

# Inclement Weather Policy

## Point University Golf Club

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The entire Team at Point University Golf Club is committed to providing golfers with exceptional playing conditions. There are many instances when Mother Nature forces the suspension of play or closure of the golf course. Please understand that the Team is not trying to keep you from playing during these times, but they are protecting the condition of the golf course as well as the safety of the golfers.

### **Frost Delays**

Turf grass plants are damaged by frost when the pressure of foot and equipment traffic is permitted during times when air and soil temperatures are below freezing. Turf grass plant cells are ruptured when pressure is applied to frozen leaves and stems. Damage appears as dead grass in the shape of footprints or wheel tracks where they were impressed onto the turf. By withholding traffic from turf grass areas during time periods when leaf and stem tissue are frozen, frost damage can be minimized.

Point University Golf Club is committed to providing the best possible playing conditions for our membership. During frost delays, golfers must stay off ALL grass areas including the putting greens and driving range.

The Golf Course Superintendent and/or Business Manager will make the final decision as to when the golf course will open for play.

### **Fog Delays**

Golf becomes a dangerous sport when you cannot see where your ball is going. To ensure the safety of our golfers and staff, Point University Golf Club will delay all play until the fog has lifted completely. While the first hole may seem clear, please remember that the possibility of golfers may be ahead where the fog remains for a longer period.

## Rain

Golfers may choose to play in the rain. However, there are times when significant rainfall will over saturate the golf course leaving it susceptible to damage. Depending on the amount of rain, golf carts may not be permitted, or the course may need to be closed completely for a period of time.

## Lightning Safety

It always seems to happen when you are having the best round of your life. The wind picks up, the clouds move in, and you hear thunder in the distance. The temptation always exists in these circumstances to convince yourself and your playing partners that there is enough time to finish your rounds, or at least a few more holes. If you play on instead of seeking shelter, your great round could become the last round of your life.

There are several safety measures you can take to avoid being struck by lightning:

If the course sirens sound, seek shelter immediately.

Play Suspended: Intermittent Hi-Low Tones

Okay to Resume Play: Continuous, Solid Tone

Even if you do not hear the alert system, use your best judgment, and seek shelter at the first sign of a thunderstorm.

If possible, get off the golf course or go to a designated lightning shelter.

Do not stand under a lone tree. This is where most people are injured or killed.

Stay away from your golf clubs.

Move away from your golf cart.

If stranded in the open, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley.

Please understand the staff does not control nor can they predict Mother Nature. They do not know how long it will be until the frost clears, the fog lifts, the rain subsides, nor the lightning stops. Please be patient and considerate during these times.

## RAIN CHECK POLICY

Rain checks are only issued when the course is closed, or play is suspended for a period of time due to inclement weather. Rain checks must be redeemed by the end of the calendar year. Rain checks will be valued in direct proportion to the number of holes played (i.e., if you play 13 out of 18 holes, you will receive a rain check valued at 5/18 or 28% of the paid price). Rain checks will only be issued for greens fees and cart rentals.