



Course Closure Policy:

Course Closure due to:

1. Dangerous Conditions/Weather:

The course may be closed and play suspended if it is considered that the weather conditions are such that there is a significant danger to players on the course due to lightening, fog or mist.

The Professional on duty, senior green-keeper on duty or the Course Director (if available) will determine if play should be suspended under these adverse weather conditions, and will arrange for the use of an air horn to indicate the closure/suspension of play. One long blast to suspend play and a series of short blasts to indicate a resumption of play.

If possible the half-way house will also be contacted by the duty professional and an air horn will also be sounded there.

Players are reminded that it is also their own responsibility to suspend play and safely leave the course under their own initiative should they consider the weather conditions represent a danger to themselves and/or other players.

The resumption of play (if possible) will be under the guidance of the Professional on duty, senior green-keeper on duty or the Course Director

FOG POLICY: this policy is to ensure the safety of golfers and staff. These guidelines are to be implemented when thick fog is present on the course and visibility is limited. It is the responsibility of the Professional on duty, senior green-keeper on duty or the Course Director to implement this policy and its procedures.

If the marker on the 1st fairway is not visible from the Competition (white) 1st tee YOU MUST NOT COMMENCE PLAY.

It is recognised that fog can affect different parts of the course and that conditions can change from minute to minute, however, during play it is incumbent upon each player to assess the risks to themselves and others and to take appropriate action.

Players must ensure that the group ahead is out of hitting range before playing any shot.

Advice regarding play in foggy conditions may be sought from the duty professional or the duty green keeper, but if present at the course the Course Director will decide upon course playability.

2. Damage to the Course:

The course shall be closed if it is considered that long term damage will be caused to the course due to the current or expected adverse weather conditions. The Head Green-keeper or his nominated deputy will determine closure under these conditions during weekdays. Closure at weekends is to be determined by the green keeper on duty.

At the time of closure the green keeper closing the course must notify the Professional on duty without delay (so that members can be informed) and then inform the Course Director or his nominated deputy.

Members already on the course:

In the event of closure under option 2 above, any members already on the course will be notified by the green staff, and must leave the course immediately.

Course re-opening:

The objective is to re-open the course for members and guests as soon as the conditions permit, and are consistent with not damaging the course. The green-keeper closing the course must monitor conditions and liaise with the Course Director or his nominated deputy, whichever has been informed at the closure stage. At weekends if the conditions closing the course are not going to apply all day the green keeper on duty that closed the course **must not leave** the club premises until either:

- He has opened the course or he has handed over management of the situation to either the Course Director or his nominated deputy, (whoever was informed at closure), and the green keeper must get positive agreement from the Course Director or nominated deputy that they have taken responsibility for the course closure and opening process.
- The course is to remain closed for the remainder of that day.
- The responsibility to re-open the course should not be passed to the Professional Shop.

East Brighton Golf Club operates a policy of playing in frost conditions when it considered practical and sensible to do so.

- However should conditions exist that require the course to be closed, as determined by the duty green keeper or the Course Director/nominated deputy, play will either not start that day or must stop immediately should players already be on the course. Players on the course will be advised by the green staff that they must leave the course immediately.
- When the course is operating under frost conditions, players can play to the appropriate flags on each green.
- Play for that day will be indicated by notices in the area of the 1st tee and on the wall directly below the Professional shop, and if possible the status of the course will be indicated on the club website.
- Players are reminded that play can only commence from the 1st tee.

Peter Brookshaw
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