



## **Extreme Conditions Weather Policy**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Brisbane Golf Club (BGC) extreme conditions weather policy has been introduced to provide in relation to playing conditions which might impact on the health and well-being of players, volunteers as well as workers on the golf course.

The extreme conditions weather policy addresses issues of extreme heat, lightning and strong winds or approaching danger (i.e. the possibility of suffering harm or injury).

In circumstances of extreme hot weather conditions, the assessment of such conditions will be undertaken with reference to temperature and humidity information provided by the Bureau of Meteorology.

Extreme weather may be defined as weather that threatens the immediate or long-term safety of individuals, as a result of rain, lightning, wind or heat (already covered). Events are likely to be cancelled, postponed or modified.

### **1.0 POLICIES**

#### **1.1 Suspension of Play/ Cancellation of Play Policy**

##### **a. Day of Competition/General Member Play**

In circumstance of extreme hot weather and humidity, play may be suspended or cancelled at the discretion of the respective General Manager of the BGC, Match Committee and/or Director of Golf.

Should the forecast temperature (ambient) and humidity conditions at 4:30 am on the day of competition or general member play be viewed as excessive by the General Manager, BGC match committee and /or Director of Golf, the course may be closed

##### **b. Player Discretion**

Whilst every effort will be made to ensure the safety of players during extreme weather events at The Brisbane Golf Club at all times, events maybe cancelled/postponed as a result of extreme weather. This policy serves as a guideline to players by which they will be asked to cease/postpone play under extreme weather conditions that may impact their safety during competition or general member play.

Any player may withdraw either before or during the event due to hot weather/ humidity conditions.

### **2.0 Extreme Heat Policy**

Should the forecast temperature or un-forecasted temperature for Tennyson at 4:30 am on the day of competition, be 36 degrees (ambient temperature) and above with a relative humidity of greater than 25%, the competition times for that day or member play may be adjusted to cooler parts of the day or play will be cancelled altogether. Play will resume only by the directive of the General Manager, Match Committee and/or Director of Golf.

When extreme weather is forecast the General Manager, Match Committee and/or Director of Golf should initiate procedures and monitor the weather. This may be done by contacting local authorities such as the Bureau of Meteorology. Appropriate signage will be posted around the club detailing measures players can take to reduce effects and exposure.

Players who play on days of extreme heat do so at their own risk. Players are advised to take appropriate actions to prevent heat stress. The BGC reminds all players about the appropriate measures to be taken to avoid heat stress, heat stroke, heat cramps and heat exhaustion.

Should the forecast ambient temperature at approximately 4:30 am on the day of competition or general member play be 41 degrees or more, then the General Manager, Match Committee and/or Director of Golf will decide as whether the golf course will be closed.

The General Manager and/or Director of Golf will inform the members of the modified competition time/s on the day of the competition or general member play during extreme weather conditions (i.e. heat).

### **3.0 Lightning Policy**

In Australia, lightning accounts for five to ten deaths and well over one hundred injuries annually. A large percentage of lightning strike victims survive but many of these suffer from severe life-long injury and disability. Statistics show that approximately 25% of people killed by lightning are playing sport.

When thunderstorms threaten, all play is to be abandoned at the directive of the General Manager and/or director of golf. Play will resume only by the directive of the General Manager and/or Director of Golf.

When a lightning strike is within 10km of the club, play on the course and the use of the practice facilities will be immediately suspended. A loud siren will be activated, and all players must mark their ball and return to the inside clubhouse immediately and await further information. Play will resume when there have been no lightning strikes within 10km for a period of at least 30 minutes.

### **4.0 High Winds Policy**

Players, volunteers and workers are advised and reminded of the dangers of limbs falling from trees on days of high winds (50 kph or more). Players, volunteers and workers are advised to be aware of the forecast of strong winds and give consideration to their own personal safety while out on the course.

Play will not commence or will be suspended if high winds making the course either unplayable or dangerous or are imminent.

Should the forecast at 4.30 am on the day of competition be for winds likely to exceed 50 kph (see Beaufort Wind Scale) players, volunteers and workers will be reminded of the possible dangers of falling limbs or trees. Should a situation arise where the General Manager, Match Committee and/or Director of Golf considers such strong winds to be a danger to players, volunteers and workers the course will be closed.

#### **5.0 Course Unplayable Policy**

If the General Manager, Course Superintendent, Golf Director and/or the Match Committee considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may order a temporary suspension of play.