

EXTREME WEATHER AND CONDITIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE



1 PURPOSE

The Vines has a duty of care for members, staff and its visitors, whilst ensuring its assets are protected. This policy has been prepared with the aim of maximising member and visitor playing opportunities but to also clearly identify the required procedures when weather events reach levels where player safety and damage to the course are of a high risk.

2 SCOPE

- 2.1 This Policy applies to all members of the Vines Golf Club and covers all personnel including; members, staff, volunteers and all visitors at all times.
- 2.2 All individuals entering at The Vines Golf Club's grounds must uphold this policy and its procedures. They must work with the club's management to achieve a safe environment for everyone.
- 2.3 The Vines Management has zero tolerance for any individual that deliberately puts other's safety in question by not following the procedures of this policy.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 HEAT

3.1.1 Carts and Vehicles

If the ADELAIDE forecast temperature for the following day is for **38 degrees or over** on www.bom.gov.au at 5:00pm on the day prior to a competition day, the following will apply:

The hot weather policy for motorized vehicle use on the course is that if the forecast temperature in Adelaide is 38 degrees or above the course will be closed for all motorized vehicle use.

Note – 3.2 FIRE DANGER DAYS may override 3.1.1

3.1.2 Competitions and Clinics

3.1.2.1 Men, Mixed and Twilight Events

If the ADELAIDE forecast temperature is for **38 degrees or over** on www.bom.gov.au at 5:00pm on the day prior to a competition day, the following will apply:

- The competition times will be restricted to 7:00am to 9:00am from the 1st and 10th tees.
- NO competition entries will be accepted outside of these times, on any day.
- If players choose to play outside of these times then they do so at THEIR OWN RISK.
- Honour Board and Special Events will be rescheduled.

3.1.2.2 Women's Events

If the ADELAIDE forecast temperature is for **36 degrees or over** on www.bom.gov.au at 5:00pm on the day prior to a competition day, the following will apply:

- The competition will revert to a non-compulsory competition and times will be restricted to 7:00am to 9:00am
- NO competition entries will be accepted outside of these times.
- If players choose to play outside of these times then they do so at THEIR OWN RISK.
- Honour Board and Special Events will be rescheduled.

3.1.2.3 Junior Competitions

If the ADELAIDE forecast temperature is for **34 degrees or over** on www.bom.gov.au at 5:00pm on the day prior to a competition day, the following will apply:

- The competition will be cancelled
- If players choose to play outside of these times then they do so at THEIR OWN RISK.
- Honour Board and Special Events will be rescheduled.

3.1.2.4 Tuition and Clinics

If the ADELAIDE forecast temperature is for **34 degrees or over** on www.bom.gov.au at 5:00pm on the day prior to a clinic, the following will apply:

- Clinics will be cancelled if scheduled for beyond 11:00am
- Individual Lessons will be discussed with the individual to manage safety.

3.2 FIRE DANGER DAYS

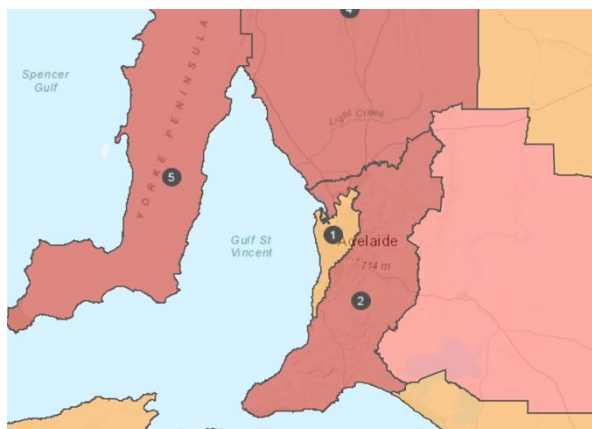
If the MT LOFTY RANGERS CFS Bans and Ratings are listed as “CATASTOPHIC” on www.cfs.sa.gov.au (Bans and Ratings), at 5:00pm on the day prior:

- The Clubhouse and Professional Shop may be closed until the Rating has been reduced to EXTREME or below if deemed prudent.
- All Competitions may be cancelled for the entire day if deemed prudent.
- No play will be permitted if deemed a dangerous situation.

