

In the interests of safety for all while on the course - and for protection of the course itself - the Committee has determined that the following procedures be followed in the event of adverse (forecast or actual) weather conditions.

Rainfall

In the event of a 48-hour forecast for heavy rain/showers prior to a competition event (i.e., 20mm or more), the club will email members that day to let them know that a decision to close the course will be made at the earliest opportunity.

Catering requests may not proceed, and members will be advised.

Due to the relative inaccuracy of weather forecasts, the decision to close the course may not be made until the morning of the event.

On competition days, where play has commenced and the rainfall has been significant, play may be suspended at the discretion of the Captain (or another designated Committee member).

An example of the amount of rainfall required to determine this is when water is beginning to pool on the 9th/18th green.

Wind

On competition days, where play has commenced and the wind has been significant, play may be suspended at the discretion of the Captain (or another designated Committee member).

An example of the amount of wind required to determine this is when balls are being blown off the green and buggies are consistently blowing over. This will be indicative of wind gusts more than 50km/ph.

Storm Events

In the event of a thunderstorm, play will be suspended at the discretion of the Captain (or another designated Committee member).

An example of when this might happen is when the “flash” to “bang” count is 30 seconds or less, indicating that the lightning is 10km away.

Play will be suspended for at least 30 minutes from the last thunderclap or visible lightning.

Suspension Procedure

Suspension of play will be communicated by a **five-second signal from an air horn**.

If in any doubt about whether play is suspended, please call the club on 6228 6415.

Once advised that play is suspended, please observe the following:

- Players will be required to mark their ball (*we need a signaling system for play suspension*) and/or abandon their round and return to the clubhouse.
 - ***IMPORTANT: in the event of a thunderstorm, abandon golf clubs and umbrellas on the course and proceed to the clubhouse. Please keep a 4-metre separation between group members.***
- Play will be suspended for a period as determined by the Captain (or Committee member) but shall be no more than one hour before a decision is made to recommence or cancel the competition.
- Significant events such as club championships will need to be scheduled for continuance if a decision is made to cancel the day's play.