LCSLGA Events - Bad Weather Policy and Guidance

1) Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure there is shared understanding and guidance on what steps to take in the event of bad weather impacting a LCSLGA Event, and to ensure consistent outcomes and decision making in respect of managing the competition; awarding prizes; abandonment of the competition.

The aim is to provide for the best interests of all key parties involved, namely: LCSLGA members, LCSLGA event organisers, LCSLGA organisation and the hosting Golf Club.

2) Definitions

Bad weather includes the following examples:

- a. thunder and lightning where play is suspended
- b. torrential rain causing extreme flooding to greens and fairways
- c. fog
- d. others?

3) Scope

All LCSLGA golf events

4) Roles and Responsibilities

- a. The LCSLGA secretary is responsible for providing written confirmation of the planned policy actions that will be implemented on the day to the golf club
- b. The LCSLGA event representatives are responsible for liaising with the golf club manager (or dedicated person) to ensure the golf club and LCSLGA are in agreement on the policy at the time of booking the facility and that the policy is implemented to the best of their endeavours on the day.
- c. The LCSLGA Captain (or nominated understudy) is responsible along with the LCSLGA event representatives to make decisions in line with the policy on the competition day following discussions with the golf club representative

5) Policy

The conditions for closure of the golf course and suspension of play must be agreed with the Golf Club Manager prior to play. This should be done at the time of booking the facility by the LCSLGA Reps and confirmed in writing by the LCSLGA Secretary.

In the event of any of the following scenarios in 5a below being implemented, an email must be sent to all LCSLGA members informing them of the decisions made, as soon as possible after the event.

	Play does not start	Play starts but less than 50% of the field complete the course	Play starts and more than 50% of the field complete the course (before or after the suspension of play)
Competition does not start due to course closure prior to the start of the competition	Abandonment of the competition No facility fee paid LCSLGA Members cheques destroyed	N/A	N/A
Temporary suspension of play of 60 mins or more	N/A	Abandonment of the competition No facility fee paid LCSLGA Members receive refund of entry fee	% of facility fee paid (previously agreed in writing with the hosting golf club) Reduced Prizes awarded based on number of teams completing the competition Teams who did not complete the course receive a refund of entry fee
Closure of the Golf Course once the competition is underway	N/A	Abandonment of the competition No facility fee paid LCSLGA Members receive refund of entry fee	Competition closed at time of GC closure. % of facility fee paid (previously agreed in writing with the hosting golf club) Reduced Prizes awarded based on number of teams completing the competition Teams who did not complete the course receive a refund of entry fee

a. Decisions and outcomes based on the following:

6) Review

This policy should be reviewed and discussed annually at the January Committee meeting to ensure its relevance and to ensure all committee members are in agreement.

This policy should be available for access by LCSLGA Members on the website.

Agreed: March 2023