

TE NGUTU GOLF CLUB ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

PREAMBLE

The Te Ngutu Golf Club adverse 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 adverse weather policy addresses issues of lightning, strong winds or approaching danger (i.e. the possibility of suffering harm or injury). Extreme weather may be defined as weather that threatens the immediate or long-term safety of individuals, as a result of rain, lightning or wind. Events are likely to be cancelled, postponed or modified.

1.0 Lightning Policy

Lightning strike numbers are increasing year on year, all though a large percentage of lightning strike victims survive, 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 Club Manager and/or Club Captains in the Club Managers absence. Play will resume only by the directive of the Club Manager and/or Club Captains. 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 (3 long blasts of an air horn) 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 consider their own personal safety while out on the course. Play will not commence or will be suspended if high winds are making the course either unplayable or dangers are imminent. Should the forecast at 4.30 am on the day of competition be for winds likely to exceed 50 kph players, volunteers and workers will be reminded of the possible dangers of falling limbs or trees. Should a situation arise where the Club Manager, Green Keeper, Match Committee and/or Club Captains 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 Club Manager, Greenkeeping Staff, Club Captains 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.