

We would like to make you aware of some of the arrangements for play on the courses during winter 2017/18.

### **Preferred lies from 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Preferred lies will be in operation from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 on all courses, although whilst mats are in use, preferred lies are only relevant when players are putting or playing similar shots from around greens.

### **Mats in operation from 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Fairway mats will be in operation on the Old, New, Jubilee, Eden and Strathtyrum Courses from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. Mats will continue to be used on the Old Course until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The Castle Course closes after play on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and when it re-opens on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 will remain on mats until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Mats will not be in use on the Balgove Course over this period.

Please follow [this link](#) for correct use of mats on the fairway.

### **Trolleys on the Old Course**

The limitation on the use of trolleys will correspond with the use of mats on the Old Course and so trolleys will not be permitted on the Old Course from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 inclusive. There is no restriction on the use of trolleys on any other course over the winter period.

### **Old Course closures in November and February/March**

The Old Course will be closed for winter maintenance on the following dates:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### **Additional Local Rule**

Any bunker being repaired will be marked with a white line or rope and deemed to be Ground Under Repair "through the green." Play is prohibited from these bunkers and if a golfer's ball lies within this marked area, or if the area interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 25-1b(i).

### **Old Course Start-times in Low Season**

During the Low Season (between November and March) there are frequently days when there are several spaces on the Old Course. In February 2012, the Links Management Committee introduced a new booking process which would assist a golfer in securing one of these unallocated times after the 48 hour ballot had been drawn.

This booking system will be re-introduced for the period of play from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and is as follows:-

*Once the Ballot has been published and prior to the day of play, a golfer may phone our Clubhouse Reception on 01334 466666 and reserve a fully available start-time, ie a start-time with no golfers attached to it. These start-times will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.*

*The Old Course Starter will still allocate any empty start-times in person on the day.*

A notice will be added to the Ballot webpage to this effect and we hope that this will once again ease the process of securing an available start-time.

### **Eden Course**

The estuary hole on the Eden Course will come into play from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 inc. Golfers will complete the 4<sup>th</sup> hole, walk to the 6<sup>th</sup> before playing the estuary hole and continue to play the original 7<sup>th</sup> hole onwards.

Further details on these arrangements are available on the Local Ticket Holders section of the website. Visit <https://www.standrews.com/Links-ticketholder> for more details.

Thank you for your continued assistance and co-operation.

St Andrews Links