



## MAFFRA GOLF CLUB MGC (inc No. A5861)

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### POLICY - PROCEDURES FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

It is the policy of the Maffra Golf Club Inc. that due to inclement weather should it become necessary to suspend play or cancel an event after the event has commenced, the following procedures should be taken.

- Initially the event to be postponed is the decision of the match committee. Players before leaving the course should mark their balls where they lay at the time of leaving on the assumption that play will resume. The match committee is to determine the recommencement of play allowing sufficient time for all players to complete their rounds before dark. Should a player elect not to return to play it will be determined that player to have abandoned play and will be disqualified.
- Should the course remain unplayable, the match committee will abandon play. In this instance the following will apply:-

Should less than 15 players complete their round the event will be converted to a ball competition. (Under the guidance of the VGA, 15 players are required to make up a competition based on the number of members of the Maffra Golf Club). All completed rounds will be handicapped.

2 - 6 Players	Ball Comp – Winner 3 balls, Runner up 1 ball, plus Nearest the Pins on 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> holes.
7 - 14 Players	Ball Comp - Winner 3 balls, Runner up 2 Balls, Third 1 Ball, plus Nearest the Pins on all Par 3s
15 - 29 Players	One grade – DTL 1 Ball per 7 players, plus Nearest the Pins on all Par 3s.
30 - 49 Players	Two grades. As above.
50 + Players -	Three grades. As above.

Refund of Entry Fees will not be made whether the round was completed or not.

### EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

Golf activities can be inherently dangerous. All competitors understand that they are exposed to certain risks during golf activities and that accidents can and often do happen. Acceptance of entry releases Maffra Golf Club from all claims that entrants may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with participation and indemnifies and will keep indemnified Maffra Golf

Club in respect of any claim by any person arising as a result of or in connection with participation in any golf activity.

## THUNDERSTORMS

If thunderstorms are forecast from 6.00pm the previous day, the signage below will be displayed in the starter's box so as to be visible to players as they enter either the green fees box or the day book area. The responsibility for this will be the person who unlocks the clubhouse.

### **EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS TODAY...**

#### **LIGHTNING**

**THERE ARE CURRENTLY LIGHTNING STRIKES IN OR  
HEADING TOWARDS MAFFRA AREA.**

**THE GOLF CLUB DOES NOT HAVE INFORMATION  
SUFFICIENT ENOUGH TO PREDICT IF LIGHTNING WILL  
STRIKE THE GOLF COURSE.**

**ANY DECISION TO PLAY WILL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY  
OF EACH PLAYER.**

## HIGH WINDS

During high winds it is more likely that trees will either shed branches or perhaps fall. This is a danger for golfers on our course, but because we cannot predict if trees or branches may indeed fall, then it is recommended that players leave the course until the winds subside and it is safe to continue playing. Any decision to play will be the sole responsibility of each player.

## EVENT MANAGEMENT IN HOT WEATHER

### **1. Pre Event**

1. Setting the Maffra Golf Club Program of Events

Golf events should be scheduled to avoid hot conditions. Events held between December and March should be scheduled for the last tee time to be before 9:30 am whenever possible.

2. Monitoring the Weather

Maffra Golf Club runs a substantial number of events between December and March each year. The Captain will continuously monitor the weather forecast during that period. Having regard to Sports Medicine Australia (SMA's) **Hot Weather Guidelines** (see Part 3), and in particular the age, gender, fitness level, location, event details, (eg is it an elite level event, is it an all day event, does it involve more than 18 holes in one day) the Captain will determine as early as possible whether to recommend to the match committee that an event or round of an event be cancelled.

3. Club Captain

The Club Captain or in his absence the Vice Captain; or in their absence individual Members of the Match Committee have the responsibility to make a determination as to whether to cancel or suspend an event.

#### 4. Notification to Players

Maffra Golf Club will endeavour to notify players, of any decision to cancel, suspend or modify an event as early as possible, but preferably before 6:00pm on the prior evening. Notification will be by notice on the Maffra Golf Clubs Team App Site and social media.

#### 5. Rescheduling and Refunds

Maffra Golf Club will endeavour to reschedule any cancelled round, or offer alternative opportunities to players.  
Maffra Golf Club will issue refunds or credit if rescheduling or suitable alternatives are unavailable.

## 2. At the Event

#### 1. Cancellation and Suspension of Play

Each Maffra Golf Club event is under the control of the Match Committee. The Match Committee should monitor the weather and forecasts and refer to Sports Medicine Australia (S.M.A.)'s **Hot Weather Guidelines** (see Part 3). It has the authority to decide whether to suspend or cancel play due to heat (or for other reasons). The Match Committee may consult with the, Captain or Vice Captain in reaching a decision.

#### 2. Beat the Heat Fact Sheet

Maffra Golf Club will display at each Event SMA's Beat the Heat Fact Sheet (see Part 2) and make available copies of the fact sheet for competitors, caddies, officials and spectators.

#### 3. Fluids

The Maffra Golf Club will ensure an adequate supply of fluids is available for participants.

#### 4. Sunscreen

The Maffra Golf Club will supply sunscreen of minimum SPF 50+.

#### 5. Pace of Play

The Match Committee will relax its Pace of Play Policy on days of extreme heat.

#### 6. Hats

All participants and officials are to be encouraged to wear broad rimmed hats

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