

MAT POLICY – WINTER PLAY 2010/2011

THE GREEN COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO SLIGHTLY AMEND THE RULES FOR THE 2010/2011 WINTER SEASON. THE START DATE FOR USE OF MATS WILL BE WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER. THE END DATE WILL BE DECIDED BY THE COURSE MANAGER AND WILL BE BASED ON WEATHER CONDITIONS FROM MID MARCH ONWARDS.

OPTIONS:

ALL AREAS APART FROM THE ROUGH – There are two options available to players.

1. All shots from ALL AREAS APART FROM THE ROUGH must be played from a mat.
Procedure:
 - a) Mark the ball.
 - b) Place the mat next to the marker.
 - c) Place the ball in the centre of the mat. The mat must be placed lengthways pointing in the direction of the shot
 - d) Remove your marker and play the shot

OR, alternatively

2. Mark the ball and take it to the NEAREST AREA OF ROUGH.
DROP not nearer the hole in the normal way. Should you now be disadvantaged by a tree, hazard, obstruction or other interference, this is “rub of the green” and the ball must be played as it now lies unless you can obtain relief under the “Rules of Golf”. Remove the marker.

TEES – Astroturf mats will be sited on a number of tees.

On all other tees any player using an iron for their tee shot must use the club issued mat.

GREEN SURROUNDS – There are two options available to you.

1. Unless a putter is being used, shots using all other clubs must be played from a mat using the procedure described above.
OR, alternatively
2. A shot can be played after dropping the ball in the nearest area of **ROUGH** no nearer the hole using the procedure described above. As before should you now be disadvantaged by a tree, hazard, obstruction or other interference this is “rub of the green” and the ball must be played as it now lies

SHOULD YOU NO LONGER HAVE YOUR ORIGINAL MAT A REPLACEMENT CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE PROFESSIONAL’S SHOP. A £5.00 CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED IF THE MAT IS THEN LOST OR A £5.00 HIRE FEE WILL BE CHARGED SHOULD A MEMBER FORGET TO BRING THE MAT WITH THEM (REFUNDABLE).

VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO HIRE THE MATS AT THE COST OF £5.00 (REFUNDABLE WHEN THE MAT IS RETURNED).

OTHER MATTERS – TEMPORARY GREENS – Unless in play, temporary greens should be treated as MANDATORY “Ground Under Repair”, full relief must be taken. The only exception to this rule is that players may use a putter to play from a temporary green.

PLUGGED BALLS & TRACTOR MARKS – Through the green relief can be taken if a ball is plugged in its own pitch mark or if a ball is affected by a tractor mark. Please see the notice board for further clarification of this item.

BUNKERS – Players may lift their ball (not clean), rake the bunker and replace their ball before playing.