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We would like to make you aware of some of the arrangements for play on the courses during winter 2019/20.

Preferred lies from 1st November

Preferred lies will be in operation from Friday 1st November 2019 until Thursday 30th April 2020 on all courses, although while play is from mats, preferred lies are only relevant when players are putting or playing similar shots 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 Friday 1st November 2019 until Friday 28th February 2020. Mats will continue to be used on the Old Course until Friday 27th March 2020.

The Castle Course closes after play on Sunday 3rd November 2019 and when it re-opens on Sunday 1st March 2020 will remain on mats until Friday 27th March 2020.

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

Please [click here](#) for the correct use of mats on the fairway.

Trolleys on the Old Course

As a reminder, 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:

2019

November – Monday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
December – Monday 2nd

2020

February – Monday 24th
March – Monday 2nd, 9th and 16th

Additional Local Rule

Any bunker being repaired will be marked with a white line or rope and deemed to be Ground Under Repair. 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 16.1f.

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 2019 to 31st March 2020 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 + 44 (0) 1334 466666 and reserve a fully available start-time, i.e. a start-time with no golfers attached to it and not a 'Dark time'. These start-times will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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

New Course – 1st hole, Medal tee

We are undertaking some work in this area which will unfortunately necessitate its closure from 21st October 2019 to March 2020 (re-opening date tbc). During this period, all tees will be positioned on the forward teeing area.

Jubilee Course – 1st hole, All tees

We are undertaking some work in this area which will unfortunately necessitate its closure from late October to March 2020 (re-opening date tbc). During this period, all tees will be positioned on the right hand side of the existing tee.

Old Course in Reverse

The course will be played in Reverse on both Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November 2019. A Local Clubs' competition will take place on the Saturday but Friday 29th will be open to all golfers and normal ballot procedures will apply. More details to follow.

Eden Course

The estuary hole on the Eden Course will come into play from Monday 2nd December 2019 to Friday 31st January 2020 inclusive. Golfers will complete the 4th hole, walk to the 6th before playing the estuary hole and continue to play the original 7th hole onwards.

Further details on these arrangements are available on the [Local Ticket Holder](#) section of the website.