



## LIGHTNING POLICY

When lightning is detected, the Club will make a decision to suspend play. However, Rule 5.7a R&A players may elect to stop play at any time if they believe there is danger from lightning.

The rules regarding lightning apply to all persons on the premises. Including all sporting bodies, players, caddies and employees.

- Please note that Irene Country Club does not accept any responsibility for the timing of lightning warnings and any person on the premises and all people must at all times take the necessary care and precaution and are at all times responsible for their own welfare.
- When Lightning is detected, the following Sirens will apply.
  - One Long Blast – Stop Play immediately
  - Two Shorter Blasts – Resume Play
  - Three Shorter Blasts – Play Abandoned
- When the siren is sounded all players MUST discontinue play immediately (Finishing the hole or quickly putting out is not allowed and any disregard will result in immediate disqualification).
- All Players with due regard to their own safety, must return to the Clubhouse. Once the ALL CLEAR is given, adequate time for the players will be allowed to get to their respective positions to resume play. (Any player who starts before the official resumption of play will be disqualified.)

If green fee-paying golfers decide to abandon their round, rather than wait for the lightning to cease, refunds will not apply. Golfers on the first tee will be advised of any lightning that is evident or imminent, close to the course, but it is their decision whether or not to play. If they miss their tee-time as a result, reasonable endeavours will be made to reschedule either later that day or in the near future depending on availability. In an organised event, the decision to suspend or stop play lies with the tournament organiser. In the case of Tournament Play, the responsibility lies with Management staff running the tournament.