



HESKETH GOLF CLUB LIGHTNING POLICY

GENERAL POLICY

On days when no Competition is in progress and lightning is forecast, the decision to suspend play will be made by golfers themselves.

Golfers choose to venture onto the course or continue play at their own risk.

The Competition Committee, Club Secretary Manger, Links Manager, Club Professional or any appropriate Deputy who is on the premises will not be responsible for sounding a Klaxon.

In the event of a thunderstorm suspend play immediately and return to the Clubhouse. If a return to the Clubhouse is not possible, find a low spot, away from trees, fences, poles or golf clubs.

Despite the decision to suspend play lying with individual golfers, the course may be closed as per the Course Closure Policy.

COMPETITIONS

On days when a Competition is in progress, the decision to suspend play will be made by the Competition Committee, Club Secretary Manger, Links Manager, Club Professional or any appropriate Deputy who is on the premises.

However, Golfers may choose to suspend play if they deem conditions to be dangerous prior to a Suspension of Play being signalled. Golfers are responsible for their own safety.

Rule 5.7b

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by *One Prolonged note on the Klaxon*. All other suspensions will be signalled by *Three consecutive notes of the Klaxon*. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by *Two short notes of the Klaxon*.

Suspension of Play for Lightning

- A formal Suspension of Play for lightning will be signalled by **One prolonged note on the Klaxon**.
- If players are between the play of two holes they **shall not** resume play until a resumption of play has been ordered.
- Players in the process of playing a hole shall **discontinue play immediately** marking their balls and shall not resume play until a resumption of play has been ordered.



- No use of Practice facilities including the Putting Green whilst play is suspended.
- Every effort will be made to ensure that the Klaxon is sounded allowing sufficient time for everyone to evacuate the course.

If there is insufficient time to evacuate the course when the Klaxon is sounded please ensure that:

- You stand away from your golf clubs and trolley.
- You do not shelter under trees or on high ground.
- You do not evacuate the course by walking under trees.
- Do not use a mobile telephone.
- Keep as low as possible.
- Avoid standing in water.
- Do not put up an umbrella under any circumstances.

Resumption of play after suspension

- Resumption of play will be signalled by **Two prolonged notes on the Klaxon.**
- Players who are at the clubhouse will be given enough time to reach their position on the course before the Klaxon is sounded for the resumption of play.

Martin Edge | Club Secretary Manager