

CRUDEN BAY GOLF CLUB



PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION OF PLAY/COURSE CLOSURE DUE TO BAD WEATHER

The Course Manager or his Deputy may decide at any time to close the course due to bad weather conditions and will immediately inform the Professional's shop. During office hours any such decision should be made in consultation with the General Manager.

The Greenkeepers will inspect the course before the scheduled start of play and if unplayable due to frost, water or fog it will be closed. The course may at times remain open during frosty conditions on temporary greens to allow play – however all players are reminded that sections of the course may be slippery and that they should take great care while playing.

If there is fog the guiding principal will be that play cannot start until the 1st green is visible from the tee. Inspections will then take place regularly by any of the following; Course Manager; Captain; Vice-Captain; Match & Handicap Convener; Greens Convener. All decisions should be made after consultation with the Head Professional or his Assistant.

If the course becomes unplayable after the competition has started a Klaxon will be sounded and play will be suspended. If there is no imminent danger players may complete the hole they are playing. If there is imminent danger, e.g. lightning, players should mark their balls where they lie and leave the course immediately.

One long blast of the Klaxon indicates safe suspension of play and five short blasts indicates immediate suspension of play. Any player who continues to play after an immediate suspension of play will be liable for disqualification. Play will be suspended until a decision is made to either abandon or re-commence the competition, any player who is unable or unwilling to restart after a suspension will be liable for disqualification.

If play is suspended during a Medal competition it will resume on the same day if possible. If further play is not possible the competition will be cancelled and held again, in full, on the next available date. For completed rounds handicaps may be reduced but not increased when play cannot resume.

These procedures are in place to

- Protect golfers in dangerous weather
- Protect the golf course from long term damage
 - Keep the course open for golfers for as long as possible