



THE METROPOLITAN GOLF CLUB

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

The following procedures have been formulated to provide safety for players when exposed to the hazards of extreme weather conditions and are now part of The Metropolitan Golf Club's Health and Safety management system. This policy has been approved by the General Committee and Members and Visitors must comply with this policy.

CANCELLATION OF COMPETITIONS

- If in the opinion of the Captain, Women's Captain, Secretary Manager or next most senior staff member the weather conditions and/or forecast weather conditions are of such an extreme nature that such conditions are considered unsafe a decision may be made to cancel the day's competition.

FOG POLICY

- Play will not commence or will be suspended if the flag on the 9th hole is not visible from the counter in the Golf Shop.
- Signage is to be placed, by staff, on the 1st and 10th tees and directly outside the Golf Shop indicating that the course is closed for safety reasons due to heavy fog.
- Should a decision be made by the most senior Golf Operations staff member on duty to **SUSPEND PLAY** due to heavy fog a siren consisting of **ONE FIFTEEN SECOND BLAST WILL BE SOUNDED TO INDICATE THAT PLAY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. PLAYERS MUST STOP PLAY IMMEDIATELY**, mark their ball, and must not re-commence play.
- The most senior Golf Operations staff member must advise Club Management and the most senior course maintenance staff member of any decision to suspend or re-commence play.
- Any decision to re-commence play will be made by the most senior Golf Operations staff member. Play may re-commence when the flag on the 9th hole is visible from the counter in the Golf Shop and this will be indicated by two short blasts of the siren, repeated three times, with a pause in-between.
- Upon resumption of play, players must ensure the group in front is not within hitting range before playing a stroke.
- Conditions will continue to be assessed by the most senior Golf Operations staff member.
- **PLAYERS ON THE TIMESHEET HAVE RIGHT OF WAY ON THE STARTING TEE** over players whose round has been delayed due to fog.

FORECAST EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

INCLUDING LIGHTNING, STRONG WIND, HEAVY RAIN, HAIL OR EXTREME HEAT.

- In the event of extreme weather conditions being forecast, signage recommending that golfers should re-consider their need to play will be placed on the 1st and 10th tees and directly outside the Golf Shop by staff prior to play commencing. Any decision to play will be the sole responsibility of each player.
- Should a decision be made by the Secretary Manager or the most senior staff member on duty to **SUSPEND COMPETITION PLAY** due to extreme weather conditions, a siren consisting of **ONE FIFTEEN SECOND BLAST WILL BE SOUNDED TO INDICATE THAT COMPETITION PLAY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. PLAYERS MUST STOP PLAY IMMEDIATELY**, mark their ball, and must not re-commence play. Players must make their way back to the Clubhouse and exercise extreme caution whilst doing so.

NON-FORECAST EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

INCLUDING LIGHTNING, STRONG WIND, HEAVY RAIN, HAIL OR EXTREME HEAT.

- In the unlikely event of non-forecast extreme weather conditions occurring the Secretary Manager or the most senior staff member on duty shall **WARN PLAYERS OF POSSIBLE DANGER BY SOUNDING A WARNING SIREN CONSISTING OF THREE FIVE SECOND BLASTS, FOLLOWED BY A PAUSE, THEN THREE MORE FIVE SECOND BLASTS**. Any decision to continue to play or to commence play will be the sole responsibility of each player.
- Should a decision be made by the Secretary Manager or the most senior staff member on duty to **SUSPEND COMPETITION PLAY** due to extreme weather conditions, a siren consisting of **ONE FIFTEEN SECOND BLAST WILL BE SOUNDED TO INDICATE THAT COMPETITION PLAY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. PLAYERS MUST STOP PLAY IMMEDIATELY**, mark their ball, and must not re-commence play. Players must make their way back to the Clubhouse and exercise extreme caution whilst doing so.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

WHEN PLAY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

- The Secretary Manager or the most senior staff member on duty must advise Golf Operations staff and Course maintenance staff of any decision to suspend or re-commence play.
- Any decision to re-commence play will be made by the Secretary Manager or the most senior staff member on duty and only when they consider it safe for play to re-commence. Re-commencement of play will be indicated by two fifteen second blasts of the siren.
- Conditions will continue to be assessed by the Secretary Manager or the most senior staff member on duty.
- Should play re-commence, **PLAYERS ON THE TIMESHEET WILL GENERALLY HAVE RIGHT OF WAY ON THE COURSE** over players whose round has been interrupted by the suspension of play.

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