



INCLEMENT WEATHER & AIR QUALITY POLICY

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

- Potential weather situations which may arise during golf play include:
 - Lightning
 - Heavy rain
 - Extreme heat and humidity
 - Poor air quality
- 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 referee and all other referees that are available. All referees are requested to communicate with Golf Manitoba staff on what they observe on the course
- Play may resume that day, the next day or the round may be cancelled. This decision will be made by the Committee.

LIGHTNING

- When lightning becomes a factor in any Golf Manitoba Championship, play will be suspended. Suspension of play will be determined based on the following:
 - If lightning is detected within 10 km using the WeatherBug App.
 - Visible lightning or when lightning is detected in the area
 - 30/30 rule:
 - If a referee 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 act 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 signaled by two short air horn notes.

HEAVY RAIN

- 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

- 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 sources are located

Background information:

- humidex is an index which combines effects of temperature and humidity on the human body
- A humidex advisory is issued when it reaches 40.

AIR QUALITY

Golf Manitoba will monitor air quality conditions using the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) as published by Environment Canada. Poor Air Quality can impact health and performance of competitors, referees, volunteers, and staff, and may affect individuals differently.

The decision to continue play, modify play, or suspend play due to air quality will be made by the Committee.

Guidelines:

- AQHI 1-3 (Low Risk):
 - Play will proceed as scheduled
- AQHI 4-6 (Moderate Risk):
 - Communication with those on-site through email and text message
 - Persons with asthma/airway disease may need to take necessary precautions
 - Play proceeds as normal
- AQHI 7-10 (High Risk):
 - Communication with those on-site through email and text message
 - Persons with asthma/airway disease may need to take necessary precautions
 - Players must continue to comply with Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay of Play).
 - If a player's condition or required precautions result in an unreasonable delay, they may be subject to penalty under Rule 5.6a and may need to withdraw if they are unable to continue without delaying play.
 - Competition Director may consider suspending play, considering the past, current, and forecasted air quality readings for the day
- AQHI 10+ (Very High Risk)
 - Appropriate communication to everyone on site
 - Suspend play indefinitely until the AQHI drops to 9 or below before resumption of play
 - Players are not permitted to be on practice facilities until the AQHI has dropped to 9 or below

HORN CALLS

- **One Prolonged Blow:** Immediate suspension (imminent dangers such as lightning)
- **Three Consecutive Blows:** Normal suspension of play (darkness, unplayable course)
- **Two Consecutive Blows:** Signals resumption of play