



GOLF MANITOBA INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Golf Manitoba will take the following steps as recommended by Environment Canada when weather is a factor during a competitive event.

- when inclement weather is potentially an issue at a Golf Manitoba event, all competitors will be provided with an information sheet outlining guidelines to be followed.
- potential weather situations which may arise during golf play include:
 - lightening
 - heavy rain
 - extreme heat and humidity
- the decision to blow the horn to postpone play will be made by the Committee which includes the Director of Competitions or staff member on site, the lead official and all other officials that are available. All officials are requested to communicate with Golf Manitoba staff on what they observe on the course
- upon postponement of play, weather updates will be provided to all competitors on a regular basis based on the condition of the golf course as well as satellite images and weather forecasts
- play may resume that day, the next day or the round may be cancelled. This decision will be made by the Committee.

LIGHTNING POLICY

- when lightning becomes a factor in any Golf Manitoba Championship, play will be suspended. Suspension of play will be determined based on the following:
 - visible lightning in the area
 - 30/30 rule - if an official can count less than 30 seconds between the lightning and the thunder, the strike of lightning was less than 10 km away and there is a good chance the next strike will be closer.
- lightning can strike ahead of the parent cloud and Golf Manitoba may need to take action even if a thunderstorm is not overhead
- once 30 minutes or more have passed since the last sound of thunder it is safe to go outside. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short air horn notes.

HEAVY RAIN POLICY

- play will be postponed when the golf course becomes unplayable. This decision will be made by the Committee and will include the head professional and golf course superintendent.

HEAT & HUMIDITY POLICY

- Golf Manitoba will advise players at the first tee when a high humidex rating is evident as well as provide recommended safety precautions
- when possible, Golf Manitoba will also try to ensure that the host club has a beverage cart on the golf course and advise players of where water fountains are located

Background information:

- humidex is an index which combines effects of temperature and humidity on the human body
- maximum in Manitoba was 53 on July 25, 2007 in Carman (our mid - amateur and rural junior was being played elsewhere in the province)
- a humidex advisory is issued when it reaches 40.