

## Meadows Golf Club Lightning Policy for Golfers

The Meadows Golf Club considers the safety of our golfers a top priority during inclement weather. Weather alerts and local conditions are closely monitored during storm watches & warnings. If it is decided that it is unsafe to continue to play golf as a storm approaches, a siren or air horn will be activated to notify golfers to return to the clubhouse.

If there is a risk of lightning, play **MUST** be discontinued. Meadows 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.

If you see lightning, hear thunder or the audible alarm 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 outings, if there is a lightning risk, play will be suspended, and players must leave the course.
- Play is automatically suspended upon activation of the siren or air horn. 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 siren or air horn has not been sounded.

Although the Club will take every precaution to ensure the safety of players during a thunderstorm, 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 familiarize themselves with both Meadows club policy and the Rules of Golf.

Resumption of Play –

When play has been suspended due to lightning, play must be resumed where it was discontinued. When the risk of lightning has diminished, golfers will be notified that it is safe to return to the course.

We insist that all golfers adhere to the lightning policy. Failure to do so is at your own risk and Meadows Golf Club accepts no liability for any golfer who fails to cooperate with any decision to suspend play and close the course. It is not the responsibility of staff to retrieve clubs, equipment or pull carts from the course during a lightning storm where play has been suspended, as their safety may be jeopardized.

Please note that gas golf carts do **NOT** give protection from lightning. **LIGHTNING IS A SEVERE HAZARD THAT MUST BE VIEWED SERIOUSLY.**