



Women's Team Matches

2027 Policy & Improvement Updates

1. Cancellations

Updated Policy

Rain Dates: In the event of a match day cancellation due to adverse weather, there will be no makeup or rain date for that match day.

- **Early cancellation (prior to 5:00 PM the night before the match day)** If adverse weather has occurred or is forecasted, matches may be cancelled **ONLY** by the host club staff.
- **Cancellation on the morning of match day or cancellation on match day at the host club site:** In case of adverse weather, matches may be cancelled **ONLY** by the host club staff.
- **Cart availability:** Weather conditions or other circumstances may result in the host club not permitting the use of carts for the match day. Host club staff should be sensitive to the possible physical limitations of players. If some or all players require the use of motorized carts to play, it is highly suggested that the host club staff cancel the matches.

The host club staff may consult the host captain regarding the decision to cancel a match day.

The host club staff is responsible for notifying captains when a match day has been canceled. Each captain is then responsible for notifying the players on their team when a match day has been canceled.

The host captain is responsible for notifying Mass Golf when a match day has been canceled via the Match Day Cancellation Form.

2. Suspensions

Updated Policy

Play may be suspended for adverse weather by the Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Professional or host club staff. Following a suspension, the host club staff must decide to either resume play after a reasonable amount of time or conclude the match day. The host club staff may consult the host captain regarding the decision to resume or conclude the match day.

The match results are valid and scored if each match completes at least 9 holes. If less than 9 holes have been completed by one or more matches, the match day and partial results are canceled. If 9 or more holes have been completed by all matches, the match results will be scored. In this case, only the least common number of completed holes among the matches will be scored.

Context

The weather cancellation and suspension policy has been updated to provide a clearer, more consistent, and more effective approach to match-day cancellations. Under the previous policy, captains could determine a

cancellation in certain circumstances. Going forward, the decision to cancel or suspend a match due to adverse weather will rest solely with the host club staff.

The host club staff may consult with the host captain at their discretion, but the final decision will be made by the host club staff. This ensures that weather-related cancellations are handled consistently, fairly, and based on the conditions and operational circumstances at the host club.

The host club staff is best positioned to evaluate current and forecasted course conditions, course playability, cart and caddie availability, and the operational impact of a cancellation on tee times and food and beverage services. This clarification also removes the responsibility and potential pressure placed on captains to make a cancellation decision or to ask other captains to vote on behalf of their teams.

3. Match Cancellation Form

Updated Process

If a host club cancels a match, the host captain must submit the Match Cancellation Form to Mass Golf when a match day has been cancelled at their host course. This will notify the Manager of Women's Events immediately.

Context

We are implementing the Match Cancellation Form to improve communication and ensure that all match cancellations are properly documented.

4. How Registrations are Processed

Updated Process

All teams will continue to submit their Spring Team and/or Fall Cup registration through Golf Genius.

Once submitted, each entry will remain as “pending” until the Manager of Women’s Events reviews the submission and manually approves it. Entries will be approved if a team meets the eligibility requirements, the captain has completed the Pamphlet Acknowledgement Form, and on a space available basis.

Courses that have multiple Spring Teams must complete separate registrations, rather than being grouped under the same registration.

Note: Spring Teams registrations will be processed in groups of six, with approvals made as needed to fill each Cup. For Fall Cup, only one team (“# 1” team) from each club will be accepted prior to the close of entries on a first come first served basis until we reach the maximum capacity of 80 teams.

Context

We’re updating our registration process to use a pending registration system. This helps us avoid regions or cups with too few teams and gives captains a chance to review and acknowledge all policies, through the new Pamphlet Acknowledgement Form (explained in section 5), before their registration is finalized.

For courses that have multiple teams, submitting separate registrations allows each team to be treated as their own, keeps a more accurate count of how many teams are registering and gives all captains a chance to review and acknowledge all policies (through the new Pamphlet Acknowledgement Form) before their registration is finalized.

5. Pamphlet Acknowledgement Form

Updated Process

After submitting a Spring Team and/or Fall Cup registration, each registrant will receive an email via Golf Genius that includes a link to the respective Spring Team or Fall Cup Pamphlet Acknowledgement Form.

Each captain is required to review and acknowledge all policies through the Pamphlet Acknowledgement Form.

Assuming that all other eligibility requirements are met, a team's registration will not be switched from "pending" to "confirmed" until this has been completed.

Context

We are introducing the Pamphlet Acknowledgement Form to ensure that all captains have an opportunity to review and understand the policies and procedures that apply to their respective competition.

Each season, we welcome new captains, while returning captains may have participated under policies that have been updated, clarified, or changed over the years. We want to make sure that everyone, new and returning captains alike, is working from the same, most current information.

By requiring the acknowledgement before a registration can move from "pending" to "confirmed," we can help ensure that every captain begins the season with a clear understanding of the policies and responsibilities associated with captaining a team.