



YOWANI LIGHTNING POLICY – Adopted by the Board of Directors 1/3/2016

This policy applies to anyone on the golf course environs or bowls areas, whether playing or not.

Threat From Lightning

- During an electrical storm, no place is absolutely safe from lightning, but some places tend to be safer than others.
- Within the boundaries of Yowani Country Club, anyone in the open is at highest risk of injury from lightning. The main Clubhouse, Pro Shop, and residential units provide the safest protection. Fully-enclosed buses or cars with the windows closed are considered to provide the next safest protection.
- It is a condition of entry to Yowani Country Club that each person using or attending the golf or bowls facilities, members and non-members, players and non-players alike, takes personal responsibility for their own safety in dangerous lightning situations.

10 Kilometre/30 Second Alert – Dangerous Situation – Suspension of Play

- As a service to members and others using the club's facilities, Yowani Country Club subscribes to the Lightning Detection Service UBIMET recommended by Golf NSW.
- In an approaching thunderstorm, as soon as lightning is detected or estimated to have crossed the threshold of 10 km from the course, Yowani Country Club considers that a dangerous situation for players exists. It takes about 30 seconds for the thunder associated with a lightning event 10 km away to be heard.
 - Authorised persons will sound a prolonged continuous siren note from both the Pro Shop and the vicinity of the 12th green, to signal **COMPULSORY** suspension of play due to a dangerous situation.
 - ALL players **MUST** discontinue play **IMMEDIATELY**, they may mark the position of and lift their ball, and should proceed without delay to the safety of the Clubhouse.
- Yowani Country Club cannot guarantee that the siren will be audible to all players on the course. Players must take personal responsibility and take steps for their own safety:
 - As provided in the Rules of Golf, even if the Committee has not yet suspended play, or if a player is not aware play has been suspended, any player is permitted to discontinue play without penalty if he/she believes there is danger from lightning, and should then report to a Committee member.
- **Any player who fails to discontinue play immediately they become aware play has been suspended for a dangerous situation faces disqualification from the competition.**

Resumption of Play – 30 Minutes Clearance

- Once evidence of thunder or lightning has been absent for 30 minutes, the dangerous situation is considered to no longer exist, and play may be resumed.
- An authorised person may signal resumption of play before 30 minutes of last evidence of thunder or lightning, if they consider this a safe and prudent course of action (for example, to reduce the possibility of later dangerous situations arising during play).
- The signal to resume play is two short notes of the siren, repeated.
- **Scorecards:** If play is resumed, any player who elects to abandon their round must be disqualified from the competition. Their handicap record will not be marked "Not Approved".

Authorised Persons

- The following are deemed to be authorised persons in respect of this policy: CEO, Course Superintendent, Club Professional, Captain Golf (Men or Women), or any member of the Golf Match Committee.