

New information sheet "Golf during thunderstorms" for match management from VDE and DGV

- **Information on hazard assessment, protective measures and evacuation plans**
- **Golf courses particularly dangerous places during thunderstorms**
- **Info sheet available free of charge**

(Frankfurt a. M., 02.05.2023) Just in time for the start of tournaments in May, the VDE (Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies), the DGV (German Golf Association) and the Golf Association of North Rhine-Westphalia are publishing a new information sheet that provides match directors with important recommendations on how to conduct golf tournaments when thunderstorms are imminent. The information sheet provides information on protective measures to be taken in preparation for the tournament and offers assistance in drawing up evacuation plans. The experts from the VDE Lightning Protection and Research Committee also answer the question of when the tournament organizers must interrupt a tournament and how they can inform the participants of this.

In recent years, the information service of Siemens has registered an average of more than one million lightning strikes per year in Germany. Due to their topography, golf courses are among the most dangerous places during thunderstorms: The distance to buildings with lightning protection is particularly large here, free-standing trees and groups of trees as well as hilltops and elevated positions are magnets for lightning strikes. The risk of serious lightning accidents, in which people are injured or even die, is therefore particularly high on the green.

The information sheet (in German) is available free of charge for download [here](#). More information at www.vde.com/golf-bei-gewitter

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