

Mid Wales County Golf Association

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

STATEMENT

MWCGA is strongly committed to encouraging our members to take part in county golf events, but the health, well-being and safety of each individual is always our paramount concern. We recommend training dependent on age and ability and expect our junior players to participate within these boundaries.

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

To support our Health & Safety Policy statement we are committed to the following duties:

- To undertake regular, recorded risk assessments of all activities undertaken by MWCGA
- To create a safe environment by putting health & safety measures in place as identified by the assessment
- To ensure that all members are given the appropriate level of training and competition by regularly assessing individual ability dependent on age, maturity and development
- To ensure that all members are aware of, understand and follow the Association's health & safety policy
- To ensure access to adequate first aid facilities and telephone at MWCGA organised activities
- To report any injuries or accidents sustained during any activity organised by MWCGA
- To ensure that the implementation of the policy is regularly reviewed and monitored for effectiveness (annually).

AS A MEMBER YOU HAVE A DUTY TO:

- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and that of others, who may be affected by what you do or do not do
- Co-operate with MWCGA on health and safety issues
- Correctly use all equipment provided by MWCGA
- Not interfere with, or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.

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COMPETITION/EVENT HEALTH & SAFETY CHECK LIST

To be completed by the Host Club Delegate and MWCGA Committee Delegate

ITEM	INFORMATION	CHECK
MWCGA EVENT		
DATE & LOCATION		
EVENT ORGANISER'S NAME & DETAILS	MWCGA: CLUB:	
DETAILS OF CLUB HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER (IF ANY)		
LOCATION OF FIRST AID FACILITIES		
DETAILS OF QUALIFIED FIRST AIDER IF AVAILABLE ON THE DAY		
LOCATION OF TELEPHONES		
ACCESS AREA FOR AMBULANCE		
NEAREST A & E UNIT		
EXTREME HOT WEATHER PLANS		
ADVERSE WEATHER PLANS <small>(see Event Organiser's Notes for Guidance)</small>		
AVAILABILITY & LOCATION OF KLAXON/HOOTER		
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION TO SUSPEND PLAY		
LOCATION OF ACCIDENT/INCIDENT BOOK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		

ORGANISER'S NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

SUSPENSION OF PLAY CONSIDERATIONS

- *Electric Storms - Thunder & Lightning.*
- *Poor Visibility - Fog, where a player cannot see the total distance of the intended shot.*
- *Adverse Weather - Torrential Rain, Hail & Snow, creating hazardous underfoot conditions.*
- *Major Disaster - Road, Rail & Air crashes.*

DANGEROUS SITUATION - SUSPENSION OF PLAY

1. The Organiser of the event should ensure that all on course personnel are familiar with the suspension of play procedure and are able to operate the klaxons correctly.
2. Suspension of Play will be signalled by One long blast of the Klaxon.
3. Should the suspension of play be for thunder and lightning all players on the course should do their utmost to ensure that they are in a safe position i.e.: away from trees and do not have any clubs in their hands and should they have an umbrella up ensure that it does not have a metal shaft.
4. Before ordering the re-commencement of play the Organiser should ensure that from their perspective there is no longer any danger from thunder or lightning.
5. If there is a likelihood of adverse weather 'Safety On The Course' notices should be displayed prominently at the check in desk and brought to the attention of all the Competitors.

RESUMPTION OF PLAY

1. Resumption of play will be signalled by Two blasts of the klaxon.
2. Competitors whether they are on the course, in shelters or in the clubhouse, will be informed by the Organiser that play will be resumed shortly.
3. Competitors will be given sufficient time from this notification to the two blasts of the klaxon, to reach the point on the golf course where they were when play was suspended.
4. When Competitors are back where they were when play was suspended the Organiser will report this fact and the order to sound the klaxons (2 short blasts) will be given.
5. No Competitor shall resume play until the 2 klaxon blasts have been blown.
6. Failure to comply shall lead to the Competitor being disqualified.

ILLNESS /ACCIDENT PROCEDURE

First on the scene

Should an emergency relating to physical harm or illness occur on the course during an event the Organiser must immediately contact the First Aid person and ensure that he/she is despatched to the scene as soon as possible. If appropriate, contact the appropriate emergency service using either 999 or the local number provided in the preview sheet.

Play in the vicinity may be suspended to assist with the safety of persons attending the casualty and to assist with the arrival of any emergency vehicles required.

To be displayed if there is a likelihood of adverse weather conditions

COMPETITORS NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

ADVERSE CONDITIONS - SAFETY ON THE COURSE

For your own safety please ensure that you read this Notice.

Note to Rule 6-8b

When play is suspended by the Committee, if the players in a group 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 and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. *Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.*

Note: A suspension of play will be signalled by a prolonged blast on the klaxon.

Players will be notified to resume play by two blasts on the klaxon.

Every effort will be made to ensure the warning is sounded with sufficient time to allow for all Competitors, to evacuate the course prior to an electric storm striking the course.

The Committee WILL BLOW THE KLAXONS AND THAT IS THE SIGNAL FOR ALL TO MAKE THEIR WAY FROM THE COURSE. SHOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO GIVE SUFFICIENT WARNING TO CLEAR THE COURSE PRIOR TO AN ELECTRICAL STORM STRIKING THEN PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ADVICE.

This advice is designed to be of help and assistance and are not instructions or part of the Conditions of the event and the MWCGA and Host Club are not liable for any damage or injury caused by the following of this advice.

- Do NOT seek cover in wooden or metallic shelters, wherever they are located, unless the shelter in question is fully enclosed and is properly earthed. Should play be suspended by the Committee and there is insufficient time to evacuate the course please stand away from your golf clubs and trolley, and do NOT put up your umbrella.
- When the warning Klaxon is sounded ensure that you do NOT stand under any overhead power lines.
- Do NOT shelter under trees or on any high ground.
- Do NOT take cover in wooden or metallic shelters, unless the shelter in question is fully enclosed and is properly earthed.