

## PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN CASE OF A STORM

### SUSPENSION OF PLAY

Adverse weather conditions may result in a suspension of play in accordance with Rule 5.7. In the event of a suspension, the Committee will notify players using an audible signal to indicate both the suspension and the resumption of play.

The following signals will usually be used to suspend or resume play:

- Immediate stop for imminent danger: **ONE PROLONGED NOTE** OF A SIREN
- Stop for a non-dangerous situation: **THREE CONSECUTIVE NOTES** OF A SIREN
- Resumption of play: **TWO CONSECUTIVE NOTES** OF A SIREN

### COURSE EVACUATION PLAN

Players will receive a detailed Course Evacuation Plan (usually at the back of the local rules). Players must familiarize with the evacuation procedure as well as identify the evacuation sites.

Once play is stopped by the Committee, the players must comply with the evacuation procedure with no delay.

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The three main dangers are:

- A 'direct' lightning strike from above,
- An 'indirect' lightning strikes from the side (from a tree),
- The risk of ground current which passes from foot to foot.

➡ It is the peak effect that attracts lightning.

➡ **Keep as low as possible** regarding your immediate environment and keep away from high points (trees, pylons...). **Cover as little surface area** as possible in relation to the ground by keeping your feet together.

#### AVOID

- Making a swing during a storm (a club pointed at the sky is a very dangerous lightning conductor)
- A pointed umbrella with a metal handle
- Open areas, the summits of hills or mountains
- Being near an isolated tree
- Pylon, metal wires, metal fences, overhead wiring and power lines
- High ground or hollows near a water source
- Water (river, ponds, swimming pools, beaches)

#### SEEK

- Sandy areas including flat bunkers (not flooded)
- Dense woods (at least ten trees) keeping at least 5 meters between you and the nearest tree trunk
- Maintenance shelters with the doors and windows closed
- The Club House with the doors and windows closed