



SAFETY CODE FOR GOLFERS

1. PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

To ensure that you and other course users have a safe and enjoyable round of golf please follow the instructions below and always be aware whilst on the course or practice areas of the actions of other golfers:

- Do not play your stroke until the players in front are out of range particularly when teeing off on blind holes i.e. the 1st, 8th & 10th.
- Do not play your stroke when there is a danger of hitting other players or spectators.
- Ensure that no-one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, ball or any objects like stones or twigs when you make a stroke or practice swing.
- Do not stand where you are likely to be hit by a ball played by your playing partners or other players on the course.
- If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional shout of warning in such situations is "fore".
- Players should always alert greenstaff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.
- If a rocket is set off it means the course is closed for safety reasons, if this happens please return to the club house via the most direct safe route.
- Always use the steps that are provided around the course.
- In adverse weather/ground conditions:
 - Do not access or exit tees or greens using steep banks, be aware steps and temporary tees may be slippery.
 - In adverse weather/ground conditions take care on all slopes around the course. Ensure footwear is appropriate for the conditions.
 - In adverse weather/ground conditions a player must exercise their best judgement in determining whether they are placing themselves at risk by playing a stroke from a steep bank. If this is the case then the best option may be to deem the ball unplayable under penalty of one stroke (Rule 28).
- Do not enter any of the water hazards on the course.

2. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

During times of poor visibility, or when ground conditions on the course are deemed unsafe for play the following procedures will be followed.

Fog and Mist

1. In times of poor visibility the Head Greenkeeper or the First Assistant will decide if the course should be closed for safety reasons.



2. When the above persons are not available then either the staff in the Pro Shop or the General Manager [depending who is on site] will be responsible for making the decision.
3. The course will only re-open when the situation has been re-assessed and considered safe by any of the following employees: Head Greenkeeper, First Assistant, Pro Shop staff or General Manager.

Ice & Snow

1. In conditions of ice or snow on the course the Head Greenkeeper or the First Assistant are responsible for deciding to close the course.
2. Only the Head Greenkeeper, First Assistant or the General Manager can open the course when it has been closed due to conditions relating to ice and snow.

Course Closure During Play

1. If when play is taking place the course needs to be closed a rocket will be set off by the Pro-Shop staff. The course can be closed for any of the following:
 - a. If lightening occurs in the area the course will be closed.
 - b. If heavy rain, sleet or snow occurs making it difficult or potentially become difficult to walk on the course the course will be closed.
2. The decision to close the course in these circumstances lie with the Head Greenkeeper, the First Assistant or the staff in the Pro-Shop.
3. The course will only re-open when one of the above decides that it is safe to re-open the course.

Procedure when the Course is re-opened

1. If the course is closed at the start of the day: When the course is re-opened players will tee off in the order in which they would have played had the course opened as normal, i.e. as they appear on the tee sheets.
2. If play is suspended: When play recommences time will be given for the players who were playing the course to walk back to the hole they were playing before new groups tee off from either the 1st or 10th tee. Once players resuming their game have reached the 1st or 10th green play will recommence in the order in which players appear on the tee sheets.

Use of Buggies

1. It is the responsibility of the Head Greenkeeper or the First Assistant to decide if it is unsafe to use buggies on the course.
2. An assessment will be made each morning before play commences and the pro shop will be informed accordingly.
3. On any day when it is considered unsafe to use buggies on the course the Head Greenkeeper or the First Assistant will re-assess the situation after 3 hours and if conditions have improved allow Buggies to be used.