



SEVERE WEATHER GUIDELINES

To be read in conjunction with s.B9 of the LRGK Conditions of Play.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of all players and staff at Long Reef Golf Club (the Club) during potential severe weather conditions e.g. lightning, extreme winds and rain.

Safety and Lightning:

It is the player's responsibility to determine if weather conditions (including the threat of lightning) make play unsafe and to take appropriate safety action (including leaving the course).

The Club utilise the Sint Lightning Detection System. Authorised staff receive an alert when lightning is detected within a 20km radius of the Course. The siren to evacuate the Course will be automatically sounded if lightning is detected within 5km of the Course.

Guidelines for suspension of play:

- Suspension of play is signalled by one long sound of the siren located on the roof of the Golf Shop. All Players must mark their ball and return to the Clubhouse/Golf Shop immediately.
- The Golf Shop staff will monitor the weather conditions and lightning detection systems to assist in advising players and staff to leave the Course. To ensure all players on the Course hear the siren sounded, the Golf Shop staff will manually activate the siren at the 7th tee when the automated siren on the Golf Shop roof is sounded.
- In accordance with Rule of Golf 5.7a, a player may stop play if they reasonably believe there is a danger from lightning but must report to the Committee as soon as possible. (Refer [Rules of Golf 5.7a](#)).
- **When a lightning strike is detected within 5km of the Club, play on the Course and use of the practice facilities will be immediately suspended.**
- Players who do not comply with the lightning and severe weather policy may be penalised or disqualified from the competition.

Guidelines for resumption of play:

- **There will be a minimum of 30 minutes from the siren suspending to the siren resuming play.**
- The Lightning Detection System will notify the authorised staff when the lightning has moved outside a 10km radius of the Course.
- The siren will then sound when there is no further danger from lightning and order play to be resumed, players must resume play.
- Two short notes of the siren will be sounded to resume play.
- If there is insufficient time for the whole field to finish, the competition will stand if 20% of players complete their round but must be more than 20 players. Players returning to the Course but unable to complete their round due to insufficient light will be credited the competition fee.
- If a special event is cancelled or rescheduled, the daily event will become a Stableford.

Enforcement:

- All players and staff are required to adhere to this policy. Any violations will be addressed by the Golf Committee and may result in disciplinary action from the Disciplinary Committee.
- It is the duty of all staff and Board to enforce this policy and ensure the safety of all players and staff during potential lightning and severe weather conditions.

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