

# **GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION OF PLAY**



## **1. Authorised Representatives**

For the purpose of Rule 33-2d the Board's authorised representatives are the Captain, a member of the Match & Handicap Committee, the Lady Captain, the General Manager, the Pro Shop Manager or in the absence of any of the above, a representative of the Pro Shop.

Any decision to suspend, resume or cancel play should be made in consultation with other representatives who are readily available.

## **2. Communication of Decisions**

The Authorised Representatives decisions are to be communicated by use of the siren.

- a. One Blast      Play Suspended
- b. Two Blasts     Play Resumed
- c. Three Blasts   Play Cancelled
- d. An announcement in the Clubhouse should also be made.

*(Authorised Representative must ensure ALL players on course are aware of decisions)*

## **3. Suspension of Play**

a. The most frequent reason for suspending play at Berwick Montuna is the hole being surrounded by casual water (See decision 33/2d/2). Even only one hole being surrounded by casual water is sufficient cause to suspend play. At times the representative may have to exercise a fine judgement given the disruptiveness of suspending play for what may in the weather conditions turn out to be a short period of time. It is desirable that an inspection has taken place although that inspection only need find one hole (e.g. 4, 6, 8, 9, 17 or 18) surrounded by casual water, thereby rendering the course unplayable (see decision 33-2d/2).

b. Other frequent reasons for the suspension of play are danger from Lightning or poor visibility through foggy conditions.

- i) **Lightning Policy:** The assessment of lightning conditions will be monitored both visually and with reference to information provided by the Bureau of Meteorology.
- ii) **Poor Visibility Policy:** When visibility at a distance of 200m or less becomes poor, play **MUST** be suspended. As a guide, if the 1<sup>st</sup> Green cannot be seen from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee, then play should be suspended.

## **4. Discontinuing Play**

In addition the Rules (6-8a ii) give the player the right to discontinue play if concerned about the conditions and the Committee should not discourage Members from exercising this right (see decision 6-8b/5).

## **5. Resumption of Play**

Play should be resumed as soon as the reason for suspension has passed if it is fair to do so. Bad weather of itself is not a reason for the competition not to continue. It may be necessary to conduct an inspection of the greens if suspension was due to casual water.

## **6. Cancellation of Play**

a. In stroke play if it is unfair to resume play (e.g. there is insufficient daylight left for the entire field to finish their rounds) then play for the day should be cancelled. (It is legal to resume play the next day but at Club level we are unlikely to take this action).

b. In Match Play the Committee does not have the authority to cancel a round (Rule 33-2d). The match has to be resumed from where it left off even if it resumes next week. If play was suspended during the play of a hole, and the players did not finish that hole (Rule 6-8d) we should instruct the Course Superintendent to locate the pin on that hole in the same place for the resumption.

## 7. Declaration of Shortened Field

a. If sufficient members have completed a round that is subsequently cancelled, the Committee may award prizes for a shortened day competition. e.g. if play is cancelled in the afternoon, a morning winner may be announced. Board Events will be cancelled and re-scheduled. In the eventuality of cancellation, normal Club competitions will not be re-scheduled.

b. Similarly, if there are sufficient finished rounds the Pro Shop's ball competition will be alive for entrants who finish or who could have finished prior to the suspension of play. Other entrants will have their ball competition fees credited provided they notify the Pro Shop of their non-completion prior to the announcement of results.

### c. Extreme Heat Policy

In the event the predicted temperature the day prior to competition play is to rise above 39.4°C the following will occur:

- The predicted temperature for the following day is to be verified by the Golf Shop staff at 5.00pm using the Scoresby forecasts as the barometer
- Once the forecast temperature exceeding **39.4°C** has been verified, the daily competition will be the **ONLY EVENT** to operate with the time restrictions (as listed below) implemented
- Pre-printed "**Hot Weather Advice**" notices (attached) regarding hydration are to be placed on the A Frame outside the entrance to the Pro Shop, on the Local Rules Noticeboard, on the Pro Shop counter and at the Member's Kiosk

### *Application (Competition Restrictions)*

#### **Saturdays**

- The last tee time for competition play will be 9:18am
- All players booked in after this time will be moved to available spots on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> tee as per order placed on the time sheet
  - (i.e. First time first tee time, latest time latest tee time)
- Golf Shop staff are then to ring all players who have been moved
- Golf Shop staff are then to ring all players who have been not been able to get a tee time
- Early players are reminded that a 2 tee operation is in play and they will not be able to commence the second nine until all players have commenced their round

#### **Sundays to Fridays**

- The last tee time for competition play will be 9:58am
- All players booked in after this time shall be called by the Golf Shop staff to state the enforcement of the Heat Policy and be offered an earlier available tee time.

#### **Others**

- In the event that a competition round falls outside of these parameters the Match Committee has the discretion to alter any or all conditions in which the event is played

## 8. Other Circumstances

These guidelines do not claim to cover all possible circumstances. In the words of decision 33-2d/1: -

*"There is no hard and fast rule. The proper action depends upon the circumstances in each case and must be left to the judgment of the Committee."*