

Suspension of play due to lightning whilst participating in Club Competitions.

The following guidelines have been produced following the uncertainty as to what procedures members, who have signed up for a competition, should adopt when play is suspended due to lightning.

Upon the sounding of the klaxon, players should

- mark the position of their ball and
- immediately leave the course.

The course of action then required depends on which one of the following scenarios occurs.

1. Play is suspended for the duration of the lightning storm but REOPENS as soon as it has passed:

- As required by the Rules of Golf, if the Centre (Committee) reopens the course after the suspension of play, then those Members who have entered a competition are ***required to go back out and complete their round*** from the point where they had marked their ball.
- ***Failure to do so means disqualification*** from the competition and players may incur a Penalty Score if play is suspended but they fail to resume play when instructed to do so. This is an invalid reason for not completing the round.

Under these circumstances the competition will stand, but those who have not resumed play will be disqualified, and there will be NO REFUNDS of their entry money.

2. Play is suspended due to lightning and the course doesn't reopen, within a reasonable time (E.g. Within 1 hour of the actual time of suspension).

- **The competition will be abandoned, and no winners will be declared.**

Abandoned rounds (competition or general play) occur when play is stopped for dangerous or extreme weather conditions, and it is not possible for play to resume. These rounds do not result in Penalty Scores because the reason for suspending play is valid.

- Players who have completed their round, at the time play is suspended, will submit their score as usual.
- Players who have completed at least 10 holes will be required to submit their score which will be scaled-up automatically to 18 holes by the WHS platform,
- Any players who have completed less than 10 holes do not have to submit a score.
- The returned scorecard should be processed using the actual scores achieved on the holes completed but designating those not played as “**not started**”.

NOTE:

When this situation arises anyone who has completed 10 holes or more must enter their score for handicap purposes. As the competition is abandoned then entry fees for all entrants will be refunded.

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