

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

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.