



## Extreme Weather Guideline – (updated 2025)

Belvoir Park Golf Club is committed to having in place an “Extreme Weather Policy” that reflects a duty of care for its members and guests.

While the club aims to provide playing opportunities as much as possible. It must also clearly identify a process when weather events reach levels in which an individuals safety and or damage to the golf course are at risk.

<i>Weather Event Type</i>	<i>Process</i>
Frost	Green Supervisor and or member of Committee, General, and or Greens. Course access delayed Pro shop team advise players on arrival
Air Quality ( Smoke Haze)	Player discretion knowing their personal medical information and fitness level
Fog Poor visibility	Green Supervisor and or member of Committee, General, and or Green Course access delayed Pro shop team advise players on arrival
Heat Humidity	Player discretion knowing their personal medical information and fitness level They should take appropriate measures to avoid heat stress
Cold Weather	Player discretion knowing their personal medical information and fitness level They should take appropriate measures to avoid hyperthermia.
Hail	Players should stop playing during hailstorms and seek suitable shelter for its duration.
Lightning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Players should watch for darkening skies flashes and lightning while on the course.</li> <li>- Pro Shop, green keeping or match committee members are authorized to stop play when lightning is close by. (See Appendix A for guidance)</li> <li>- Players will be notified via a 30 second sounding of a siren</li> <li>- Players will hear the siren and must immediately move to a safe area such as the clubhouse if safe to do so.</li> </ul>

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Lightning (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Play will not commence until 30 minutes after the last thunder event.</li> </ul> See Appendix One for detailed instruction
Water/flooding/ Storm Damage of Course	Heavy or consistent rain events may affect the course. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Course Supervisor and or Committee to inspect and close all or part of the course as required.</li> <li>- Secretary advises all members and pro shop team</li> </ul>
Wind	Player discretion however they should listen for siren to stop playing and move to a safe area.  Pro Shop, green keeping or committee members are authorized to stop play when strong winds are impacting the course.

**Appendix One**

**Lightning**

Lightning is the visible part of an electrical discharge. Thunder is the resulting sound from the rapid expansion of the air after this electrical discharge. Sound follows light at 0.34 km/sec. Check the forecast and watch the sky. Darkening skies, flashes or lightning, or increasing wind may indicate an approaching storm.

**Lightning safety tips:**

- (a) Use the 30/30 Lightning Rule. If the time between the lightning flash and the thunder sound is less than 30 SECONDS then play should be suspended and not resumed until 30 MINUTES after the last thunder (30 seconds relates to 10 Kilometres away).
- (b) Find safe shelter. Sturdy buildings are the safest place to be during lightning storms. Avoid sheds, or picnic shelters not under trees. Staying in a car with windows closed also offers some protection.

Note: Thunder is not usually heard 24-32 kilometres from the lightning strike.