

Suspension of Play

Stopping & Resuming Play – Model Local Rule J-1:

- **One Prolonged Blow:** Immediate suspension (imminent dangers such as lighting)
- **Three Consecutive Blows:** Normal suspension of play (darkness, unplayable course)
- **Two Consecutive Blows:** Signals resumption of play

Deciding When to Suspend Play:

Event staff will monitor weather conditions throughout each event by referencing **Environment Canada's weather updates** and using appropriate detection systems or visual observations. Adjustments to scheduling, play, or event format will be made as necessary to ensure the safety of all participants, staff, and spectators.

Lightning:

Play will be immediately suspended:

- If lightning is visible or detected within **10km of the host club**.
- If the time between a lightning flash and the sound of thunder is 30 seconds or less.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Seek shelter in a designated safe area when lightning is in the area.
- Avoid open areas, elevated locations, and contact with metal objects, including golf clubs and carts, during a lightning delay.
- Play will not resume until event staff determine it is safe, following a minimum of 30 minutes without lightning activity in the area.

Rain:

Suspension will occur:

- If the area around a hole is covered in temporary water and it cannot be removed.
- If players must move their ball an unreasonable distance to find a dry area.
- If the host club raises concerns about the overall health of the course should play continue.

Player Safety and Recommendations:

- Ensure appropriate rain gear, such as waterproof clothing and umbrellas, is accessible during rainy conditions.
- Players should exercise caution when walking on wet surfaces to prevent slips or falls.
- Play will resume only after event staff determine conditions are safe and suitable for both participants and the course.

Heat and Humidity:

Suspension will occur:

- If the humidex reaches 40 at any McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour event.
- If the temperature reaches 38°C at any point during a McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour event.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Players, staff, and spectators are encouraged to stay hydrated, seek shade, and use sunscreen to mitigate the effects of heat.
- Players are encouraged to wear light, breathable clothing and use hats or visors for sun protection.
- Players showing symptoms of heat-related illness, such as dizziness, nausea, or fatigue, will be removed from play and provided medical attention.

Visibility:

Suspension will occur:

- If players cannot see the landing area.
- If players are unable to read the line of play on a putting green due to lack of visibility.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Play will resume only when event staff determine conditions are safe and visibility is sufficient to ensure fair and safe competition.

Wind

Suspension will occur:

- If several balls, whether from different players or due to a previous shot, are still moving on the course after they've initially come to rest.
- If players cannot replace their ball to its original location without it moving due to wind.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Players, staff, and spectators are encouraged to use caution during high winds, avoiding open or exposed areas where possible.

- Loose objects, such as umbrellas or bags, should be secured to prevent accidents caused by gusts.
- Play will resume only after event staff determine that wind conditions have stabilized and no longer impact the fairness or safety of the competition.

Air Quality

Play will be immediately suspended:

- if the Air Quality Index (AQI) is 8 or above.
- If the AQI is below 7 but visibility is compromised (e.g., smoke or haze reducing clarity), play may be suspended based on event staff discretion.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Players, staff, and spectators are encouraged to exercise caution during poor air quality conditions. Individuals with respiratory conditions should take extra precautions.
- It is recommended to wear masks or protective gear if the air quality is particularly hazardous.
- Play will resume only after event staff confirm that the AQI is below 7 and visibility meets acceptable standards, ensuring no risk to the health or safety of participants and spectators.

Deciding When to Resume and Cancel Play

- Play must be suspended if one of the above guidelines is met.
- If the decision is made to resume play, players will be given 30 minutes to return to their respective holes.
- Rounds can be cancelled only if less than half of the competing field has not completed their rounds.
- If more than half of the competing field has finished their round, then play must resume at the earliest possible moment.

Decisions to suspend, delay, or cancel play will be communicated through:

- Announcements at the event venue.
- Emails or text messages to participants and parents/guardians.
- Updates on the McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour website and social media platforms.