

Suspension And / Or Cancellation Of A Competition

The Match & Handicap Committee wish to clarify to all members the procedure which will be followed in the event of suspension of play and, if necessary, subsequent cancellation of a competition.

Competitions may be either suspended or cancelled in the event of either:

1. The course is considered by the Match & Handicap Committee, or its authorised representative, to be in an unplayable condition or there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible – Rules of Golf 33-2d
2. A dangerous situation exists in relation to weather conditions of lightening – note to Rule of Golf 6-8b

Bad weather alone is not sufficient reason for discontinuing play.

The signal for suspending play will be one prolonged note of the siren. Players who are not in a position of having completed a hole on the sound of the siren, should mark their ball wherever it lies and retreat to a safe place.

Once the threat of lightening has passed or course conditions improve sufficiently to allow play once again, this is signalled by two short notes of the siren.

Players should return to the point where their ball is marked and continue play. Any player choosing not to resume play once conditions have been deemed adequate, will have their scores treated as 'non-returns'.

Following a suspension with resumption of play, any scores completed either before the suspension, or following the continuation of play, will stand for the purposes of the competition and also for handicap (in the case of a Qualifying Competition).

If conditions in either of points 1 or 2 (above) do not improve sufficiently to allow play to resume, the competition, should, if possible, be resumed the following day. However, in a club situation, continuation on the following day is not usually possible due to other commitments on the course.

If completion of the competition is not possible, the competition can be cancelled according to Rule of Golf 33-2d. In this case, all scores for the competition, including those completed before the suspension, will become null and void. Any entry fees will be refunded. In the case of qualifying competitions, those scores **completed before the cancellation** will be treated in accordance with CONGU 17.1(b) and 18.7 as below:

- No CSS (competition standard scratch) can be calculated therefore CSS is regarded as equal to the SSS (standard scratch score).
- Players returning nett differentials of less than zero shall have their completed scores recorded in their handicap record and have their exact handicaps reduced.
- A nett differential of zero or above shall not result in any handicap increase.

Match play

A match play competition which has been suspended, cannot be cancelled and replayed in its entirety. The match should be resumed at the point it was left once conditions improve, even if that is on a subsequent day. Otherwise, the result as far as the match/matches were played would stand as the final result.