



RULES OF GOLF 5.7 STOPPING PLAY; RESUMING PLAY – LOCAL PROCEDURE

Members

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with a summary of the R & A ruling and our local procedure regarding suspension of play. Competition & Handicap Committee

5.7b What You Must Do When Committee Suspends Play

1. **Immediate Suspension** (Such as When There Is Imminent Danger). If the Committee declares an immediate suspension of play, **you must stop play at once** and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play.
2. **Normal Suspension** (Such as for Darkness or Unplayable Course). If all players in your group are **between two holes, you must stop play and must not make a stroke to begin another hole** until the Committee resumes play. **If any player in your group has started a hole, the group may choose either to stop play or to play out the hole. Once your group completes the hole or stops before completing the hole, you must not make another stroke** until the Committee resumes play.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.7b: **Disqualification.**

5.7c What You Must Do When Play Resumes

You must resume play at the time set by the Committee and from where you stopped play on a hole or, if between two holes, at your next teeing area, even if play is resumed on a later day. **Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.7c: Disqualification.**

Rule 23.8b Disqualification Penalties

(1) A side (pair/team) is disqualified if **either partner gets a penalty of disqualification** under rules 5.7b and 5.7c.

WGC Procedure for Stopping and Resuming Play

An **immediate suspension** of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by **ONE long continuous sounding of the klaxon. (Rule 5.7b)**

All other suspensions will be signalled by **THREE separate soundings of the klaxon. (Rule 5.7b)**

In either case, **resumption of play** will be signalled by **TWO separate soundings of the klaxon. (Rule 5.7c)**