



Golf Course Closure Policy

At Windlesham Golf Club we aim to offer all year round golf, however due to the nature of our Site profile, there will be occasions when the course is deemed "Unfit" for play.

The Golf Course Manager, or a Senior Member of the Agronomy Team will liaise with Golf Operations in declaring the course closed and for its re-opening. The decision will be made on a hole by hole assessment not on the area and surfaces immediately close to the Maintenance facility / Clubhouse area. This decision to close / suspend play on the golf course will be made at the earliest possible moment.

Reasons that will be taken into consideration when deciding on the Golf Course closure are as followed:

- **Long Term Agronomic Damage:-**

After periods of poor weather the course may be closed if the Course Manager in his professional opinion believes it will create some long term agronomic damage.

- **Members and Guests safety:-**

Ground conditions which are considered to be dangerous and are slip hazards.

- **Fog:-**

If visibility has dropped to a level where golfers cannot see the Fairway Bunkers on the 1st / 10th due to the fog, then the course will be deemed unfit for play and Unsafe. It will remain closed until the visibility improves to a safe level decided by regular inspections and communication between the Course Manager and the Pro Shop. This decision to re-open will be based on the Fog Conditions over the whole site, not just the area immediately close to the Clubhouse. If the fog problem occurs during play the klaxon will be sounded to signify that golfers must return to the clubhouse by the safest possible route.

- **Thunder / Lightning:-**

At the first signs that an electrical storm may be coming close to the course, including flashes of lightning the course will be deemed unfit for play. The klaxon will sound notifying the golfers that they should vacate the course at the earliest opportunity, by the safest route available.

- **Excessive High Wind:-**

If the strength of the wind becomes such that flying debris, i.e. branches, twigs, sand particles, etc, may cause injury to golfers, then the course will be deemed unfit for play. . The klaxon will sound notifying the golfers that they should vacate the course at the earliest opportunity, by the safest route available.



- **Snow:-**

During periods of heavy snow the course will be closed. While the snow is melting, some areas on the course will be dangerous to play for some time after. The Course Manager will decide on whether the course is safe or if some parts of the course may be playable, in which case that part of the course may be re-opened.

The decision will be displayed on all relevant notice boards at the earliest possible time. After the decision of closure, the Golf Course condition will be reviewed regularly (as necessary) or as soon as possible if more remedial work has been required. Where necessary an estimated review time will be posted, although this is only a guide as conditions can improve quicker or slower than estimated depending on the variable climatic conditions.

This will be communicated to the golfers through several methods:-

- The Golf Course Twitter Account
- The Golf Course Information Board by the Car Park
- Contacting the Pro Shop.
- Golf Clubs website.