

Minchinhampton Golf Club Course Closure Protocol

Purpose. The purpose of developing closure protocols is so that staff and members understand the need to sometimes close or otherwise protect the courses in extremes of weather.

In the normal course of events, course closures are due to excessively wet or foggy conditions. In most cases, the bad weather is clear from early in the morning and decisions are taken at that point for the day.

Morning Decision. The Senior Greenkeeper present on site (normally Course Manager or Deputy) will communicate with the Professional Shop staff and confirm what restrictions are necessary, the outlook for the day, and the frequency of reviews. The green staff will post this information on the Club website as early as possible in the morning, but will ensure the email facility is de-activated.

The Professional Staff will email, via Intelligent Golf (IG), the field of players booked in for that particular day to advise the up-to-date situation.

In the case of fog the decision to open the courses will lie solely with the Starter on duty. If no Starter is on duty the decision will then be made by the Pro Shop Team.

Decisions in the case of sharp deterioration after play has commenced. The Senior Greenkeeper on site will determine the extent of the new conditions and the likelihood of damage to the turf if play continues. In the event of continued play causing severe damage this person will advise the Pro Shop that the Course will close and alter the website accordingly. The Pro Shop staff will be responsible for touring the course to alert players to the need to cease playing and clear the course.

The Pro Shop will then advise, via IG, anyone booked in for the remainder of the day.

In the event of no greenkeepers being on site, the Head Pro will communicate with the Course Manager or one of his Deputies and agree a tactic for the remainder of the day.

Lightning. In the case of Lightning please refer to the '*MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB LIMITED (Old and New Courses) Adverse Weather Conditions - Policy and Procedures*'

This policy is effective from August 2017.