

COURSE CONDITIONS – CLOSURE / RESTRICTIONS MATRIX

	Condition 1 (Slightly Wet)	Condition 2 (Moderately Wet)	Condition 3 (Very Wet)	Condition 4 (Frost)
Description of Conditions	Waterlogging of one or more greens with only small areas of waterlogging on fairways. No significant visible puddles of water on other grassed areas of the course,	Waterlogging of some greens with Significant areas of waterlogging on fairways and on the approach and departure routes for tees and greens	Water logging of greens with extensive areas of waterlogging throughout the course and associated extensive quantities of standing water or snow and or ice.	In the event of extensive early morning frost the course will be closed till frost has completely thawed.
Why Restrictions are necessary	Greens with their shorter grass and extensive use during each individual round are at high risk of soil compaction and grass root damage if used when waterlogged. In such circumstances, grass affected is likely to die or take a long time to recover. The resulting appearance is brown or bare patches, which will be evident during the spring and into the summer.	In this scenario greens will be damaged as described for condition 1. Fairways and temporary greens are also at risk from soil complication and root damage, though the risk is less because grass is generally longer and use is less intense. However the risk of soil compaction, root damage and additional direct turf damage is considerable in the areas subjected to concentrated use i.e. where buggies and trolleys pass continually over the same areas when approaching or departing from tees and greens.	In such conditions the course will be generally unplayable and the whole course is at risk of damage if used.	Although it's acknowledged that some courses remain open during frost, there's clear evidence that grass on greens will suffer damage if used during frost and this risk is greatest when the frost is thawing. Other courses remain open because their grass is of a different type that's less susceptible to frost damage, or for commercial reasons there is a disregard of the damage that frost will cause.
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Closure of Main Greens / use of Temporary Greens	Yes - for greens affected	Yes for greens affected	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Closures of Some Holes	Not Applicable	Yes for holes with waterlogged fairways or areas around tees and greens seriously affected by water	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Closure of Course	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Yes	Yes till Frost thaws
Hire Buggies	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	As per prevailing conditions
Private Buggies	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	As per prevailing conditions
Buggies for disabled using restricted route	Permitted	Permitted	Not Permitted	As per prevailing conditions
Trolleys (pull or electric)	Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	As per prevailing conditions
Carrying	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	As per prevailing conditions