

Scotsraig Golf Club Risk Assessment – The Course

The course may be closed when extreme or adverse weather conditions means that it is dangerous to play or damage to the course would result if play were permitted. Such conditions could cause greens to become waterlogged, the course flooded, covered in snow or poor visibility due to fog. The decision to close the course is made by the **Course Manager** in consultation with the **General Manager and/ or the Professional**.

The procedure for closing the course will be as follows: The **Course Manager** will contact the **General Manager and/or Professional** and inform them. The **Course Manager** will put up the 'Course Closed' signs and the **Professional or Assistants** will update the web site Course Status.

Fog and Low Cloud Policy

The small collection of trees on the left side of the 1st.fairway is clearly visible during normal conditions. In conditions of low cloud or fog when these trees are not visible the **Management** may close the course. No players should attempt to play in these conditions. If there is a need to stop play due to low cloud or fog the **Professional or Assistants** will sound a long blast of the Klaxon. Players should return safely to the clubhouse. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short blasts on the klaxon. It is the responsibility of the Professional to ensure a Klaxon in working condition is available at all times.

Lightning Policy

In the event of a lightning strike being seen within the vicinity of the Golf Club **the General Manager or the Professional or Assistants** will close the course by sounding a long blast on the Klaxon. When a lightning storm has been seen in the course vicinity, no play is to commence until a period of 15 minutes from the last lightning strike/clap of thunder. Play will resume after two short blasts of the Klaxon. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment of play.

If the **General Manager or the Professional or Assistants** are unavailable it is incumbent upon each **Player** to assess the risks and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course in the event of Fog or Lightning.

Competitions

During a Club competition the **Competition Organiser** in conjunction with **General Manager or the Professional** may close the course if it is considered the course has become unsuitable for play. In the event that the **Competition Organiser, General Manager or Professional or Assistants** are unavailable it is incumbent upon each **Player** to assess the risk and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course.

Players should make themselves fully conversant with the rules of the competition in which they are playing e.g. in some competitions a cessation of play may also mean the abandonment of that particular competition. In other competitions such as Opens etc. the competition may be recommenced if and when conditions allow. In such circumstances players must mark the position of their ball in the correct manner, otherwise a penalty or disqualification will result.

The cease play signal is a long blast and players should mark their ball and find somewhere safe to shelter. The all clear signal is two sort blasts and if it sounds then play can resume. If this has not been sounded within half an hour then play must be abandoned. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment.