

Canceled Scrambles

AMA has a provision for renewing sanctions for events canceled due to inclement weather. Per Colleen Pierce, FAI Coordinator (and sanctions) at AMA, the purpose is to provide a way for clubs to reschedule sanctioned events without having to pay for a new sanction. The process requires the club to clear the new date with the district event sanction coordinator and notify AMA HQ. The lead time for the new date for the event will, of course, not be sufficient for advertising in Model Aviation (MA) but AMA will attempt to change it on their website as soon as possible. Per Colleen, their biggest concern is insurance. However, when a club carries a separate Flying Site Owners policy (as MMM does for the Lowry Ranch), insurance is not a problem.

Another concern is National Cup (NC) points. Per Bobby Hanford, National Cup Administrator, there is no problem offering NC points for the make-up contest but he asks that we try to get the word out via email or social media to alert other potential participants to the change.

Rescheduling a Scramble should not be done unless the preponderance of indications and observations suggest the day will not be flyable due to weather. This will not normally be done simply on the basis of weather forecasts, and should normally entail at least a visit to the field to gauge conditions and prospects for flying.

Below is the process for canceling Scrambles due to forecast weather concerns:

- Send a message to the MMM FreeFlight group the day before the Scramble (NLT 6:00 PM) advising that there is a possibility of cancellation, and that another notice will be sent from the field at 9:00 AM.
- Send a notice from the field to the MMM FreeFlight group with the go/no-go decision at 9:00 AM.
- If the Scramble is canceled, remain on the field until at least 10:00 to advise people who may have been en route and didn't receive the cancellation message.

Below is the process for rescheduling canceled Scrambles. Responsibility rests with the normally scheduled CD to do the following:

- Look at the following weekend to determine if it is open. Barring a conflict, the reschedule date will be the following weekend.
- Attempt to find a replacement CD if the normally scheduled CD is unavailable.
- Contact the District IX Event Sanction Coordinator and advise the re-schedule date (see <https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/competition-resources/sanctioned-event-coordinators>)
- Contact AMA HQ or confirm with the coordinator that he will contact AMA HQ with the new date.
- Make every attempt to advise the MMM club and get the word out via email or social media to alert other potential participants to the change.