



Victoria Golf Club Course Closure Policy

Purpose:

To inform VGC Members of the conditions requiring the golf course to be closed to the play of golf.

Conditions:

During maintenance, inclement weather or abnormal course conditions, the Club will modify golf course set-up, restrict cart access, or close the course as required for the short-term and long-term protection of turf health. This decision will be made by the senior Links Team Member or senior Pro Shop Team Member on duty, as identified below:

1. **Frost or snow** – Course will be closed, Links.
2. **Frozen turf in rough, fairways, tees, and/or greens** – Course will be closed, Links.
3. **Generalized abnormal course conditions, saturated turf, or standing water on fairways** such that relief from temporary water is virtually impossible – Course will be closed, Links.
4. **Individual green with standing water** – Green will be closed; a temporary green will be provided if surrounding ground conditions permit, Links.
5. **Green with documented turf health issues** – Green will be closed when the putting surface measures equal to or greater than 0.400 inches of penetration using the Field Scout True Firm tool; a temporary green will be provided if surrounding ground conditions permit, Links.
6. **Soft ground conditions such that ride-carts will damage the course** – Carts will not be permitted, or medical carts only will be permitted, Links.
7. **Dangerous weather conditions** such as thick fog, extreme heat, lightning/thunder, or very high winds – Pro Shop.
8. **Application of Pesticides** – Course or parts of it may be closed for pest control treatments, Links.
9. **Special Maintenance** (Certain activities including topdressing, fertilizer application, and aeration) - Course or parts of it may be closed during certain activities, Links.

Communications:

If the conditions present themselves prior to the start of normal tee times for the day, the Links Team will announce restrictions or closures in Course Conditions for the day and will inform the Pro Shop so that Members telephoning the Club may be informed.



If the conditions develop after play has commenced, the Links Team will inform the Pro Shop, whose responsibility will be to stop the play of golf, clear the course, stop making carts available, or announce other limitations as appropriate.

In the case of the conditions described in point 7 above, the Pro Shop will make the decision and take action to hold play in place (fog) or clear the course for the safety of Members.

Members are expected to adhere to the limitations on play or course closures as announced and implemented by the Links and Pro Shop Teams.

Special Arrangements for Cold Weather Golf:

Frost or frozen ground – If the temperature is cold overnight and frost develops or the ground freezes prior to the first tee time, the Links team will determine if a 10 a.m. modified shotgun start may be possible.

Very heavy frost or firmly frozen ground – In such conditions, the Links team will determine if a shotgun start at 12 p.m. may be possible. Tee times falling after 12 p.m. will be automatically moved by the Pro Shop team into the shotgun, and members with tee times before 12 p.m. or in the now defunct 10 a.m. shotgun may phone the Pro Shop to add themselves into a starting hole if they wish to play golf that day.

During frost/frozen ground delays, groups should designate one player to contact the Pro Shop to avoid tying up Pro Shop phone lines and allow for efficient information flow to all Members.

Approval - This policy has been amended by the VGC Board of Directors in August 2025.