

Draft Policy – Competitions Affected by Adverse Weather

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In the event of adverse weather conditions making the course unplayable, the match committee (or its representative) may elect to suspend or cancel play.

Suspension of play will be indicated by three (3) siren blasts (course unplayable), and by a continuous siren in the event that dangerous conditions occur.

If play is suspended and, after a reasonable time, the course becomes playable the competition can be resumed.

If the committee (or its representative) decides that the course will not become playable in a reasonable period of time, further play will be cancelled.

Cancellation of play does not necessarily mean cancellation of the daily competition. If enough players are able to complete their round to constitute a competition under the "Eastwood Competition Rules" guideline, the competition of the day will stand and all completed cards would then form the competition.

Notes:

1. Decision to resume play must be made with regard to factors such as; (i) time available to complete the round; (ii) commitment to afternoon tee times; (iii) protection of the course.
2. Major events, such as club championships, played on the day of an adverse weather cancellation may be rescheduled and the event reverted to a competition of the day.
3. Should a competition or part thereof be cancelled, the club may elect to credit the competition fee for any player unable to complete their round. Players withdrawing from the competition prior to cancellation will not receive a credit. (Players should be advised to return incomplete cards to the Pro-shop)
4. All completed cards would then form the competition.

Draft Policy – Dangerous Playing Conditions

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This policy describes only the decision making and actions required to ensure player safety. It is an adjunct to the “Competitions affected by adverse weather” policy and should be read in conjunction with that policy.

Definition: A dangerous playing condition is any extreme weather event that has the potential to cause harm to players, regardless of whether a competition is in progress, for example, lightning strikes or high winds.

Who makes the decision to call players from the course?

Primary responsibility is with the Professional or Golf Shop staff. They have access to current weather information, and have control of the notification system. The decision can be made in consultation with the Captain or another member of the Match committee if they are on site, however the decision should not be delayed to seek advice. If the Captain is not on site, he should be notified following suspension of play.

What tools do we have to aid the decision making process?

Notice should be taken of Radio and Television forecasts and, if dangerous conditions are forecast, current reports and weather websites should be monitored. Observation of local weather conditions occurring at the course should be ongoing.

What notification is required?

A continuous siren blast will be used to indicate dangerous conditions. The siren should be left on until it is clear that players are responding. Do not use short siren blasts, this can be misconstrued to be the course unplayable notification.

What do we do if the power is out?

All attempts should be made to notify players of suspension of play. Golf carts may be used to contact players directly, but staff and committee members must not place themselves in danger.

When can play be resumed?

When it is clear that the dangerous conditions have passed, and monitoring of reports and forecasts indicate that there is no further danger imminent.

Note: Players are primarily responsible for their own safety and should not wait for notification if they feel at risk.

Suspension of Play Notification

Three short siren blasts – Course Unplayable

Players should mark position of their ball and return to the clubhouse for information on resumption of play. Optionally, players may complete the hole being played before returning to the clubhouse.

Continuous siren blast – Dangerous Conditions

Players should leave the course immediately.

Note: Don't wait for notification if you feel that your safety is at risk.