



Dunham Forest Golf and Country Club Bad Weather Policy

LIGHTNING

In the event of lightning within the immediate area of the golf course, golfers must cease play. They should return to the Clubhouse building until the lightning has moved away. They may then return to their place on the golf course to complete their round. If green fee-paying golfers decide to abandon their round rather than wait for the lightning to cease, refunds will not apply. Golfers will be advised of any lightning that is evident or imminent, which would result in course closure; it is their decision whether or not to play. If they miss their tee time due to the time-lapsed suspension, reasonable endeavours will be made to reschedule depending on availability.

FOG

If when stood on the forward tee on the 1st, and you cannot see the first left hand fairway bunker on the first fairway due to fog, the course will be closed until the fog clears. Once the bunker can be seen, the course superintendent, or Deputy Course Manager will decide when it is safe to resume play and re-open the course. If the course superintendent or Deputy Course Manager are not available, then the professional team will make this decision.

In the event of fog or mist interfering with play, the decision to stop or continue play lies with the course superintendent, Deputy Course Manager, or the Professional team. Golfers signing in will be advised of the conditions by the professional shop. If golfers decide not to start or miss their tee time due to a time-lapsed suspension, reasonable endeavours will be made to reschedule depending on availability. If golfers choose to abandon their round rather than wait for the fog to clear, refunds will not apply.

HEAVY RAIN

The expectation of heavy rain will result in the holes being moved to the highest position on the green and the golf course setup to minimise the potential impact. If, during prolonged exposure, the casual water is so severe on the greens that it prohibits full relief or makes holing out impossible, the course will be temporarily closed and play suspended. Golfers on the course should take temporary relief from the weather conditions. When it is possible for play to restart, golfers should resume their game and place on the course. If golfers decide to abandon their round rather than wait for the rain to cease, refunds will not apply. Unless the course is closed, it is up to the discretion of the player as to whether they wish to continue/start their round when it is raining. If chosen not to play, no refunds or credits will be issued.

If they miss their tee time due to the time-lapsed suspension, reasonable endeavours will be made to reschedule depending on availability.





WIND

Inspections will be carried out throughout the day, and the weather station monitor will be checked throughout the day near to the caddy store. If the wind exceeds 35 miles an hour, then gathering around trees is to be avoided where possible. The golf course will close if the wind reaches and exceeds 45mph for a period of 10 minutes.

FROST

When frost conditions are evident and local winter rules are not in operation, a suspension to play will ensue when the temperature is deemed to have reached a level that general play will not damage any grasses on the course. Golfers are advised that should there be a morning frost, there may be a delay to starting the round. If golfers miss their tee time due to the time-lapsed suspension, reasonable endeavours will be made to reschedule depending on availability. All delays and changes to tee times will be communicated with those playing, but the condition of the course will be the main priority when deciding to allow play.

DELAYS AND REFUND EXPERIENCED BY BAD WEATHER

In an organised event, the decision to suspend or stop play lies with the tournament organiser. In the case of Dunham Forest Golf Club Competitions, the responsibility lies with the council member or staff running the event. Suppose weather conditions become so severe that Dunham Forest Golf Club believe that the Health and Safety of all golfers and staff is at significant risk. In that case, the air horn will be sounded by a club representative. This action will take precedence over any other individual or organiser's decision previously supported, and play should be halted immediately. The golfer's position on the course should be marked, and reasonable care should be taken when evacuating the golf course. When it is possible for play to restart, golfers should resume their game and place on the course. If golfers decide to abandon their round rather than wait a reasonable time for the conditions to pass, refunds will not apply.

ORDER OF PLAY

Should severe lightning, fog, heavy rain or frost force the temporary suspension of play, start times may be delayed significantly to allow for the conditions to improve and the necessary course maintenance procedures to be implemented to support a safe and enjoyable experience. A delay of up to one hour will result in the original tee time bookings determining the order of play after resumption. The starter will make every effort to reduce this delay's effect on the subsequent tee times. A delay of more than one hour will result in actual tee times taking precedence, and every effort will be made to reschedule the delayed tee times, subject to availability. A full refund will be offered if a visiting golfer's tee time cannot be rescheduled to a time and date convenient to both parties. If golfers decide to start play but do not complete their full round, refunds will not apply. In an organised event, the decision to stop play lies with the tournament organiser (exception to rule: severe weather conditions proposing a significant threat to the Health and Safety of all individuals on the course, as outlined). In the case of Dunham Forest Golf Club Competitions, the responsibility lies with the council member or staff running the event.

