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We would like to make you aware of some of the arrangements for play on the courses during winter 2021/22.

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

Preferred lies will be in operation from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 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.

Please replace all divots and repair pitchmarks.

### **Fairway Mats**

Please note mats will start on the Old Course from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 (course closed for maintenance) and run until Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

On the New, Jubilee, Eden and Strathtyrum Courses fairway mats will start from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and run until Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

The Castle Course closes after play on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021 (no mats until then) and when it re-opens on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 mats will be in use until Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

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

### **The use of Trolleys during the winter**

The current relaxation of trolley restrictions on the Old Course will be extended throughout the winter period, however, should there be excessive wear and tear, this may require to be changed at short notice.

Therefore trolleys may be used at any time of the day on all courses during the winter period with no restrictions in place.

### **Old Course closures**

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

#### **2021**

November – Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **2022**

February – Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

March – Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Additional Local Rule**

Any bunkers bounded by rope, or white lined, are ground under repair and part of the general area. Free relief is available under Rule 16.1b.



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### **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 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 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/Old Pavilion will still allocate any empty start-times in person on the day.*

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.

### **Eden Course**

Further to the success in 2020/21, the Eden Course will again operate as 2 x 9 hole loops throughout December and January. Please note, for Local Club competitions, the Course will play as an 18 hole layout, on the following dates:

- Saturday 1 January 2022
- Tuesday 11 January 2022
- Saturday 15 January 2022

The estuary hole on the Eden Course will **not** be used in winter 2021/22.

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

27<sup>th</sup> October 2021