

SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS CONDITIONS

The *Committee* may suspend play when lightning or other dangerous conditions threaten player safety. You may also suspend your play if you believe there is danger from lightning. **You are in the best position to decide.** Do not wait for the *Committee* to suspend play if you feel unsafe. You should take advantage of Rule 5.7a which allows you to stop play when you reasonably believe there is danger from lightning, but you must report to the *Committee* as soon as possible.

Signals

One long blast - repeated once after 30 seconds.

Discontinue play immediately – Dangerous Situation

Three short blasts - repeated once after 30 second.

Discontinue play – Other Situations

Two short blasts - repeated once after 30 seconds.

Resume play

Signals to suspend play will be given from three positions:

- On the verandah
- On Richmond Road near the Rum Corps entrance
- Near the Greenkeepers' Shed.

Rules issues when the *Committee* suspends play – Rule 5.7

a. Suspension of play is permitted when:

- (i) the *Committee* has suspended play
- (ii) a player believes there is danger from lightning.

Bad weather is not of itself a good reason for discontinuing play.

b. Procedure when play has been suspended by the *Committee*

One long blast: stop play immediately, unless you have commenced your backswing.

Three short blasts: you may discontinue play immediately or continue play of the hole, provided you do so without delay. Play must be discontinued after the hole is completed.

c. Lifting a ball after play has been discontinued

The ball may be left where it is, or lifted. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. If the player lifts the ball and fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

d. Procedure when play is resumed:

- (i) if the player has lifted the ball, he must place the original ball or a *substituted ball* on the spot from which the original ball was lifted.
- (ii) if the player has not lifted his ball, he may lift, clean and replace the ball, or substitute a ball, on the spot from which the original ball was lifted. Before lifting the ball, he must mark its position
- (iii) if the player's ball or ball-marker is moved (including by wind or water) while play is discontinued, a ball or ball-marker must be placed on the spot from which the original ball or ball-marker was moved.

Note1: If the spot where the ball is to be placed is impossible to determine, it must be estimated and the ball placed on the estimated spot.

Note 2: Players who suspend play on their own initiative may resume when they believe it is safe unless that *Committee* has subsequently suspended play