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Dear Members,

Precious lives are lost due to lightning strikes every year. Recently many lives have been lost in our state & in the neighbouring states due to this. We express our deep condolences on the loss of lives in such most unfortunate circumstances. For us at RCGC, safety of Members, Guests, Staff and Caddies are of top most priority.

Please find below the "RCGC Weather and Lightning Policy" for your information and strict implementation.

RCGC Weather and Lightning Policy

Dear Members,

Royal Calcutta Golf Club consider the safety of its Members, Guests and other stake holders as the top priority during inclement weather. Weather reports and local conditions are monitored during storm warnings to the best of the staff's ability and available forecasts. If it is decided that it is unsafe to continue to play golf as a storm approaches, the Course Maintenance staff will sound a siren / klaxon to call all golfers off the course and into the clubhouse.

If there is a risk of lightning, play MUST be discontinued. RCGC is not responsible for the safety of any golfer or caddie on the course during inclement weather and it is therefore the individuals' responsibility to move themselves off from any situation which they deem dangerous.



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If you see lightning or hear the siren/ klaxon (one long blast) the following will apply:

- Proceed immediately to the Main Clubhouse, 13th Shamiana or to the 10th Shamiana (whichever is nearer to your location) - these are the safest places on the course.
- Do NOT continue to play golf and do not seek shelter under the 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 siren / klaxon, a player shall not override the Policy decision and continue with the game.
- Players should stop play and seek shelter any time they believe lightning can threaten them, even if the siren / klaxon has not been sounded.
- Please note that golf buggies do NOT give protection from lightning.
- Three short blasts of the siren / klaxon will indicate that it is safe to resume play.

Although the Club will take every precaution to ensure the safety of players and caddies 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 responsibility to take care of themselves. The Club staff shall not be responsible for lightning related incidents due to unpredictable nature of lightning and our available gadgets to judge atmospheric conditions. The golfers should therefore familiarise themselves with both the Club policy and the Rules of Golf.

All adults who work for or are accompanying children, are responsible for the way in which they manage risk and the welfare of the children.



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Adults have a duty of care in this respect and accept that they should take extra responsibility when juniors are on the course during inclement weather conditions. Where a risk from lightning is foreseen, or apparent, Club staff will try to the best of its ability to take steps to reduce the risk to juniors including going out on to the course to escort them to safety.

Discontinuing Play and Resumption of Play will be governed by the **Rules of Golf 5.7**. The rules of golf are straightforward when lightning is a risk. Rule 5.7 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 siren / 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 5.7 and discontinue play.**

RCGC insists that all members adhere to the lightning policy. Failure to do so is at your own risk and Royal Calcutta Golf Club accepts no liability for any Member, Guest or Caddie who fails to co-operate with any decision to suspend play and vacate the course.

LIGHTNING IS A SEVERE HAZARD THAT MUST BE VIEWED SERIOUSLY

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