

Market Rasen Golf Club Course Closure Policy

MARKET RASEN



GOLF CLUB

Introduction

Closure of the Golf Course may be necessary at certain times due to prevailing weather conditions or other circumstances. This action is taken to ensure the safety of golfers and other persons on the course or to prevent damage to the course.

The purpose of this document is to lay down the Clubs policy for Course Closure. A decision to re-open the course may be taken at any time after an inspection by an authorized person who will ensure that it is safe to resume play.

Electrical Storms

Lightning strikes can present a major danger to golfers on the open golf course. When thunder storms are imminent or present positive action needs to be taken to ensure that the golfers are aware of the danger and that they take shelter or leave the course. Play should be suspended promptly.

Note

Thunderstorms can be heard from some distance and on occasion can be in the vicinity, but not affect the course. The person responsible for Course Closure must carefully observe the prevailing weather conditions before taking action. A hasty decision may be regretted later, particularly if a major tournament is in progress.

Flooding or Waterlogging of the Course

Action to close the course may be taking for the following reasons;

- (a) Flooding or waterlogging of areas of the course, in particular the greens during or following heavy periods of rain may make the course unplayable and to allow play may cause damage to the turf and playing surface. A course inspection would be needed to confirm this.

Lying snow or Heavy frost

Play is not possible when snow or heavy frost is lying on the course and should not be permitted until all playing areas are clear.

Note

Turf on the course, especially on the greens is susceptible to damage when frozen sub-soil is thawing. Play should never be allowed in these conditions, although temporary greens can provide an alternative solution.

Fog and Mist

When fog reduces visibility to less than 200 yards, closure of the course will be necessary in the interest of the safety of players, course staff and persons using the public rights of way.

Note

Visibility can vary on different parts of the course, however a full course inspection may be necessary in some circumstances to confirm the need to close or re-open the course.

Special Circumstances

Certain circumstances may necessitate total or partial closure of the course, for example; accidents, emergencies, maintenance or major project works.

Course Closure Procedure

Responsibility for the course, The Course manager along with the Director of Golf has the authority to close and re-open the course, in their absence the senior greens staff on duty. When neither are available the action may be authorized by the Club Professional, Manager or Director.

Course Closure - Action to be taken

When the decision has been made to close the course, the official responsible for the decision is to ensure that;

- The course closed sign is placed on the notice board at the entrance to the car park with details of when the situation will be next reviewed.
- The Club website and information line have been updated.
- The Club office staff, Club Professional, House staff and Caterer are advised of the action taken.

Whenever a major tournament or completion is about to begin or is in progress, the official responsible for the decision informs the event organizer at the earliest opportunity. If the reason for the closure implies a threat or a danger to golfers already on the course, the official responsible for the decision is to take immediate action by sounding the Klaxon.

When the course is re-opened the official responsible for the decision is to ensure that all actions above are reversed.