

GUIDELINES FOR SUSPENSION OF PLAY

Immediate and Normal Suspensions of Play

- If the Tournament Committee declares an immediate suspension of play, all players must stop play at once and must not take another stroke until the Tournament Committee resumes play.
- If the Tournament Committee suspends play for normal reasons (i.e., darkness or unplayable course), what happens next depends on whether a group is between holes or playing a hole.

Deciding When to Suspend Play

1. Lightning – Play will be suspended due to lightning based on the following guidelines:

- a. Lightning is visible or detected in the area.
- b. If a referee cannot count at least 30 seconds between lightning strikes and the thunder.
- c. Lightning is deemed to be within 10 km of the host club.

2. Rain – Play will be suspended due to rain based on the following guidelines:

- a. If the area around a hole is covered in temporary water and it cannot be squeegeed by maintenance staff, Alberta Golf staff, or a referee
- b. If players must move their ball an unreasonable amount in order to find a dry area.
- c. If the host club expresses concern for the overall health of the course if play continues.

3. Heat and Humidity – Play will be suspended due to heat and humidity based on the following guidelines:

- a. If the humidex reaches 40 for all championships.
- b. If the humidex reaches 35 for all senior championships.
- c. If the temperature reaches 38°C for more than 2 days for all championships.
- d. If the temperature reaches 38°C at any point during a senior championship.

4. Visibility – Play will be suspended due to visibility based on the following guidelines:

- a. If players cannot see the landing area due to fog, darkness, or smoke.
- b. If players are unable to read the line of play on a putting green due to lack of visibility from fog, darkness, or smoke.

5. Wind – Play will be suspended due to wind based on the following guidelines:

- a. If several balls have moved because of the wind. One or two moving balls usually is not enough to suspend play; however, an exception can be made if it occurs within the first handful of groups.
- b. If players cannot replace their ball to its original location without it moving due to wind.

6. Air Quality – Air quality is measured, via the Air Quality Health Index, by Alberta Golf staff using a variety of websites and apps to ensure accuracy, Play will be suspended due to air quality based on the following guidelines:

- a. If the Air Quality index is 7 or above play should be suspended or cancelled for all senior championships.
- b. If the Air Quality index is 8 or above play should be suspended or cancelled for all championships.
- c. If the Air Quality index is below 7 but meets one of the guidelines specified under visibility.

Deciding When to Resume and Cancel Play

- The Tournament Committee will monitor weather conditions and provide updates every 30 minutes when play is suspended.
- 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.
- Additionally, Alberta Golf has the right to delay the beginning of a round if one of these conditions is met, or there are additional concerns for the safety of the course or players.

Horn Calls

- **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

