

ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

Deciding when to suspend play due to adverse course or weather conditions is the responsibility of the Competition Organiser.

The Seniors committee will be responsible for decisions regarding Senior's competitions

Guidance on stopping and resuming play is provided under Section 6E of the Committee Procedures (<https://www.randa.org/rog/committee-procedures/6#6e>)

- No competitor can make their own decision that the course is unplayable. They can bring the matter to the attention of the Competition Organiser or the Seniors committee who will carry out an inspection. If the Competition Organiser or the Seniors committee decides the course is unplayable the competition will be suspended
- *(Exception – A player may stop play if they reasonably believe there is a danger from lightning, but must report to the Competition Organiser as soon as possible)*
- See New Mills Golf Club Local Rules Section for more information on the bad weather policy and suspension of play (<https://eagleplus.uk.com/n/new-mills/>)

WHEN THE COURSE SHOULD BE CLOSED

- At New Mills Golf Club, fog can be unpredictable and very 'local'. Depending where the fog is located, if the Crab Apple Tree in the middle of the fairway on Hole No 1, cannot be seen when standing on the Yellow Tee, Or, if the trees behind the green on Hole No 10 cannot be seen when standing on the White Tee the course will be closed, and play is not allowed
- In the case of a dangerous situation e.g. lightning

HOW WILL THIS BE SIGNALLED

- For a dangerous situation e.g. lightning, this will be signalled by using the hooter with one prolonged note. Play must cease immediately
- All other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive notes of the hooter and players have the option of completing the hole they are on
- When play can be resumed this will be signalled by two consecutive notes on the hooter

PRO'S SHOP AND GREENS STAFF PROCEDURES

- The hooter, which is kept in the Pro's shop, should be used to alert players out on the course
- A suspension of play for a dangerous situation e.g. Lightning, will be signalled by ONE PROLONGED NOTE ON THE HOOTER. All other suspensions will be signalled by THREE CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF THE HOOTER e.g. Fog. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by TWO CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF THE HOOTER. See Rule 5.7b

- The decision for closing and reopening the course when the fog is lifted is the responsibility of the Pro's shop
- The COURSE CLOSED sign will be put in position and no players will be allowed to go out on the course
- Consideration should be given to bring in players who are on the course and who may not be aware of our procedures e.g. players who are deaf, visiting parties. Buggies should be used to go out onto the course to ensure players return to the clubhouse
- A notice should be displayed in the Pro's Shop with an estimation of the time that the course will be checked and play will hopefully be resumed

HOW LONG SHOULD PLAY BE SUSPENDED

- Players should mark the position of their ball, so that play can continue if practical, and leave the course immediately
- Depending on the time of day when the course is closed, Weather Apps should be researched and dependent on the time play is suspended, play should not be delayed for more than 1 hour.

REOPENING THE COURSE

- Players waiting in the Clubhouse and surrounding area will be advised that it is safe to restart play and to make their way back to their markers out on the course. They should wait until they hear TWO CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF THE HOOTER before resuming play.

COMPETITIONS

- If play cannot resume after 1 hour the following procedures should be followed
- If less than 50% of entrants have completed their round the competition will be abandoned, and all entry fees will be refunded or carried forward to the next competition
- A player that cannot complete their round when play is resumed after a suspension will not have their entry fee refunded
- A player leaving the course when play has not been suspended by the competition organiser will be disqualified and will not have their entry fee refunded, unless the competition is subsequently abandoned
- Players not completing their round must still return their scorecard to the competition organiser
- When the terms of a competition make scores acceptable for handicap purposes and a player played at least 10 holes prior to the suspension or abandonment of an 18 hole competition (or played all 9 holes of a 9 hole competition), the scores must be submitted for handicap purpose

PLAYERS WHO HAVE PAID A GREEN FEE & VISITING PARTIES

- Dependent on how many holes have been played, consideration should be given to offer the option to return to the golf club for a free round in the future

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

- Adverse weather conditions is becoming more prevalent all year round and a number of Temporary Local Rules are available to use throughout the year. Please refer to the New Mills Golf Club Local Rules for more information
(<https://eagleplus.uk.com/n/new-mills/>)