



## St Mellion Golf Course Winter Policy

### The following policy is to:

- Protect the golf courses during the winter months
- Improve overall play-ability of the courses throughout the year
- Ensure safety of our golfers and staff at all times.
- Limit damage caused by carts, trolleys and golfers during wet and frosty weather.

Temporary greens will be employed when ground and weather conditions are not suitable to play on main greens. Their period of usage will be reviewed during the day by green staff, returning to main greens as soon as possible. Only green staff are authorised to move flags back onto the main greens.

There will be clearly marked temporary greens on all Kernow Course with 4-inch cups.

To limit periods of closure and delays during frosty periods, temporary greens will be employed on the following Nicklaus Course holes, 2,5,6,10,11 & 12.

Practice, putting & chipping greens will close/open with the Nicklaus Course greens.

When the temporary greens are not in use they are G.U.R (Ground under Repair) please take relief as per the Rules of Golf.

All temporary greens will be maintained at a cutting height of 10mm.

**Temporary tees:** will be employed on both courses during the winter months. The mats will be rotated on a regular basis, targeting key holes such as, par 3's & 4's. where size, location or traffic may cause damage, or render the tee unplayable.

**Trolley** use in winter months may be reduced in two stages, dependent on individual course conditions, to reduce both course damage and risk to golfers.



**Stage 1** – All trolleys are permitted.

**Stage 2** – Push/Pull trolleys are allowed and electric trolleys fitted with winter wheels only. Please note that only those winter wheels approved by St Mellion will be allowed. **See images of the approved winter wheels. Hedgehog wheels will not be allowed on all forms of trolley.**



**Stage 3** – Total ban on all trolleys. Carry bags only.

**Trolleys are NOT permitted on tees at any time of year.**

To assist golfers in planning their golf stage 2 will be enforced with a 24-hours' notice; however, stage 3 may be enforced without notice.

**Course Information** will be available via the notice board outside the pro shop, on the CLUBV1 daily update or on the golf information line **01579 352007**

**Roping & staking** is used on the course to protect high wear areas. Please ensure you do not enter the protected area with trolleys or carts at any time.

**Frost** may affect play on course, causing delayed start times or full closure dependent on severity. You will be informed by the pro-shop team of the expected time delay and or closure on check-in. In addition the course information line will be updated at regular intervals.

In the event of frost, the Kernow Course will revert to temporary greens and open as soon as possible. Tee times will run close to the original order of play however this is at the discretion of the course starter.



The Nicklaus Course will remain closed until holes 1,3,4,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,17&18 have thawed, there will be temporary greens employed on the following holes, 2,5,6,10,11&12. The course will be inspected at regular intervals to ensure the course opens as soon as possible. In addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> hole being used to start, additional holes will be used if so deemed by the course marshals. In the event the Nicklaus Course is deemed unable to open for the day every effort will be made to accommodate golfers booked on the Nicklaus Course to play on the Kernow Course. Golfers booked on the Kernow Course will however be given priority.

**Heavy rain** may affect play on course, causing delayed start times or full closure dependent on severity. You will be informed by the pro-shop team of the expected time delay and or closure on check-in. In addition the course information line & CLUBV1 will be updated at regular intervals.

The Kernow Course will revert to temporary greens and open as soon as possible. Tee times will run in the order booked on the day. If ground conditions are deemed unsafe to open then the Kernow will remain closed all day.

The Nicklaus Course will remain closed until such time as the course is playable. Course inspections will continue throughout the morning and we will continually monitor the met office satellite to assess any progress.

Once the rain has stopped the green staff will require approx 1-hour to complete initial clearing process and to allow natural drainage to occur. Should it be required more than one hole may be used to recommence play, as deemed necessary by the course marshals.

If the Nicklaus Course remains closed for the day, every effort will be made to accommodate Nicklaus golfers on the Kernow Course, however golfers originally booked on the Kernow Course will be given priority.

### **Fog or Heavy Mist**

When visibility is less than 200-metres the warning air-horn will be sounded and access to the golf course will not be permitted until management has given the all clear. Players already on the golf course are to return to the clubhouse upon hearing the warning air-horn or when visibility is less than 200-metres at any point during their game.