

Extreme Weather & Medical Emergency Policy

The Emerald Lakes Golf Club (ELGC) extreme weather policy has been developed to reduce the risk of harm to members and guests because of extreme weather.

Responsibility

This policy provides framework and guidelines to minimise the risk of harm occurring due to extreme weather at ELGC

Extreme weather conditions are not always forecast and can materialise with little warning.

Where possible ELGC will initiate the action and alerts in this policy to make players aware of the dangers of extreme weather.

However, players must take responsibility for their own safety when threatened by extreme weather.

Any player in a group can choose to stop play and seek shelter if they believe an extreme situation exists or is imminent in accordance with **The Rules of Golf: Rule 5.7a – When players may or must stop play**

Extreme Heat

Golf Australia considers the risk of heat related injury to be extreme at an ambient temperature of 36 degrees or higher.

Should the Bureau of Metrology (BOM) weather forecast for the Gold Coast be for temperatures of 36 degrees the following guidelines to minimise the risk of heat related injury should be followed:

- Consider playing in the morning or evening to avoid extreme heat
- Ensure you remain adequately hydrated before and during your round
- Consider using a cart
- Wear lightweight and loose-fitting clothing
- Cease playing if you feel unwell

Conditions will be monitored by Golf Operations and Golf Committee's. Competitions may be cancelled or amended if the risk of heat related injury is deemed too high.

The course will remain open however any decision to play will be the sole responsibility of each player.

Lightning

Lightning presents an extreme risk to personnel safety. The risk of lightning will be determined using the methods listed below:

- Visually or on hearing thunder
- Using a flash to thunder reckoning. If thunder is heard, the distance to lightning activity can be estimated at 10kms if the time between a lightning flash and thunder 30 seconds is approx. or less

If lightning is detected in the vicinity of the golf course, competition play will be immediately suspended, and players MUST stop play. To assist with this process a golf team member will advise people on course of the potential dangers.

Medical Emergency

In case of a medical emergency on the Golf Course -

1. CALL 000 immediately
2. Then notify the clubhouse on 07 5594 4400

For emergencies in the clubhouse, please immediately advise any staff member as well as calling 000.

ELGC's AED (defibrillator) is located in the Proshop and will be brought out to any medical emergency that it is thought to be required. Our first response team have been trained in CPR and the use of this machine.

If the player is unconscious and breathing, they should be put in the recovery position and made comfortable. Please familiarise yourself with this fundamental manoeuvre which involves lying the patient on their side and extending the chin to give a clear airway.

If the player is unconscious and not breathing CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) should be performed.

For Emergency Vehicle access, gates are marked on the attached Golf Course Map.

ELGC staff will meet emergency vehicles at the designated point closest to the medical emergency location.

There are four Emergency Entry Points:

- Maintenance Shed – Alabaster Drive
- Main Entry – Alabaster Drive
- Driving Range Entry – Birmingham Road
- 12th Green – Birmingham Road

All entrances if locked can be opened by the ELGC Master Key held by Duty Manager, Operations Managers & Executive General Manager

