



Discontinuance of Play



Number 1 issue that we deal with is **WEATHER!**



Issues:

Deciding if and when to cancel play (severe weather, course conditions, darkness)

Deciding when to resume play: Has the storm passed? Is the course playable? How much daylight is left?

Getting players, caddies, spectators and officials off the golf course in ample time ahead of a storm.



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In the event of a discontinuance or suspension of play, officials will be advised well in advance and follow these instructions:

- Have air horn ready.
- Stay off the radio.
- Listen for instructions.
- Know where nearest shelter is located.
- Avoid sounding air horn during anyone's backswing.
- Assist players to nearest shelter.



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Two Types:

NORMAL DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY (darkness, fog, rain)

- Signaled with 3 consecutive air horn blasts.
- Players in the process of playing a hole may complete the hole.
- Players in between the play of two holes must stop play immediately.



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DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION (lightning)

- Signaled by one long air horn blast.
- All players will be informed of the suspension verbally.
- All play must cease immediately.
- All practice areas are closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again. (Note to Rule 6-8b is in effect at CGA events and USGA qualifiers)



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Players must resume play when the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF Rule 6-8b:
Disqualification



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DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY CONCERNS

- Score cards
- Withdrawals
- Organizing the resumption of play (CGA & USGA qualifiers)
- Coordinating with superintendent and golf staff



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Procedure When Play Resumed (Rule 6-8d)

Play must be resumed from where it was discontinued, even if resumption occurs on a subsequent day.

The player must, either before or when play is resumed, proceed as follows:



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Procedure When Play Resumed (Rule 6-8d)

- (i) If the player has lifted the ball, he must, provided he was entitled to lift it under Rule 6-8c, place the original ball or a substituted ball on the spot from which the original ball was lifted.**

Otherwise, the original ball must be replaced;



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(ii) if the player has not lifted his ball, he may, provided he was entitled to lift it under Rule 6-8c, 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;
or**



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(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.



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Note: 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. The provisions of Rule 20-3c do not apply.



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Resumption of play is signaled with
2 short horn blasts



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HOWEVER, due to the number of players playing prior to the horn at CGA events, generally speaking, we will not blow a horn to resume play or begin play at shotgun starts.

