

Course Evacuation

The Host Club and the USGA will work together to devise an evacuation plan for the championship. There are two (2) parts to an evacuation plan: 1) players, caddies and officials and 2) spectators.

Players, Caddies & Officials

The Host Club should develop an Evacuation Committee which is responsible for 1) devising a course evacuation plan (to be approved by USGA); 2) transporting players, caddies, and officials to safety in the event of inclement weather; and 3) transporting players, caddies and officials back to the same location for resumption of play.

The number of volunteers needed depends on how many vans are required for the Host Club and the Co-Host. Turnaround time must be quick and efficient.

Requirements

- The Host Club should designate specific shelter sites which are safety enclosures with four sides and a roof. Structures such as homes, permanent buildings, office trailers and even vehicles or school buses are suitable.
- Within a close proximity to the shelter sites, the Host Club should stage vehicles that can transport players, caddies, walking scorers, standard bearers and USGA Officials to the clubhouse in the event of a prolonged delay. Any vehicles will work but 12-15 passenger vans prove to be ideal for this purpose.
- The shelter sites should be designated with a course designation (Site 4G, Site 12FW, etc.). The USGA and the Host Club will develop a plan so that groups know which site to seek shelter depending on their location on the golf course.
- During championship week, drivers should be assigned to each vehicle and be ready to activate the plan as necessary. These drivers should be trained in the evacuation process and the routes for the evacuation vehicles.

Air Horns

The USGA will provide air horns for signaling the suspension and resumption of play. During practice rounds, the Host Club will designate individuals to carry air horns. During championship rounds, the USGA rules officials will carry the air horns.

Decision for Suspension of Play

Decision on suspending play/course evacuation will be made by the USGA with the assistance from the on-site Meteorologist. The USGA Meteorologist will be responsible for setting up and monitoring the weather computer and lightning detection device.

Radios

The USGA will provide a USGA issued radio to the Course Evacuation Chair and the Golf Course Superintendents

Evacuation Map

The Host Club should develop an evacuation map for each course in conjunction with the USGA. This map should indicate the location of the evacuation shelter sites and include a chart to show the groups where to proceed based on their location on the golf course. The USGA will print copies to put in Player Packets and also copy the map onto the back of the hole location sheets each day. A sample of an evacuation map is below. The Host Club(s) will work together with the USGA to build the plan.

Spectators

It is the USGA's intent to notify spectators and volunteers in advance, if possible, of approaching inclement weather. Spectators are not permitted at the Evacuation Sites. Since providing shelter for spectators over hundreds of acres is not practical, the USGA will use a system whereby USGA staff and officials will verbally notify spectators when inclement weather is detected within a potentially dangerous range. The intent behind this action is to notify spectators and volunteers, when possible, of potentially dangerous weather before play is suspended, so time is given for spectators to move in the direction of shelter. All volunteers are advised to use their best judgment about when to take cover. The USGA does not expect any volunteer to take undue risks.



8th U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Emergency Evacuation Plan River



CH	Clubhouse	Walk-In
2G	#2 Green	Carts for drive in – Led by Evac Committee
5G	#5 Green	Carts for drive in – Led by Evac Committee
13F	#13 Fairway	Carts for drive in – Led by Evac Committee
15G	#15 Green	Carts for drive in – Led by Evac Committee

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TEE	CH	2G	5G	5G	5G	2G	2G	CH	CH	CH	CH	13F	13F	15G	CH	15G	CH	CH
Fairway	CH	2G		5G	5G		CH	CH	CH	CH	CH		13F	15G	15G	CH		CH
Green	CH	2G	5G	5G	5G	2G	CH	CH	CH	CH	CH	13F	13F	15G	15G	CH	CH	CH