



TO: Players and Caddies

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RE: Qualifying Course Evacuation Procedures and Discontinuance of Play; Resumption of Play

In the event of a discontinuance of play, the following steps and procedures will be in effect from 6am on the morning of each USGA qualifier until it's conclusion:

Only the Tournament Committee can declare a discontinuance of play implementing this plan into effect. The decision to discontinue play will be communicated during the qualifying by the Tournament Committee.

Discontinuance of Play:

- After a discontinuance of play has been declared during qualifying by the Tournament Committee and the air horns have been sounded; Players and Caddies will proceed immediately to the Clubhouse.
- Use of Transportation via a Caddie's cart or a Volunteer/Course Staff cart will be permitted.
- **ONE PROLONGED NOTE - IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION** for a **dangerous** situation (e.g. lightning) Rule 5.7b(1) applies:
 - Players who are playing a hole **must not** make another stroke and mark the position of their ball.
 - Players who are between holes **must not** start play of a new hole.
- **THREE CONSECUTIVE NOTES – NORMAL SUSPENSION** for a **non-dangerous** situation (e.g. darkness) Rule 5.7b(2) applies
 - Players who are *playing* a hole may mark the position of their golf ball and not make another stroke or,
 - Players may complete the play of a hole of which at least one player has begun play of).
 - *Not all players are required to complete play of the hole. However, a player may only complete play of a hole if their Marker is present to keep score.*
 - If all players in a group are between holes, they **must STOP** play and **must not** make another stroke to begin play of a new hole

Resumption of Play:

- Once the discontinuance has been declared over and play is to resume, Players and Caddies may return to their position on the course with use of transportation stated above.
- **TWO SHORT NOTES, repeated** will signal resumption of play.
- The Player must be present *and ready to play* at the location on the Course where play was stopped. Penalty for breach is Disqualification.
- The original ball or another ball must be replaced at the resumption of play.
- If the ball or ball marker moved while play was stopped, the Player may replace the ball or ball marker on the original spot (which if not known must be estimated).