Refer to procedures 4.1

Should a fire approach the course site fairway sprinklers will be activated on adjacent fairways if power and water are available, to provide a “fire break”

Note Fig shows red for Zone 2 – MT LOFT RANGERS – Meaning CATASROPHIC



3.3 FOG - VISIBILITY

If there is less than 200m of visibility, then fog is deemed to be unsafe for players and staff. Standing at the front of golf shop to the burn/dip across the 1st fairway, is an indication of 200m.

- Play will not commence until visibility of 200m+ is achieved.
- If play is underway it will be suspended or cancelled as per procedures, until the visibility returns to 200m +.

Refer to procedure 4.2.1.

3.4 FROST

When a heavy frost is present on the golf course and walking and/or carts could be injurious to players or the surface of the course play will be suspended. Play will commence once the frost has been treated as per procedures 4.2.3.

3.5 FALLING TREES / LIMBS

Atmospheric pressure and weather conditions can cause trees and tree limbs to fall and play may be suspended and course closed if deemed prudent. The re-opening of the course will be at the discretion of the Authorised Person(s).

- No play will be permitted until such time as outlined in the procedures.

If the ADELAIDE forecast wind speed is for 50km/h or over, 35 degrees or over, AND OR large temperature drops / increases from day to day (information found on www.bom.gov.au) players are strongly advised that their safety is in danger.

Refer to procedures 4.2.2

3.6 LIGHTNING, WIND and RAIN

In accordance with Rule 5.7 a player must discontinue play if they believe that their own safety is compromised from wind, lightning and/or rain.

- Due to the inability to notify players in the event of these potentially loud conditions it is paramount that players marshal their own safety.
- The Vines Golf Club will suspend play if lightning is within 30kms of the club as per procedures in this document. To which play will be suspended or cancelled as per procedures.
- If the ADELAIDE forecast wind speed is for **50km/h or over** on www.bom.gov.au at 5:00pm on the day prior players are strongly advised that their safety is in danger.
- Heavy rain will result in poor ground conditions which the Authorised Person(s) may choose to ban golf Carts.

Refer to procedures 4.2.2

4 PROCEDURE

4.1 HEAT and FIRE BAN

The long-range forecast will be observed and prior warning of potential cancellation of play will be placed on the Timesheet of the day in question once the 5:00pm deadline is reached;

www.bom.gov.au post code search "5000". www.cfs.sa.gov.au – MTLOFTY RANGES region.

- The Timesheet will be renamed to reflect changes in the next day's play.
- Signage, advising that play has been suspended/cancelled will be placed on the 1st and 10th tees, and at front gate.
- It will be up to the individual to seek out this information to make their decision on how to proceed. Any individual operating outside of the be guidelines in this policy will be doing so at their own risk.
- Catastrophic fire ban day will result in signage placed in carpark and at front gate, and play may be cancelled.

4.2 SUSPENSION and RESUMPTION OF PLAY

Suspension of Play will be indicated by One Long Siren Blow. Resumption of Play will be indicated by Two Long Siren Blows

4.2.1 Fog – Visibility

- Play will not commence until visibility of 200m+ is achieved.
- If play is underway and fog thickens then play will be suspended. ***Suspension will be indicated by one long siren blow.***
- The conditions will be continually assessed and when deemed visibility of 200m+ is achieved, play will resume.
- ***Resumption of play this will be indicated by 2 long siren blows.***
- Where there are separate morning and afternoon fields, if the fog has delayed the morning tee times for less than 45 minutes, the field will resume per the timesheet, subsequently the afternoon field will be delayed by the time play was suspended/delayed in the morning.
- Where there are separate morning and afternoon fields, if the fog has delayed play for more than 45 minutes, then the morning field will be cancelled and the afternoon field will commence as per the timesheet.
- On a single tee start event, play will resume in order of the timesheet once the Authorised Person has deemed it safe to continue.
- The Authorised Person shall advise Club Management and the Course Superintendent of the decision to delay, suspend and/or cancel play.
- Competition fees will not be refunded if the round has commenced.
- If a player does not complete their round and they are in the competition, their score will be submitted as "No Score – Approved"

4.2.2 Lightning Wind and Rain- Falling Trees

In accordance with Rule 5.7 of the Rules of Golf, a player may discontinue play if he/she believes there is a danger from lightning wind, debris, falling limbs and/or rain but then must follow the procedure defined in Rule 5.7 to avoid disqualification.

