



Storm Warning Procedure

Adverse Weather Conditions

Players need to be aware of the dangers of lightning and high wind on the golf course. If you are concerned about lightning or high wind, come off the course immediately. If you are caught out on the course during severe weather, please follow the below procedures and take action to ensure your safety.

Members should keep in mind that evacuation of the course can take up to 20 minutes from the sound of the first siren. In the event of a potential lightning strike a decision must be made to cancel or suspend competition play as early as possible to allow enough time for members to clear the course.

Where possible, players will be warned before play about the potential for severe weather occurring on the course. Once the severe weather has reached the golf course and surrounds, no staff or member will be permitted access to the course until it has been deemed safe.

Lightning

One long blast will be sounded on the air horn (by the General Manager, Golf Professional or Member of the Committee) to advise players that they must suspend play. Players are advised to return to the clubhouse. It is recommended that players keep away from tall objects such as trees. During the storm, players are advised not to swing/hold clubs or umbrella, as they may act as a lightening conductor. The process for re-opening the course is detailed below (ideally 30 minutes after the last thunder clap is heard).

Wind

During times of high wind, players should be aware that the conditions could affect the direction of their shot. In very strong winds tall objects may be blown over, causing a hazard not only when they fall but while lying on the ground.

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1. You do not have to wait for the siren. If you feel unsafe leave the course. Mark your ball and proceed to the Clubhouse or a safe place.
2. When you hear the siren give ONE long blast, mark your ball and head for the Clubhouse or a safe place on the course.
3. When play resumes TWO long blasts from the siren will be heard. Return to your marked ball and resume play.

4. If conditions stay unsafe the General Manager, Golf Professional or Member of the Committee will suspend play for the day.

Re-Opening the Course

When conditions have improved and play can safely resume the Manager, Professional or Member of the Committee will re-open the course. 3 short blasts on the air horn will be sounded to advise players who choose to remain on the course during the suspension of play, that it is safe to re-commence play.

Course Closures

The General Manager, Golf Professional or Member of the Committee, shall make an assessment as to the appropriateness of suspension or cancellation of play due to the potential for lightning strikes or other dangerous conditions.

If the playing conditions are deemed dangerous, the General Manager, Golf Professional or Member of the Committee will close the course. This information will be passed to the players through the golf shop. They will advise players not to commence their game. For players already on the course one long blast will be sounded with an air horn from the clubhouse. Where possible, golf shop staff will advise players on course of the impending severe weather. On hearing this horn all players **MUST** suspend play. No staff/members will be allowed access to the course after the siren has sounded.

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