

## COURSE CLOSURE POLICY

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This document provides clarity on the approach to course closures at Scarborough North Cliff Golf Club. Decisions are based on the following principles:

1. Course primacy – The course is the club’s primary asset and without maintaining a high quality playing surface the club will not be able to operate sustainably long term.
2. Open when possible – The club wishes to allow members the maximum opportunity to enjoy the course throughout the year, without jeopardising the club’s future.
3. Safety first – The course will never be open when the safety of staff, players or people surrounding the course is at unreasonable risk.

Status	Considerations	Player / Member obligations
<b>COURSE CLOSED – safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High winds (above 38mph) present risks from tree falls and stray balls.</li> <li>• Poor visibility is a risk to fellow players or people close to the course.</li> <li>• Electrical storms presents an immediate lethal risk.</li> <li>• Underfoot conditions can create unacceptable slip and fall risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Do not attempt to play.</li> <li>➤ Always check that the course is open before teeing off (App or signs). <u>Note</u> – greenkeeping staff may still be on the course.</li> <li>➤ Suspend play immediately and take appropriate action immediately in electrical storms.</li> </ul>
<b>COURSE CLOSED – excessive damage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snow rendering course unplayable.</li> <li>• Frost in the subsurface risks root shear damage unless properly thawed.</li> <li>• Flooded or waterlogged ground will be damaged by excessive footfall.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Do not continue to play if you cannot see the clear distance of your intended shot.</li> </ul>
<b>COURSE OPEN – with conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underfoot conditions are suboptimal</li> <li>• Some or all holes <i>will</i> have temporary greens</li> <li>• Winter tees, preferred lies and fairway mats <i>are</i> in play.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Carry if you can.</li> <li>➤ Winter wheels on trollies.</li> <li>➤ Mobility buggies (with medical certification) only on holes 1, 2, 16, 17 &amp; 18</li> <li>➤ No club rental buggies.</li> </ul>
<b>COURSE OPEN – with conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underfoot conditions are wet but improving</li> <li>• Some or all holes <i>may</i> have temporary greens</li> <li>• Winter rules, lies and mats <i>may</i> be in play.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Carrying helps but all trollies ok.</li> <li>➤ Mobility buggies ok.</li> <li>➤ Club buggies ok.</li> </ul>
<b>COURSE OPEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No restrictions.</li> </ul>

It is up to the greenkeeping staff to assess the playing conditions and make a determination. They are guided and authorised by the club manager and ultimately the management board. For further specific information please see high winds and poor visibility policies.