

Objectives

To ensure safe golf playing conditions when fairways and rough are obscured by fog in order to reduce the chance of injury from golf balls in flight to players of golf, staff and the general public.

Policy

Maesteg Golf Club (MGC) can experience all types of fog, but mainly Ground, Upslope or Hill Fog and Valley Fog. Given the nature of our Club's location we have a policy to cover these situations.

1. Competition play:
 - a. In designated club competitions play will majority of the time commence from the 1st tee. If the 1st Green Pin Flag is not fully visible play will be suspended. The 1st Green Pin Flag must be clearly visible from the 1st Yellow tee marker.
2. Non-competition play:
 - a. If the 1st Green Pin Flag is not fully visible play will not be allowed from the 1st tee. The Pin Flag must be clearly visible from the 1st Yellow tee marker.
3. Suspension of play
 - a. If no one is playing on the course when the decision is made to suspend play a notice will be placed on the 1st Tee board.
 - b. If visibility becomes limited on any part of the course it is the individual responsibility of all golfers to cease play and report the condition as soon as practical to a Club Official
 - c. When players are on the course and conditions deteriorate such that in the opinion of an authorised club official play should be suspended we will adopt the signals as recommended within the Rules of Golf "Suspension of Play due to a Dangerous Situation" which are:
 - Discontinue play immediately: One prolonged note of the klaxon
 - Discontinue play: Three consecutive notes of klaxon, repeated
 - Resume play: Two short notes of klaxon, repeated.
 - d. All golfers must not commence or continue play when the decision to cease play has been made by the Club.
4. 4. Decision Maker

An authorised Club Official must have information regarding the level of visibility at the 1st tee.

The authorised Club Official's decision will be determined by the visual clarity the 1st Tee Pin Flag from the 1st Yellow tee marker. The Pin Flag must be fully visible from the 1st Yellow tee marker for the cessation or continuance of play. The authorised Club Official must decide on whether visibility is suitable for the commencement or cessation of play.

Should an authorised Club Official from the prioritised list below not be immediately available an assessment of the level of visibility should be obtained from a reliable club member representative.

The decision of the authorised Club Official is final regarding the suitability of weather conditions for playing golf.

5. The commencement or resumption of play
 - a. In conditions of swirling fog visibility the 1st Pin Flag must be consistent over a continuous minimum period of 15 minutes.
 - b. An authorised Club Official will be the final arbiter of when conditions improve and play can be restarted safely.
 - c. Play will commence or resume.
6. **Authorised Club Officials priority list**
 - a. Head Green Keeper or Deputy, Club Professional, Secretary, Captain, Vice Captain.