



## **Extreme Weather Policies:**

To assist in providing a safe environment for employees and players The Barwon Valley Golf Club reserves the right to suspend play or close the course due to extreme weather of any kind including but not limited to fog, frost, snow, wind, temperature, and lightning.

Other than when the course is closed or play is suspended due to extreme weather, players are not precluded from playing on the day. All golfers must consider the weather conditions prior to commencing their round of golf and shall play at their own risk.

The extreme heat component of this policy has been developed with reference to Golf Australia and Sports Medicine Australia's Hot Weather Guidelines

<http://www.golf.org.au/site/content/document/00006997-source.pdf>

### **Fog Policy**

Play will not commence or will be suspended if the flag on the 10th hole is not visible from the counter in the Golf Shop.

Should a decision be made by the Golf Operations Manager, Club Manager or most senior Golf Operations staff member on duty to suspend play due to fog, a siren consisting of one fifteen second blast will be sounded to indicate that play has been suspended.

Players must stop immediately, mark their ball, and must not re-commence play.

The Golf Operations Manager or most senior Golf Operations staff member must advise the Club Manager and the Course Superintendent of any decision to suspend or re-commence play.

Any decision to re-commence play will be made by the Golf Operations Manager, Club Manager or most senior Golf Operations staff member. Play may re-commence when the flag on the 10th hole is visible from the counter in the Golf Shop and this will be indicated by two short blasts of the siren, repeated three times, with a pause in-between.

Upon resumption of play, players must ensure the group in front or any staff are not within hitting range before playing a stroke.

Upcoming players on the timesheet have right of way on the starting tee over players whose round has been delayed due to fog. Meaning the timesheet will recommence from when play is resumed. Players who have had their tee time impacted by fog can rebook when play has resumed if there are vacant spots.

### **Frost Policy**

Play may have to stop, not commence, or be delayed in the event of a heavy frost. A decision on frost conditions will be made by the Course Superintendent or the most senior groundsman on duty.

The Course Superintendent or most senior groundsman on duty will be responsible for informing the Golf Operations Manager and Club Manager when play can commence. When a frost occurs, no golf carts, nor member owned, and operated ride-on buggies are permitted on the course and no buggies are permitted across greens.

Players on the timesheet have right of way on the starting tee over players whose round has been delayed due to frost.

### **Heat Policy**

**Saturday competitions-** if the forecast by the BOM is 37 degrees or above, for Geelong, at 6pm on the previous evening, the timesheet will be taken down and a shotgun start timesheet will be put up by 7pm on Friday. The shotgun start will commence at 7.30am.

**Tuesday competitions-** If the forecast by the BOM is 37 degrees or above, for Geelong, at 6pm the previous evening the competition will be cancelled.

Social play can go ahead at the players own risk. Players need to hydrate and be aware of their own health issues.

**Wednesday Women's competitions-** If the forecast by the BOM is 35 degrees or above, for Geelong, at 6pm the previous evening, the competition will be cancelled.

Social play can go ahead at the players own risk. Players need to hydrate and be aware of their own health issues.

**All other competitions-** If the forecast by the BOM is 37 degrees or above, for Geelong, at 6pm the previous evening the competition will be cancelled.

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**Should the forecast by the BOM the previous evening be 42 degrees or above the course will be shut and no golf can be played.**