

Safety on the Course

Lightning Policy

Suspension of Play - Rule 6-8b

Suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by a prolonged blast on an air horn. When play is suspended for a dangerous situation (e.g. lightning) players must discontinue play immediately. Penalty for failure to comply with this condition: Disqualification.

Suspension for any other situation will be signalled by three consecutive blasts on an air horn, which may be repeated. In accordance with Rule 6-8b, a group that is between the play of two holes must suspend play immediately. A group that has started play of a hole may complete the hole before suspending play. If you discontinue play without specific permission from the committee, you must report to the committee as soon as practicable. If you do this and the committee considers your reason satisfactory, there is no penalty. Otherwise, the penalty is disqualification.

Rule 6-8a Exception in match play: Players discontinuing match play by agreement are not subject to disqualification, unless by so doing the competition is delayed.

Resumption of play - The committee will inform all players (whether in the clubhouse or on the course) when play is shortly to be resumed. Players will be given sufficient time from this notification to make their way to the point on the course where they were when play was suspended. When all players are in position, resumption of play will be signalled by two short blasts on an air horn, which will immediately be repeated. No player may resume play until the two blasts on the air horn has been given. If in doubt as to whether play has been suspended or resumed, take no action until the position can be clarified with a member of the committee or the pro shop.

When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, players, caddies and spectators should proceed immediately to the clubhouse.

- Keep to the sides of fairways
- Avoid walking under tall trees if at all possible
- Do not use an umbrella in any circumstances
- Do not use a mobile phone
- Leave your clubs and trolley on the course if necessary

If there is insufficient time to evacuate the course, please comply with the following instructions:

- Keep well away from any pylons or overhead power lines
- Keep away from your clubs and trolley
- Avoid tall trees and keep away from their trunks
- Move to the lowest ground
- Keep as low as possible and if necessary crouch down in the nearest bunker

Fog Policy

This policy will be operated if a distance of 150 yards cannot be seen. If it is not possible to clearly see the flag on the first green from the yellow tee markers players must defer to direction from the pro shop regarding course closure.

Golfers will be advised of conditions when signing in, and are reminded that it is also their own responsibility to suspend play and safely leave the course under their own initiative should they consider the weather conditions represent a danger to themselves and/or other players.

If players are allowed on the course during foggy conditions, they will be advised where green staff may be working and asked to call 'fore' before taking their shots. If visibility is less than 150 yards at the 1st tee Pro shop staff will advise green staff if the course has been closed or whether there may be players on the course. Whilst on the course, players must use their own judgement based on the distances demonstrated on the 1st hole.