

Extreme Weather 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, and/or on hearing of thunder
- Using a "flash to thunder" reckoning. For example: If thunder is heard the lightning activity is approximately 10 km away when there is a 30 second flash-to-thunder time interval

If lightning is detected in the vicinity of the golf course, on-course play may be suspended, and players ordered to stop play. An audible air-horn warning will be sounded to advise of this occurrence, and to assist with this process a golf team member will also travel around to advise people on course of the potential dangers.