

## MAT POLICY - WINTER PLAY 2009/2010

THE GREEN COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO SLIGHTLY AMEND THE RULES FOR THE 2009/2010 WINTER SEASON. THE START DATE FOR USE OF MATS WILL BE MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER. THE END DATE WILL BE DECIDED BY THE COURSE MANAGER AND WILL BE BASED ON WEATHER CONDITIONS FROM MID MARCH ONWARDS.

### OPTIONS:

**FAIRWAYS** - There are two options available to players.

1. All shots from the fairway 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.
- d) Remove your marker and play the shot

OR, alternatively

2. Mark the ball and take it to the side of the fairway NEAREST to it.  
**DROP** the ball in the **ROUGH** (not semi-rough) and play the ball from here. 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** - Circular 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** 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

**SEMI ROUGH** - Balls landing in semi-rough are to be played as they lie unless relief is obtainable under the "Rules of Golf" or any Local Rule in force at the time.

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.