform all participating schools by 3pm the day before the event is scheduled to begin. If the event has a snow date previously scheduled, the event would then revert to this date. If a school anticipates not being able to attend an event due to inclement weather in their area, they should notify state staff by noon the day before the event begins. This does not mean that the event will be automatically cancelled; please see specific information regarding this below in sections A-F. After the posted registration deadline, cancellations will not be accepted and refunds will not be issued unless in the event of an emergency (i.e. - weather related interstate closings, school closings, etc.) and is approved by the State FFA Governing Board based on the specific event information provided below in sections A-F. In the event of an emergency, written appeals for registration fees can be made to the New York State FFA Governing Board 30 days after the close of the event. No refunds will be given or approved on site. Registrations may be transferred between students or chapters as long as state staff are notified of the changes. Transfer of registrations will be permitted only as the capacity of the hotel, rooming and event space allow.

A. Leadership Conferences:

- i. In case of inclement weather causing a New York State FFA leadership conference (AIM, 212/360, State Convention, State Leaders Experience, Intense, and State Officer Selection) to be cancelled or rescheduled state staff will notify all participating schools by 3pm the day before the event is scheduled to begin. If this happens, state staff will work with the host facility to determine if the event can be rescheduled or determine if payment can be refunded or not. If payment is required there will not be refunds issued to participating chapters. If payment can be partially or fully refunded each participating chapter will be refunded the corresponding amount.

B. State Fair:

- i. In case of actual or anticipated inclement weather, schools need to contact state staff by noon the day prior to the start of the State Fair event. Should less than 80 % of the schools be able to participate in State Fair events, the event would move to the backup date. If there is not a backup date scheduled for this event, state staff will work with the host to determine an alternative date or reschedule these events at a different location and time that will be provided to advisors as soon as that is determined.

C. Empire Farm Days:

- i. In case of actual or anticipated inclement weather, schools need to contact state staff by noon the day prior to the start of the Empire Farm Days event. Should less than 80 % of the schools be able to participate in Empire Farm Days events, the event would move to the backup date. If there is not a backup date scheduled for this event, state staff will work with the host to determine an alternative date or reschedule these events at a different location and time that will be provided to advisors as soon as that is determined.

D. Sub-State Events:

- i. In case of actual or anticipated inclement weather, schools need to contact the host site and state staff by noon the day prior to the start of the event. Should less than 80 % of the schools be able to participate in a Sub-State event, that region's event would move to the snow date. If a chapter is unable to attend, but did not notify the host or state office by noon on the day before their Sub-State's event, then those students that are unable to attend will be deemed ineligible and the event will proceed as scheduled. Students must participate and place at their Sub-State event to move on to State Convention. There will be no make-up date for Sub-State events unless the event is cancelled and moves to the snow date.

E. District Events:

- i. District Events are facilitated by each District and not by the New York State FFA Association. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each District to develop their own Inclement Weather Policy. The NYS FFA Association recommends that each District follow a similar policy as the Sub-State Events Policy listed above in section D. Each District must provide state staff with their policy. Students must participate and place at their district events to move on to Sub-States.

F. Inability to Host on Snow Dates:

- i. In the event that an activity was moved to the scheduled snow date but the event cannot be held on that date, New York FFA State Staff will determine how to proceed on a case-by-case basis.