

Suspension of Play

This procedure has been compiled using Rules of Golf (31st Addition, Effective 1st Jan. 2008) Appendix 1 Part C Section 5 (Page 144) and procedures published for competitions by the EGU and the Worcestershire CGU. It will be issued to all players competing in SHUGC competitions.

Immediate Suspension of Play for reasons of Danger

In the event of Thunder or Lightning, **ONE PROLONGED BLAST** on a siren will signify an Immediate Suspension of Play.

Players will mark their balls and must return to the Clubhouse immediately, without playing any further strokes.

The Penalty for breach of this Immediate Suspension of Play Rule is Disqualification

Suspension of Play for other reasons

If play is suspended, other than for reasons of danger (for example water-logging or fog), the signal for Suspension of Play will be **THREE SHORT BLASTS, REPEATED**.

Players may complete the hole they are playing, or they may mark their balls where they lie. They must not start playing the following hole.

The Penalty for breach of this Suspension of Play Rule is Disqualification.

Resumption of Play

The signal for Resumption of Play is **TWO SHORT BLASTS, REPEATED**.

Play must not be resumed until the Organising Committee has ordered a Resumption of Play.

The Penalty for breach of this Resumption of Play Rule is Disqualification.

Completion of play on the day

If play is suspended it will be the Committee's intention to Resume Play when conditions allow and to complete any competition on the scheduled day. Play will only be abandoned if there is insufficient time to complete play in reasonable light. It is recommended that all players remain at the venue until any abandonment has been officially announced by the Committee.

Safety Policy

A visual survey of local conditions will be made. The conditions will be monitored and an Immediate Suspension of Play may be ordered but certainly when a strike closer than 20 miles is recorded. A Resumption of Play will only be signalled when there has been no strike recorded under 20 miles away for at least 30 minutes.

Suspension will be based on a visual survey of local conditions by the Professional and/or Secretary/Manager.

This policy in no way replaces a Player's responsibility for his own safety, or his rights under rule 6-8a(ii) to discontinue play if he believes there is danger from lightning.