



Adverse Weather Condition Policy

General

Copthorne Golf Club consider the safety of its Members and Guests the top priority during inclement weather. Weather reports and local conditions are monitored during adverse weather conditions.

In the event of adverse weather, the General Manager/pro shop/or greenkeeper on duty may at their discretion close the course and all outside practice areas.

- The course status on the website and V1 will be updated.
- A Claxon will be sounded
- If conditions permit the club will send out a staff member to let you know.

If you are unsure, please check the course status on the website or V1.

If you have been told to stop playing or the course is closed, play **MUST** be discontinued.

Copthorne Golf Club do not accept responsibility for the safety of any golfer on the course and it is therefore the responsibility of the individual golfer to remove himself/herself from any situation which is deemed unsafe.

Although the Club will take every precaution to ensure the safety of players during an adverse weather, it is a player's own responsibility to discontinue play when in his/her opinion there is a threat. It is not always possible to monitor conditions on the entire course and players have a duty of care to themselves.

In the unlikely event that adverse weather does affect play, the club will endeavour to keep any delays to an absolute minimum.

Insurance and Safety

Everyone is advised to ensure they are adequately insured whilst playing golf. In the interests of safety, please ensure no one is in range before playing a shot. Be aware of flying golf balls. All players are reminded all golf is played at own risk including all weather conditions.



What happens in competitions?

Rules of golf 5.7: Stopping Play, Resuming play. When you May or Must Stop Play.

During a round, you must not stop play **except** in these cases:

- The Committee suspends play; All players must stop play If the committee suspends play
- You believe there is a danger from lightning, in which case you must report to the Committee.
- In match play, you and your opponent may agree to stop play for any reason, **except** if doing so delays the competition. If they agree to stop play and then one player wants to resume, the agreement has ended and the other player must resume play.

If you stop play for any reason not allowed under this Rule or fail to report to the Committee when required, you are **disqualified**.

Fog Policy

In the presence of fog, the professional shop will monitor the visibility of the pin on the first green from the first tee. If visibility is below this, the golf course will be **CLOSED** until the visibility improves.

It is important to remember your responsibility as a golfer, should a bank of fog roll in whilst playing, you should not take your next shot until it is safe to do so.

Heavy Winds

The Course will be **CLOSED** if wind speeds are forecast above 50mph.

Lightning Policy

Golfers will be advised of any lightning that is evident on the course at the time of checking in, but it is the decision of the golfer whether to play or not.

In the unlikely event that lightning is evident whilst playing golf, all golfers are reminded of the procedures regarding lightning as below. A Claxon will be sounded to advise that lightening is in the vicinity.

If you have been told to stop playing or the course is closed, play **MUST be discontinued, and golfers are advised to wait for the lightning to cease before continuing the round.**

Although the Club will take every precaution to ensure the safety of players during a lightning or thunderstorm, it is a player's own responsibility to discontinue play when in his/her opinion lightening is a threat. It is not always possible to monitor conditions on the entire course and players have a duty of care to themselves.



Seeking Shelter

Do not seek shelter under trees. Trees do not protect you from lightning.

If the clubhouse is too far away, players should leave their clubs and seek protection in the nearest storm shelter or bunker and crouch down making themselves as small a target as possible (feet together, hands on knees and head tucked in).

Please note that golf buggies do NOT give protection from lightning.

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Cophthorne Golf Club recommends that all golfers adhere to the lightning policy. Failure to do so is at your own risk and we accept no liability for any golfer who fails to co-operate with this policy.

It is not the responsibility of staff to retrieve clubs, equipment or trolleys from the course during a lightning storm where play has been suspended, as their safety may be jeopardised.

In case of emergency

If someone is hit by lightning, call emergency services – they will need help as soon as possible. If you know first aid, apply it – you will not receive an electric shock. A lightning strike is not usually instantly fatal, victims' hearts and/or breathing may stop however, so quick application of CPR will likely save their life.

LIGHTNING IS A SEVERE HAZARD THAT MUST BE VIEWED SERIOUSLY