MWGA Inclement Weather Policy
Addendum to the Rules and Conditions of Competition
for MWGA Competitions
USGA Rule 5.7 and MWGA Local Rules

Prior to play beginning on the day of the event and at the course, the MWGA may make a determination to suspend or cancel play under, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:

1. The golf course is deemed unplayable
2. Lightning is present
3. A ‘dangerous situation’ develops as defined by a majority vote of the MWGA Rules Officials, the MWGA Competition Chair and any attending MWGA Board members along with the golf course management (the Committee)
4. If the temperature or wind chill is 40 degrees or less with no forecast of better conditions

During competition, the host course or the MWGA will provide an “alarm” (or another means) to notify players of suspension of play due to, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:

1. Golf course becomes unplayable
2. Lightning is present
3. A ‘dangerous situation’ develops
4. The temperature or wind chill drops to 40 degrees or less

When play is suspended, if the players are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately, mark their ball position and return to the clubhouse (or other noted area) and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered resumption of play. **Penalty for breach of this local rule is disqualification. When play is resumed, the ball must be placed in all instances.**

During suspension of play, the Competition Chair will inform players of the approximate time involved in any delay and keep players updated on the circumstances causing the delay, or if the Committee has made a determination to cancel play.

If play is delayed and subsequently continued, the Competitions Chair shall give players a minimum of 15 minutes advance notice for proper warm up, after which a signal or designated time will be given for resumption of play.

Please note: The MWGA will try to procure rain checks from the course when the MWGA cancels play. However, the final decision lies with the course management.

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