

We would like to make you aware of some of the arrangements for play on the courses during winter 2018/19.

Preferred lies from 1st November

Preferred lies will be in operation from Thursday 1st November 2018 until Tuesday 30th April 2019 on all courses, although while play is from mats they are only relevant when players are putting or playing similar shots, as below, from around greens.

Mats in operation from 1st November

Fairway mats will be in operation on the Old, New, Jubilee, Eden and Strathtyrum Courses from Thursday 1st November 2018 until Friday 22nd February 2019. Mats will continue to be used on the Old Course until Friday 29th March 2019.

The Castle Course closes after play on Sunday 4th November 2018 and when it re-opens on Friday 1st March 2019 will remain on mats until Friday 29th March 2019.

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

Please note that the Links Management Committee has approved the limited use of trolleys throughout the winter months on the Old Course. Therefore, the use of trolleys from 12 noon onwards will be in place during winter play and consequently this rule will now apply all year round.

There is no restriction on the use of trolleys on any other course over the winter period.

Old Course closures

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

2018

November: Monday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

December: Monday 3rd

2019

February: Monday 25th

March: Monday 4th, 11th and 18th

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). (Rule 16.1f under new Rules of Golf which come into effect from 1st January 2019).

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 1st November 2018 to 30th March 2019 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 results page to this effect and we hope that this will once again ease the process of securing an available start-time.

Golf Academy - Short Game Area

We are undertaking some work in this area which will unfortunately necessitate its closure from early November until the spring (re-opening date tbc). Anyone looking to practice their short game can use the practice area beside the 17th hole of the Eden Course, or alongside the 15th of the New/Jubilee Courses. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Eden Course

The estuary hole on the Eden Course will come into play from Monday 3rd December 2018 to Friday 1st February 2019 inc. Golfers will complete the 4th hole, walk to the 6th before playing the estuary hole and continue to play the original 7th hole onwards.