

POLICY NUMBER:	032/ A, B, C, D.	VERSION NUMBER	3.00
POLICY AREA:	Golf Operations - Health & Safety		
DATE ADOPTED:	09/Dec/2019		
Approved by	LGC Board	RESPONSIBILITY OF	Club Captains, Greens Committee or Manager Golf Operations
KEY WORDS:	Adverse Weather		
Introduction	<p>The Leongatha Golf Club Adverse Weather Policy has been introduced to provide guidance to members and guests in relation to playing conditions which might impact on the health and wellbeing of players on the golf course.</p> <p>All players, including players with pre-existing medical conditions, particularly heart conditions, asthma, diabetes or breathing difficulties, have a duty of care for themselves and their playing partners. Should a player or visitor begin to feel unwell, in the interests of safety and their wellbeing, that person shall alert their playing partners or Club staff and will be assisted to seek medical attention.</p> <p>This policy also addresses issues with the playability of the course during thunderstorms, excessive rain or wind, and protection of the course on days of extreme heat, severe frosts, or inundation.</p> <p>Members may not dispute the decisions of the Captains or Manager in relation to this policy.</p> <p>Underpinning this Policy is the members awareness of the use of the Siren warnings.</p> <p><u>SIREN NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES</u></p> <p>A. EMERGENCY EVACUATION ONE prolonged note of the siren of 1 minute duration. Players to cease play immediately and return to the Clubhouse.</p>		

	<p>B. SUSPENSION OF PLAY</p> <p>THREE notes repeated of the siren</p> <p>Play may continue to the completion of the current hole, or alternatively balls may be marked if completion is not practicable.</p> <p>Players to return to the Clubhouse until further notice and await advice on resumption.</p> <p>C. RESUMPTION OF PLAY</p> <p>Resumption of play after TWO short notes of the Siren</p> <p>Players to return to their positions immediately and resume play.</p> <p>Players who fail to resume play immediately on the signal for resumption will be disqualified.</p>
POLICY 032/A	<p><u>LIGHTNING /THUNDERSTORMS:</u></p> <p>Should lightning be in the immediate vicinity of the golf course the Manager, Captain, Staff member on duty or Greens Committee representative will assess the risk, using the guidelines (*) below.</p> <p>If the situation is considered dangerous, play will be suspended.</p> <p><i>* The Flash-To-Bang method is to be used for determining distance of the storm from the golf course. When lightning is seen, begin counting. If thunder is heard within a 30 seconds period the course must be evacuated <u>immediately</u>.</i></p> <p><i>Note a measurement of 30 seconds indicates the lightning is approximately 10kms away</i></p> <p>Play will be suspended by way of sounding;</p> <p>ONE prolonged note of a siren of 1-minute duration - discontinue play immediately and evacuate the course.</p> <p>Players must cease play immediately, mark their ball and take whatever action they consider most appropriate to ensure their safety, but where-ever practical, return to the Club House.</p>

	<p>Failure to discontinue play will result in disqualification. If there is not sufficient time to evacuate the course, players are advised to comply with the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keep as low down as possible, and ideally crouch down in the nearest bunker/hollow making themselves as small a target as possible (feet together, hands on knees and head tucked in). b. Leave your golf equipment and stand away from it c. Do not use a mobile phone – make sure it is switched off d. Do not open an umbrella or brandish clubs as they may act as a lightning conductor e. Do not shelter under trees or go to high ground <p>If the siren is not sounded and a player believes there is a real danger by proceeding, he/she is entitled to discontinue play under Rule 6-8 (A) (ii).</p> <p>Rule 6-8b and Appendix 1-5 make provision for “Suspension of play due to a Dangerous Situation”.</p> <p>The Manager, Captain or Staff member on duty will determine when play is to resume. Play will not resume for at least 30 minutes, after the final clap of thunder and with due regard to the BOM forecast.</p> <p>TWO short notes of the siren will signal resumption of play.</p>
POLICY 032/B	<u>B - EXTREME HEAT</u>
Introduction	<p>The Board of Leongatha Golf Club recognize that differences in age, gender, and personal differences will affect an individual’s tolerance to heat.</p> <p>Hydration before and during play is an essential health measure for all players and is an individual responsibility. Players are to be warned by the Manager, Captain or Staff member of the impending heat risk. On days of Red Fire Danger, the Course will be closed, and play prohibited until the ban is lifted.</p>

POLICY	<p>During the months of December to mid-March, daily competitions shall start at 7 am to avoid playing in the heat of the day.</p> <p>All temperature recordings will be obtained from the Wonthaggi BOM and the Club's own external weather station.</p> <p>If the temperature at Wonthaggi BOM is forecast to exceed the set limits for age and gender, on the morning of the competition, the conditions must be monitored by the Manager via the Club's own external weather station.</p> <p>The set limits in Celsius are: Women 35 degrees, Seniors and Juniors 36 degrees and Men 37 degrees.</p> <p>If the temperature exceeds the recommended limits, during play, the competition may be reduced to nine holes, suspended or cancelled.</p> <p>Where mixed events, including Board events are to be played, the decision to cancel the event will be made by the Captains and Manager on duty, using 35 degrees as the limit.</p> <p>Events on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, which are open to both Men and Women, will be suspended or cancelled after the temperature exceeds the Men's 37 degrees limit.</p> <p>Any member who continues to play or elects to play when the competition has been cancelled does so at their own risk</p> <p>The Manager, Captain or Staff member, in consultation with the Course Superintendent, may delay or ban the use of motorised carts on days of extreme heat as to use them would cause damage to the Course, or in the case of a combustion engine cart, may be a fire hazard.</p>
POLICY 032/C	<u>C- COURSE UNPLAYABLE</u>
Introduction	Frost/Rain/Inundation/Strong Winds

	<p>If the Manager, Staff member on duty, Captain or the Course Superintendent considers the course is not in a playable condition due to the weather conditions, or circumstances render the proper playing of the game impossible, or if play were to commence the course may be damaged, they may invoke this Policy.</p> <p>On days of extreme wind, Members are to be advised of the dangers of limbs falling from trees on days of extreme winds (50kph or more) and consider their own personal safety while out on the course.</p> <p>When strong winds occur, players are advised to walk along the fairways, away from the tree line and watch for flying debris and falling branches.</p>
POLICY	<p>Order a delay to the start of the event until conditions have changed to their satisfaction; Cancel or postpone the event; If started, they may order a temporary suspension of play; or May cancel the round and all scores for the round; or Shorten the competition and declare a winner.</p> <p>The Manager, Captain or Greens Committee Representative, in consultation with the Course Superintendent, may delay or ban the use of motorised carts on days of extreme heat, frosts or rain, as to use them would cause damage to the Course.</p>