

## **Guidelines for WPA Tournaments held during inclement weather**

The WPA holds tournaments from January through December. Weather conditions are not always favorable. The WPA uses the following guidelines to determine whether to suspend or cancel an event in progress: if the golf course is open for play the event will be held as planned; however, if a *major* storm is approaching the event may be cancelled. A tournament will not be suspended or cancelled due to inclement weather alone. A safety hazard must exist or the course be deemed unplayable. If during a tournament there is a possibility of lightning, play ***will be suspended*** and all players must ***immediately seek shelter***. If the storm passes and the course is deemed playable, the event will resume. If after one hour it is not safe to resume, or the course is unplayable, the committee will rule on the tournament's status. A tournament may also be ***suspended*** if rain causes flooding and or standing water on the greens. The one hour waiting period and committee decision will apply as above. If a player leaves the course prior to or during a suspension, he or she is considered to have ***withdrawn*** from the event. Finally, if a tournament is cancelled, green fee rain checks *may or may not* be given.