

Evacuation Procedures

With the nature of the Florida weather, it is of extreme importance to establish an efficient course evacuation procedure in the event of severe weather. The evacuation procedure developed by the Tournament Chairman should encompass the following:

1. The course should be divided into approximately equal sized sections. Each section being small enough so that one air horn can be heard from anywhere within the section.
2. A Committee member should be assigned to each section to ensure that all players have been cleared from the section after the suspension. The Tournament Chairman should ensure that each Committee member has a full understanding of both the overall evacuation procedure and their specific assignments.
3. In events requiring players to walk, the Tournament Chairman must arrange for transportation for all competitors. Vans and/or golf carts should be in place immediately before the suspension. The players should also be made aware of the assigned “pick up” areas around the course.

In the event of severe weather, it is crucial to be able to suspend play and evacuate the course in a timely and efficient manner. The following list outlines some general information about severe weather evacuations.

1. All Committee members will be informed of an impending suspension with as much notice as possible.
2. All Committee members that have been assigned to a specific area of the course should be in that area with their air horns ready and their radios on.
3. Radio communication should be kept to a minimum so that the Tournament Chairman can give clear instructions.
4. If at all possible, air horns should not be sounded while a player is in the middle of a stroke.
5. Once play has been suspended, Committee members should make note where players were on the course when play was suspended. This aids in course preparation and player accounting when play is resumed.