



Murrumbidgee Country Club

Course closure policy

Introduction

1. Closure of the Golf Course will never be a decision taken lightly. It will be the last resort, not the first one and will be taken with due consideration for all playing members.

2. Closure of the Golf Course may be necessary at certain times due to (in priority order):-

+ The direct or indirect safety of a golfer;

+ State of the Course and surrounds;

+ Prevailing weather conditions; or other special circumstances.

This action is taken to ensure safety of golfers or any other person on the Course and damage to the Course.

3. The purpose of this document is to lay down the Club's policy for Course Closure, to detail procedures for its implementation and to define and allocate responsibilities.

Conditions for Course Closure Flooding or waterlogging of areas of the Course, in particular the greens, during or following heavy periods of precipitation may make the Course unplayable and to allow golfers onto the Course will present a safety hazard in such conditions and may also cause damage to the turf and playing surfaces. In some circumstances, the Practice Facilities and Driving Range may remain open whilst the course is closed.

Note: A good indicator of the need to close the Course at such times is when players are unable to take full relief from surface water through the greens and/or the greens are covered in surface water which renders them 'unplayable'. A full Course inspection is needed to confirm this.

Course Closure Procedure

- Responsibility for Closure
The Course Superintendent, normally in consultation with the Director of Golf and/or General Manager, has the authority to close and re-open the Course. In the absence of the Course Superintendent, this authority is delegated to the Senior Greens Staff on duty or to the Director of Golf or General Manager. When neither Course Staff nor the Director of Golf are available the action may be authorised by the Club Professional.
- Course Closure – Action to be taken Once the decision to close the Course has been made, the official responsible for the decision is to ensure that:
 - I. The Club Office Staff, Club Professional, House Staff and Caterer are advised of the action taken.
 - II. The "Course Closed" sign is placed on the notice board at the entrance to the Car Park, with the details of when the situation will next be reviewed; and

- III. The MiClub Timesheet title to be updated with closure and review details.
(Example: SATURDAY COMP – Course Closed – Next review 10:00am)
(Example: MONDAY SOCIAL – Course Closed – Next review 12:00pm)
(Example: MONDAY SOCIAL – Course Closed – Next review 6:30am tomorrow)
- IV. Members with Competition bookings to be advised of decisions by email through the MiClub booking system.

When the Course is re-opened the official responsible for the decision is to ensure that the actions referred to in (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) above are reversed.

Course Closure – Review Policy Based on the current situation and weather forecasts, Closure of the Golf Course due to Flooding or Waterlogging may be applied for the entire day or a set period of time.

Saturday/Sunday/Wednesday/Public Holiday Competition + Social

- I. 6:00am – Morning Field
- II. 10:00am – Afternoon Field
- III. 12:30pm – Social Golf

Monday Social

- I. 6:30am – Morning
- II. 12:00pm – Afternoon

Tuesday Competition + Social

- I. 6:30am - Morning
- II. 12:00pm – Afternoon

Thursday/Friday Competition + Social

- I. 6:30am – Morning
- II. 12:00pm – Afternoon

Course Closed to Carts Procedure There will be occasions when the Course has received excessive precipitation however will remain open for play. On these occasions Cart usage will also be reviewed by the Course Superintendent in consultation with the other delegates as per Pt 1. Options are to have Carts used only in the rough ie. Strictly no Carts on fairways or No Carts to be driven for any reason on the Club’s for any particular day/period.

Once the decision on Cart usage has been made the official responsible for the decision is to ensure that:

- I. The Club Office Staff, Club Professional, House Staff and Caterer are advised of the action taken.
- II. Members are to be notified by email; and
- III. The MiClub Timesheet title to be updated.
- IV. The ‘No Carts Today’ sign to be placed on the noticeboard at the Pro Shop.