



FLAGSTAFF HILL GOLF CLUB INC.

CANCELLED OR SUSPENDED PLAYPOLICY

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BACKGROUND

This policy covers the situation where play for the Club's competition of the day is required to be cancelled or suspended. The reasons for the cancellation or suspension may include but is not limited to: the course is deemed unplayable or unsafe due to lightning, storms resulting in flooding, heat stress on the course or a serious accident causing a hole or holes to be taken out of play. Refer Club Policy on *Extreme Weather*, R&A Rules of Golf 6-8, 33-2d, Appendix 1-4 (notes to rule 6-8b)

POLICY

1. The following people are authorised (in order) providing that these persons are located at the clubhouse at the time of the decision, to determine if the competition is to be cancelled or suspended for a determined period of time and for the resumption of play.

Club Manager, Club Professional, Professional Shop Staff, any member of the Match & Greens Committee or Board of Management.

2. Suspension and Resumption of Play

- 2.1. Procedure for suspension and resumption of play to be in accordance with **rule 6-8** and the *Recommendations for Lightning* as documented in the *Extreme Weather Policy*.

- 2.2. Players are to be notified of the state of play by way of the following sirens:

- **One 10 second long blast** will be sounded on the siren to SUSPEND play. Players to cease play, mark & lift your ball & briskly return to the Clubhouse or a point of safety.
- **Two 3 second short blasts** on the siren to RESUME play. Refer procedure under rule 6-8 (d).
- **Three 3 second short blasts**, will be sounded on the siren to indicate that play has been CANCELLED.

It is against the rules of golf to continue play once play is suspended. If in DOUBT players should MARK their golf ball and wait for the decision to be clarified.

This is particularly relevant to short downpours of rain which can leave our greens temporarily flooded and unplayable. If relief can be taken to provide an unimpeded line of putt to the hole, play does not need to be suspended. However, if any greens become unplayable due to no access to relief, play will be temporarily suspended until the affected greens drain satisfactorily.

- 2.3. If play has been SUSPENDED, the authorised person(s) shall review this decision at 30 minute intervals, or at an appropriate lesser interval where play has been suspended because of flooded greens

If time does not permit those players whose play has been suspended to complete their round, the remaining play will be deemed to be cancelled.

- 2.4. Should play RESUME and a player choose not to proceed, that player shall be disqualified from the competition per rule 6-8.

Any player who continues to play once play has been suspended or cancelled will be DISQUALIFIED, per Rule 6-8(b).



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3. Competition Management

- 3.1. Those players unable to finish their rounds when the competition has been CANCELLED, will have their entrance fee credited to the following club competition of the same week day.
- 3.2. In the event that the competition was also a major Club event, including trophy events and club championships, then the Match Committee will decide whether the event is to be rescheduled or abandoned.
- 3.3. Providing 2 or more players are able to complete the round, the competition will be deemed valid for those having completed the round at the time of play being cancelled. Refer to the *Policy on Competition Fees and Prize Allocation* for the model of prize allocation for varying field sizes.