

# Blackwood Golf Club Standard Operating Procedure

## Bad Weather procedures in relation to the course and bar.

### Information

Often it is clear from weather predictions that the use of the course is not going to be possible in the next 24 hours because of bad weather. Further sometimes weather becomes so bad during play that the course has to be closed. When the decision to close the course is taken it can also impact upon the use of the bar resulting in no members attending. On occasions, particularly on weekends the committee have decided to close the bar in the afternoon/evening as well, which has led to members attending in expectation of the bar opening only to find it closed. Whilst email has been used to communicate this not all members have ready access to email.

### Purpose

The purpose of this document is to simplify and clarify the procedures to be carried out in relation to course closures and bar opening in the event of bad weather, competitions and expected opening.

### Process

- **Predicted Bad Weather.**

It can often become apparent some 24 hours before use that inclement weather is going to force the closure of the course. As is current practice the greenkeeper in consultation with the competition secretary and greens committee can declare the course closed and the duration of such closure, in anticipation of bad weather. This decision will be shared by a committee member on email and the appropriate sign placed on the course board.

- **Deteriorating weather.**

On a **non-competition** day the decision to close the course because of bad weather rests with the greenkeeper. The greenkeeper should inform a committee member of the decision as soon as practicable. The committee member's role is to ensure an email is circulated informing members of the closure.

On a **competition** day the decision to close the course and, in effect, a competition rests with the competition secretary or in their absence any member of the greens committee on the course or at the clubhouse. Again this should be circulated to members by email.

- **Bar closures because of course closures.**

On occasions when the course is **closed for predicted bad weather** i.e. closed the day before, the club will not open in the day time and will only open in the normal planned evening period Thursday to Sunday.

When the course is closed because of **Deteriorating weather** during the course of the day, the bar will only open in the afternoons on a Saturday and Sunday, and in the evening Thursday to Sunday.

## **Communication**

- A copy of this document should be sent out via club email to all members.
- A copy to be displayed on the club noticeboard.
- All committee members and society captains to receive a copy.
- A copy to be placed on club website.
- Staff members on the course and clubhouse to receive a copy.