

Extreme Weather Conditions Policy

1. Heat

Player

- The V.G.A Heat Policy developed in consultation with Sports Medicine Australia, Sports Dieticians Australia and the Department of Health and Ageing notes that in Ambient temperature of 36 degrees or above the risk of thermal injury is “Extreme”.

Players are encouraged to either postpone their rounds to a cooler part of the day or cancel.

On these days when the weather is forecast to exceed these guidelines all players should consider their need to play.

ANY DECISION TO PLAY WILL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PLAYER.

Carts

- For a Geelong forecast the previous night of 36 degrees or more carts are confined to traveling in the rough. In very severe conditions carts may be banned altogether. Players should check at the Pro Shop before play.

Course

- For A Geelong forecast on the previous night of 42 degrees or more, the course may be closed. Players need to check at the Pro Shop on the morning of play to see if the course is closed.

2. Lightning

- Under the rules of Golf 6-8, a player may discontinue play if he/she believes there is a danger from lightning, but then **must** follow the procedure defined in the **rules 6-8** to avoid disqualification.
- If the committee has safety concerns play will be suspended for all players. This will be **signaled** on the course by **one prolonged note of a siren**. Play must cease immediately and refuge may be taken. See **rules 6-8**. **Resumption** of play will be signaled by **two short notes of the siren repeated**.

3. Other Unplayable Conditions

Some Examples: **Flooded greens**, making putting impossible; **violent winds** and **dangerous debris**

- When the Committee becomes aware of such conditions, play will be suspended as per the lightning policy.
- Players may discontinue play under Rule 6-8, following the requirements of that rule.