

## **Winter Rules**

Winter rules are normally in place between October and the end of April but this may vary dependent on weather conditions. Check notice boards close to the 1st Tee to be sure.

### **When in use the following rules apply:**

A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned.

(Notes:- Closely Mown Area means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less and does not include the first cut of rough. (Includes aprons and immediate Through the Green is the whole area of the course except a) The teeing ground and Putting Green of the hole being played and b) All hazards on the course.)

Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position.

Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4).

If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it has been placed, Rule 20-3d applies.

If the ball when placed, comes to rest on the spot on which it has been placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

A plugged ball through the green other than on closely mown areas, may be lifted cleaned and dropped within 1 club length.

In order to protect the greens and the pin position, the first putt may be played without removing the flagstick, except in a competition.