



Criteria required for course closure and delay or suspension of play

Main Points

1. Are ground conditions in the general area of the course unfit for golf?
2. Are ground conditions on the putting surfaces unfit for golf?
3. Could golfers, by playing on the course that day, cause any long-term damage?

Points also to be considered

1. The number of golfers intending to play e.g. one fourball, a competition or visiting society.
2. Trying to avoid heavy wear on the course prior to a competition weekend.
3. Consider postponing club competitions during the winter, if the course is looking vulnerable after a period of poor weather.
4. Consideration should be given to the effects that continued play will have on the greens during the autumn and winter months. Particularly when surfaces are vulnerable to damage.

Trolley and Buggy Bans

1. Walkways around tees and greens vulnerable to damage caused by wheels during periods of prolonged wet weather or frost.
2. Buggy users to be requested to keep to the rough & wells away from tees and greens from November to March.

Frost and Thaw

1. Competitions: The start of a competition will be delayed for poor visibility for up to 90 minutes. If the delay exceeds this time the competition will be cancelled.
2. Condition will be deemed acceptable when the purple post on the left-hand side of the fairway is visible from the 1st tee (approximately 250 yards).
3. Suspension of play will be a prolonged note of the klaxon.

Points To Remember

1. From time to time, it may be necessary to have only a limited number of holes or temporary holes open, to enable some form of play.
2. Please be assured that any decision to close the course is not taken lightly and every effort will be made to get the course open for golf again as soon as possible.
3. Any decision to close the course is made for the benefit of your course.
4. Members are reminded that they do have a responsibility to replace divots and repair all their pitch marks.

Thank you for your cooperation

Peter Irwin

Greens Director

Frost Delay Procedure

Weekdays

1	Course Manager or Deputy to inspect the course and evaluate the time delay.
2	Course Manager or Deputy to post Next Course Inspection Time , both on the course status section on Club V1 and the frost delay board outside the Pro Shop.
3	Course Manager or Deputy to carry out a course inspection at the posted time and report his decision to the Pro Shop within 15 minutes.
4	If the frost delay is likely to remain for long period of time, the Course Manager or Deputy will need to update the course status section on Club V1.

5	If the frost cover is in a transient state, the Course Manager or Deputy will keep the Pro Shop updated at reasonable intervals until the delay is lifted.
6	When the course is fully open the following applies: 1. Members in and around the clubhouse should be informed. 2. The course status section on Club V1 will need to be updated. 3. Frost delay signage taken down. This can be carried out by either the Course Manager, Deputy or Pro Shop.

Weekends

1	Course Manager or Deputy to inspect the course and evaluate the time delay.
2	Course Manager or Deputy to post Next Course Inspection Time , both on the course status section on Club V1 and the frost delay board outside the Pro Shop.
3	Greenstaff handover to Golf Manager
4	Golf Manager or Deputy to carry out course inspection at the posted time and report his decision to the Pro Shop within 15 minutes.
5	If the frost delay is likely to remain for long period of time, the Golf Manager, Deputy or Pro Shop will need to update the course status section on Club V1.
6	If the frost cover is in a transient state, the Golf Manager or Deputy will keep the Pro Shop updated at all reasonable intervals until the delay is lifted.
7	When the course is fully open the following applies: 1. Members in & around the clubhouse should be informed. 2. The course status section on Club V1 will need to be updated. 3. Frost delay signage taken down. This will be the responsibility of either the Golf Manager, Deputy or the Pro Shop.
8	The Golf Manager or Deputy should always try to consult with the Course Manager if they feel unsure what decision to make.

Sam Cook

Course Manager