



PROCEDURE FOR COURSE CLOSURE

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Whilst it must always be our directive to make the course open for members and visitors to play, there will be occasions when the course must be closed in order to protect it from long term damage. The following procedure is recommended:

Stage 1- Using Temporary Greens, Mats and Temporary tees

The Head Greenkeeper or Duty Greenkeeper has the authority to decree that temporary facilities are used depending on the state of each tee or green and must advise the Office and the Professional immediately.

This arrangement will be reviewed by the Head Greenkeeper, at a time agreed with the Manager. Should the conditions have, in the Head Greenkeepers opinion, improved sufficiently then the decision will be reversed.

Stage 2 - Closing Part or Whole of Course

The Head Greenkeeper has the authority to close the course, or part of the course, when he considers that it is not fit for play or that long term damage would result from play.

In the Head Greenkeepers absence the Duty Greenkeeper has the authority to close the course in the first instance. This decision to be reviewed as soon as possible by the Head Greenkeeper (if subsequently available), the Manager, the Green Chairman, the Captain or a member of the Green Committee in this order of precedence. Once the decision has been taken that the course is closed the following action is to be taken:

- ✎ Information boards showing "Course Closed" are to be displayed on the Main Driveway, all starting tees and outside the Men's locker room entrance. The boards on the tees will also show the words "Play Prohibited".
- ✎ A review time is to be set for when the course will be inspected by the decision maker who will ascertain if conditions have improved to warrant the course being opened. The time that the review is to take place is to be given to the Office and Professional to enable them to inform members of the situation.
- ✎ Players who may be on the course when the decision is taken that the course is closed, must stop play and leave the course when they reach any starting tee. A board showing "Play Prohibited" will be displayed to remind them.