Bulbury Woods
HOBURNE GOLF

ADVERSE COURSE CONDITION & WEATHER POLICY

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General

- Spurk mats for tees & fairways are not compulsory, but we would appreciate if players would use one when preferred lies are in play.
- Winter trolley wheels are not compulsory, but we would appreciate if players would consider using when preferred lies are in play.
- The use of carry bags whilst preferred lies in play is appreciated. This will help greatly in preserving the course during the winter months.
- Please keep buggies and trolleys off approaches and at least 5 metres from greens. If this rule would cause difficulties to anyone due to a medical condition, they should discuss with us what arrangements can be made.
- Members should check Course Status on the Club Website and HowDidIdo App, this will be updated no later than 20 minutes prior to the 1st tee time of the day.

Course Closure

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

The most Senior Greens Staff on duty has the authority to close and re-open the Course. In the absence of Greens Staff decisions will be made by the Club Manager or most senior Golf Operations team member.

Course inspections will take place daily by the course management team, there could be 2 decisions:

1. Course temporarily closed. A further review will take place by 9am, when a decision will be made to re-open, extend the temporary closure, or close the course for the day. All tee times during a temporary closure will be cancelled.
2. Close the course for the day.

Frost

- At times of heavy frost there could be a temporary ban on buggies, this ban will be lifted once the frost disperses.
- Thawing greens – Turf on the Course, especially on the greens, is particularly susceptible to damage when frozen sub-soil is thawing. The use of temporary greens can provide an alternate solution and protect the main greens from excessive damage.

Fog and Mist

When fog reduces visibility to less than 250 yards closure of the course will be necessary in the interests of the safety of players, course staff and persons using the public rights of way.

Lightning Risk

Players are responsible for their own safety when there is a lightning risk (Rules of Golf, 5.7a).

Course Evacuation

Fog or lightning audible warning: three short blasts on klaxon. When the klaxon is sounded in fog, at any time, or when lightning risk exists during a competition, play is suspended and players MUST leave the course.

Buggies & Trolleys

We would encourage all players, who are able to do so, to use carry bags if they are playing in the winter months even if it means a reduced number of clubs in the bag.

Restricted Buggy Use

There are occasions when it will be necessary for the safety of golfers to restrict the use of buggies due to the course and weather conditions. This will be declared by the most Senior Greens Staff on duty where conditions:

- Present Health and Safety issues, or
- will lead to excess damage to the course.

Where there is Restricted Buggy use, only the following will be able to use buggies: Members and visitors with a medical exemption certificate, where in the opinion of their doctor they are unable to play or have undue difficulty in playing golf without the use of a buggy because:

- They are suffering from a disability within the meaning of Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 or any statutory modification thereof, OR
- Their medical or physical condition precludes the physical carrying of golf clubs for a full 18 hole round either permanently or long term, OR
- Their medical or physical condition precludes them from being able to walk for a full 18-hole round for a period specified by their Doctor.

Buggy Ban

A total buggy ban will be applied in circumstances where, in the opinion of the most Senior Greens Staff on duty the course or parts of the course, the environment, or the weather;

- are unfit and/or unsafe for buggy use, or
- present Health and Safety issues for the users of buggies, or other users of the course including our staff.

In these circumstances no members or visitors will be permitted to use buggies, irrespective of the person's possession of a medical exemption certificate.

Trolley / Mobility Scooter Ban

A total trolley/mobility scooter ban will be applied in circumstances where, in the opinion of the most Senior Greens Staff on duty the course or parts of the course, the environment, or the weather;

- would lead to excessive course damage.
- are unfit and/or unsafe for trolley/mobility scooter, or
- present Health and Safety issues for the users of trolley/mobility scooter, or other users of the course including our staff.

In these circumstances no members or visitors will be permitted to use trolleys/mobility scooters, motorised or otherwise, irrespective of the person's possession of a medical exemption certificate.

Course Restriction Levels

Course restrictions will be simplified using the following levels:

1 Frost - Temporary Ban on Trolleys & Buggies

2 Restricted Buggy Use

3 No Buggies

4 Carry Only

5 Partial Course Closure

6 Course Closed

Note:

Whilst restrictions may be necessary for health and safety reasons or to protect damage to the course, we are always happy to discuss with anyone any issues this may cause, especially where these are caused by a disability or medical condition, and we encourage users to raise any particular needs they may have with us.