

HELSEBY GOLF CLUB

GREENS POLICY DOCUMENT

TITLE	RULES AND GUIDELINES
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OWNER	COG
PURPOSE	To document a list of rules and guidelines that emphasises the contribution of members of the club, the green staff and visitors in the maintenance and development of the course. It also ensures that every effort will be made to allow wheeled transport to be used throughout the year although this may not always be the case.
BACKGROUND	The importance of, each player's contribution to the continued improvement in the course is not always demonstrated by their actions on the course. There is a consistent pattern over the recent past to educate players through the use of signs, rules, markings, etc. and that process must continue.
CURRENT SITUATION	Rules involving course closure, trolley bans, white lines, dotted lines, hoops, pitch-marks, divots, etc. have all been in place and have largely been successful, although not 100% - this remains the target.
PLAN	To continue to educate the players with rules and guidelines and to review their success on an annual basis. The following headings and narrative represent the key areas of importance.

Course Closure

We will endeavour to keep the course open as much as possible. Consideration will be given to phased playing restrictions prior to closure & on reopening

- Those empowered to close the course are the Head Greenkeeper, the Captain or the Chairman of Green.
- The Head Greenkeeper should be consulted prior to any decision being made to close the course.
- Whenever the prevailing conditions require a decision to be made on the suitability of the course for play, there will be a course inspection prior to the commencement of play.
- The prime factor determining course closure will be the condition of the greens and safety issues, however other course conditions may also be taken into account.
- All course closures will be notified to members on the weather line (01928 723063) at 8.30am during the week and the professional shop at weekends and Bank Holidays - a further inspection will be required to re-open the course. Supplementary 'Course Status' information will be made available via the club's website.
- The Weather line will be timed and dated.

Trolleys and Buggies

- The Green Committee shall maintain a consistent approach to the use of trolleys and buggies.
- The approach will be to ensure that a restriction on trolley/buggy use will be a last resort.
- Any restriction on their use will be put in place solely to protect the course (or part of the course) or for safety reasons.
- Notifications will be made by; Weather line, Website, E-Mail and signs at the club.

Pitch Marks, Divots and Bunkers

Players will be instructed to play their part in course maintenance e.g.:-

- Replace divots.
- Repair pitch marks.
- Rake bunkers.

Pond Health

- Ducks and fish will not be fed – causes cloudy water and lazy ducks.
- No domestic pond plants are to be planted in the ponds.

Priority of Green staff

- Green staff carrying out work on the course shall have priority.
- Players should wait until the work is completed or until invited to play.
- Green staff should also offer due consideration to golfers playing the course.

Issues and Concerns

- All issues and concerns of members should be addressed to the Green Committee members and preferably in writing either by letter or through the suggestions book.
- Matters should be raised with the Hon Secretary, not directly with members of the green staff