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Golf Victoria Event Management

This policy applies to events managed by Golf Victoria. Clubs and other tournament organisers must decide upon their own policies; but are welcome to adopt all of, or elements of this policy.

1. Pre Tournament

- Setting the Golf Victoria Program of Events

Golf events should be scheduled to avoid hot conditions. Events held between December and March should be scheduled for the last tee time to be before 9:30 am whenever possible.

- Monitoring the Weather

Golf Victoria runs a substantial number of events between December and March each year. The Golf Events Manager will continuously monitor the weather forecast during that period. Having regard to SMA's Hot Weather Guidelines (see Part 3), and in particular the age, gender, fitness level, location, event details, (eg is it an elite level event, is it an all day event, does it involve more that 18 holes in one day) the Golf Events Manager will determine as early as possible whether to recommend to the Responsible Officer that an event or round of an event be cancelled.

- Responsible Officer

The Chief Operating Officer; or in his absence the Chair of the Match Committee; or in their absence individual Members of the Match Committee have the responsibility to make a determination as to whether to cancel or suspend an event.

- Notification to Players

GV will endeavour to notify players, officials and the host venue of any decision to cancel, suspend or modify an event as early as possible, but preferably before 6:00pm on the prior evening. Notification will be by notice on the GV website.

- Rescheduling and Refunds

GV will endeavour to reschedule any cancelled round, or offer alternative opportunities to players. GV will issue refunds or credit if rescheduling or suitable alternatives are unavailable.

- Training

GV will include this Heat Policy in training it provides to Staff, Board Members, Committees, State Level Rules Officials and others who manage its tournaments and events.

2. At the Tournament

- Championship Committee / Cancellation and Suspension of Play

Each GV tournament is under the control of a Championship Committee. The Championship Committee should monitor the weather and forecasts and refer to SMA's Hot Weather Guidelines (see Part 3). It has the authority to decide whether to suspend or cancel play due to heat (or for other reasons). The Championship Committee may consult with the Chief Operating Officer, Golf Events Manager, Match Committee Chair in reaching a decision.

- Beat the Heat Fact Sheet

GV will display at each tournament SMA's Beat the Heat Fact Sheet (see Part 2) and make available copies of the fact sheet for competitors, caddies, officials and spectators.

- Fluids

The Host Venue and GV will ensure an adequate supply of fluids is available for participants.

- Sunscreen

The Host Venue or GV will supply sunscreen of minimum SPF 30+.

- Pace of Play

The Championship Committee will relax its Pace of Play Policy on days of extreme heat.

- Hats

All participants and officials are to be encouraged to wear broad rimmed hats.

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