



Nelson Golf Club – Lightning Policy

As with fog or darkness the club has a duty of care to all users of the course.

Non – Competition

1. Senior Staff & Committee Responsibility

During any period of play should lightning within the vicinity of the course be seen, senior staff on duty have the responsibility to suspend play until play is safe to recommence.

Those staff being:

The Secretary Manager

The Professional

The Greens Staff

Suspension of Play for lightning

- Suspension of play for lightning will be signalled by **One prolonged note of the siren/klaxon.**
- Resumption of play will be signalled by **two short blasts of the siren/klaxon.**

2. Player Responsibility

Should a senior member of staff not be on duty or should the siren/klaxon not be sounded during the event of an electrical storm then it is each players responsibility to suspend play and evacuate the course.

Competitions

The decision to suspend play will be made by the Competitions Committee, Professional, Secretary Manager or Course Manager. Under rule 5.7a Individual Player Stopping Play Because of Lightning. A player may stop play if they reasonably believe there is a danger from lightning, **but** must report to the *committee* as soon as possible.

- Suspension of play for lightning will be signalled by **One prolonged note of the siren/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.
- There is to be no use of the practice facilities including the putting green whilst play is suspended.

Resumption of play after suspension

- Resumption of play will be signalled by **two short blasts of the siren/klaxon.**
- Players who are at the clubhouse will be given enough time to reach their position on the course before the siren/klaxon is sounded for the resumption of play.

Geoff Southern – Secretary Manager