

Pryors Hayes Golf Club

Lightning Policy

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1. Pryors Hayes Golf Club consider the safety of its Members and Guests the top priority during inclement weather. Weather reports and local conditions are monitored during storm warnings. If it is decided that it is unsafe to continue to play golf as a storm approaches, the Professional Shop will sound a klaxon to call all golfers off the course and into the clubhouse.

2. If there is a risk of lightning play MUST be discontinued. Pryors Hayes Golf club is not responsible for the safety of any golfer on the course and it is therefore your responsibility to remove yourself from any situation which you deem dangerous.

3. If you see lightning or hear the klaxon (three short blasts) the following will apply:
Proceed immediately to the clubhouse.

- Do not continue to play golf and do not seek shelter under trees. Trees do not protect you from lightning.
- During competitions, if there is a lightning risk, play will be suspended and players must leave the course.
- Where play is automatically suspended on the sound of the klaxon, a player may not override the Policy decision to evacuate the course.
- Players should stop play and seek shelter any time they believe lightning threatens them, even if the klaxon has not been sounded.

4. Although the Club will take every precaution to ensure the safety of players during a thunder storm, it is a player's own responsibility to discontinue play when in his/her opinion lightning is a threat. It is not always possible to monitor conditions on the entire course and players have a duty of care to themselves. They should therefore familiarise themselves with both the Club policy and the Rules of Golf.

5. Rule 6-8.

Discontinuing Play - Rule 6-8 as stated in the R&A Rules of Golf will apply to all competitions and matches where there is a risk of lightning. The rules of golf are straightforward when lightning is a risk. Rule 6-8 makes it quite clear that a player is entitled to discontinue play if he or she believes there is danger from lightning. Although bad weather in itself is not a good reason for discontinuing play, bad weather accompanied by lightning, or the very real risk of lightning, most certainly is. Common sense dictates that play in these circumstances must be discontinued in the interests of safety. Even if the klaxon is not sounded and the player honestly believes that there is a real risk of danger from lightning, then he or she is entitled to proceed under the provisions of Rule 6-8 and discontinue play.

6. Resumption of Play – Where play has been suspended due to lightning, play must be resumed where it was discontinued, even if resumption occurs on a subsequent day.

(see Rule 6-8 R&A Rules of Golf.) When the danger has passed, 3 short blasts of the klaxon will indicate that it is safe to return to the course.

7. General

- We insist that all members adhere to the lightning policy. Failure to do so is at your own risk and Pryors Hayes Golf Club accepts no liability for any Member or Guest who fails to co-operate with any decision to suspend play and close the course.
- 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.

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

LIGHTNING IS A SEVERE HAZARD THAT MUST BE VIEWED SERIOUSLY

Addendum to Pryors Hayes Lightning Protocol - Men's Section Club Competitions

Definitions:

PHGC is Pryors Hayes Golf Club

Competition is a PHGC Men's Section Club Competition

The Committee is the PHGC Men's Competition Committee

This addendum to the PHGC Men's Section Club Competitions specifically relates in the following instance(s)

Schedule 1

a) Course closure due to an electrical storm as indicated by a PHGC club official sounding the course closure claxon as per the PHGC Lightning Protocol (available from the club).

b) Course closure due to flooded greens, course flooding, gale or hurricane force winds, snow storm, fog or other instances of adverse weather where golf cannot be played either for the safety of the player(s) or for the beneficial upkeep of the golf course.

c) Course closure for any reason deemed necessary by a PHGC official. In this case at least three members of The Committee including the Chairman of The Committee must agree.

d) The cessation of a Competition already underway as defined in The Committee Competition schedule for any reason deemed necessary by at least three members of the Committee including the Chairman of the Committee who are all in agreement.

Schedule 2

Where any one or any combination of the above instances detailed in Schedule 1 occurs where a Competition is already under way the competition results will stand as a fair result where at least twenty players have posted a valid score under the rules of the said Competition. In this instance normal Committee prize structure and/or Trophy Allocation where applicable will apply and where the Competition was deemed to be a qualifying competition under the rules of golf, handicap adjustments will be made and the player notified in the normal way.

Where any one or any combination of the above instances detailed in Schedule 1 occurs where a Competition is already under way and a player is informed that their round of golf cannot be finished, the score card will be cancelled at that point and the player will be refunded any entrance fees.

Where any one or any combination of the above instances detailed in Schedule 1 occurs where a Competition is already under way and a player has a booked and confirmed tee-time for the competition and is subsequently informed that they will be unable to tee off and play in the competition, the player will be refunded any entrance fees.

Where any one or any combination of the above instances detailed in Schedule 1 occurs prior to the commencement (first tee-time) of a Competition, the fixture may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Committee.