When you hear thunder

PUT SAFETY FIRST

AS SOON AS YOU HEAR THUNDER...

SEEK

- Large permanent building
- Lowest elevation area
- Large enclosed vehicle (car, van or truck)

AVOID

- Tall objects (trees, poles)
- Small shelters
- Large, open areas
- Elevated areas
- All metal objects including:
  > Golf clubs & carts
  > Metal fences
  > Maintenance machinery
  > Power lines

If sudden, nearby lightning does not permit evacuation:

1. Spread out from your group.
2. Squat down, tuck your head and cover your ears.
3. Head for the safest place as soon as immediate threat passes.

STOPPING PLAY IN COMPETITIONS

You have the right to stop play if you reasonably believe there is danger from lightning – even if the Committee has not suspended play (Rule 5.7).

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