- If the Authorised Person has safety concerns and OR lightning is within 30kms of the course (indicated on detection device)
- Play will be suspended for all players. This will be signalled on the course by one long siren blow.
- Play must cease immediately and refuge may be taken under Rule 5.7.
- Once an Authorised Person has assessed the conditions and deems it to be safe. Resumption of play will be signalled by two long siren blows.
- If play is suspended for more than 45 minutes, play will be abandoned and results will be compiled with all submitted cards.
- It remains the individual's responsibility to assess if the conditions are safe for them.
- Competition fees will not be refunded if the round has commenced.
- If players do not complete their round and they were in the competition, their score will be submitted as "No Score – Approved"
- If rain causes areas of flooding that would result in damage to the course, the Authorised person may allow play to resume whilst banning Carts.
- Notices will be placed on the website and the 1st and 10th tees.

For refuge from lightning is suggested that players seek a low-lying area such as sand bunkers until the storm passes. (do not stand under trees). An indication of distance is found by counting the seconds between the 'flash' and the 'sound' of the lightning - thunder. Each second will indicate an approximate 1km. If under 10 seconds we suggest you seeking refuge.

4.2.3 Frost

The Course Superintendent will notify Golf Operations prior to the first tee off time that the course will be closed until approximately 9.00am.

- The grounds staff will apply water to the first two holes on each nine to wash frost off the grass so as not to burn the turf.

- Signage, advising that play has been suspended will be placed on the 1st and 10th tees.
- Where there are separate morning and afternoon fields, if the frost has delayed the morning tee times for less than 45 minutes, the field will resume per the timesheet, subsequently the afternoon field will be delayed by the time play was suspended/delayed in the morning.
- Where there are separate morning and afternoon fields, if the frost has delayed play for more than 45 minutes, then the morning field will be cancelled and the afternoon field will commence as per the timesheet.
- On a single tee start event, play will resume in order of the timesheet once the Course Superintendent and Golf Operations have deemed it safe to continue.
- The Course Superintendent shall advise Club Management and Golf Operations of the decision to delay, suspend and/or cancel play.
- Competition fees will not be refunded if players have started their round.
 - If players do not complete their round and they are in in the competition, their score will be submitted as “No Score – Approved”

5 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Authorised Person(s)

- General Manager
- Golf Operations Manager
- Course Superintendent
- Men’s Captain - Men’s/Juniors and Mixed events
- Ladies Captain – Ladies Events

When possible, it is best to seek advice from 2 Authorised Person(s). If none of the above are on location then responsibility reverts to Golf Operations – Professional Shop who will seek out advice from Authorised Person(s).

No individual outside of the above should enforce their individual views to contradict the policy or procedures.

Authorised persons are responsible for the writing and implementing of the policy and procedures. With industry examples used where possible with guidance from Golf Australia.

5.2 Individuals

If any individual disputes this policy or procedures then they may submit feedback as per below

Any individual found to be deliberately ignoring warnings and bringing others into danger will be referred to Committee of Management for disciplinary discussions.

Reporting

- 5.3 No additional reporting is required.

Records management

- 5.4 Staff must maintain all records of policy implementation relevant to administering this policy and procedure.
- 5.5 The General Manager should be notified as should the Superintendent, Golf Operations Manager, Bar Manager and Captains so that they are able to prepare their respective areas or responsibility for implementation and feedback.

6 FEEDBACK

- 6.1 Members and Staff may provide feedback about this document by emailing golf@vinesgolfclub.com.au

7 APPROVAL AND REVIEW DETAILS

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