

**GRIFFITH GOLF CLUB**  
**ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY**

**Adverse Weather Conditions:**

(Thunderstorms, Lighting, Wind & Extreme Heat)

When it comes to personal safety, organisations can provide education, policies, workplace safety equipment and training, but individuals also contribute to their own safety by taking responsibility for their own welfare

The following procedure is an information guide and instructions as to what members and visitors should consider when dealing with adverse weather conditions.

**Thunder & Lighting:**

All thunderstorms produce lightning and as such can be dangerous. If thunder can be heard in your vicinity, then the storm is close enough to be classified as a threat to your location. Many lightning casualties occur before the rainstorm moves into the area. This is often due to people not taking early enough action to remove themselves from the danger of the storm.

To anticipate, and then prompt your next movement, it is important to understand how close the storm is and what immediate danger you could possibly be in.

**Lighting Facts:**

- Every thunder cloud has the potential to produce lightning.
- Lightning often strikes outside the areas of heavy rain.

**Safety Guide during a Thunderstorm:**

- Do not stand under a natural lightning rod such as a tall isolated tree.
- Avoid positioning yourself on top of a hill or a rise out in the open.
- Keep away from water.

- Move away from metal structures and machinery.
- Refrain from holding golf clubs and umbrellas with metal support frames.

**Extreme Heat:**

All players are advised to take every precaution to avoid hottest part of the day and that they have sufficient water to keep hydrated whilst on the course.

On the days when the forecast is expected to reach high temperatures of 40 degree's and above all players will be advised via email 24 hours prior to that competition day that tee off times will cease at 9.30am. In the event that forecast temperatures be in excess of 45 degree's play will not commence on that day.

**WIND:**

High winds can occur at any time and can be extremely severe during a thunderstorm. High winds can blow objects around such as branches, uproot trees and pose a significant threat to your safety. Players should seek cover from strong winds away from trees and loose objects that may become a missile.

**Adverse Weather Warnings:**

A copy of this policy and safety guidelines will be displayed on the Club's Notice Board outside the Pro Shop, members and lady's locker rooms.

Once informed of the warnings and having been provided with the predicated weather conditions and safety guidelines, players are able to make an informed decision with respect to playing their round of golf for the day.

A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions is left to the discretion of the individual player, who must accept full responsibility for their safety. In the event of lightning on the course, golfers out on the course are advised to cease playing and take shelter as recommended by the safety guidelines.

If during the round, the weather is deteriorating with the potential of causing harm to player's there will be no warning device sounded. Players are to follow the safety guidelines provided prior to the commencement of the round.

If a player elects to suspend their round due to adverse weather conditions they shall mark their ball and seek shelter in accordance with the safety guidelines. Once 30 minutes has elapsed after the adverse weather has passed players may resume their round.

**Reminder to all Players:**

This Policy is structured to provide information and tools that can be used and deployed to assist members, guests and staff with adverse weather conditions. Should, with all the information available, you decide that the weathers deems it unsafe for you to participate on the day simply notify the Pro Shop of your intentions.

This policy is available on our website and at the Pro Shop.