# WLGC - COURSE OPEN/CLOSED SOP



# West Linton Golf Club Course Open/Closed Standard Operating Procedure

## Overview

West Linton Golf Club is a Members Club the object of which is to encourage the playing of the game of golf and to provide facilities for playing golf in the neighbourhood of West Linton.

## First Tee Time

The first available Tee Time on any given day should be after Official Sunrise and for the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March never before 7am. The daylight before Official Sunrise in these Autumn and Winter Months is required by the Greenkeeping Staff to prepare the Course to allow them to make an informed decision as to fitness for play as well as whether Golf Buggy use is permitted or not.

Golf in the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September can be any time from 5am or after sunrise, whichever is earlier.

At all times throughout the year, Greenkeeping Staff have "Right of Way" so all golfers will need to wait until it is safe to play or move to the next hole, should they so desire.

All golfers must be booked on BRS prior to entering the Course.

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## Course Open or Closed

The decision as to whether the Course is Open or Closed for play, for whatever reason, rests with the Course Superintendent or one of the qualified Greenkeeping Staff. In the absence of the Greenkeepers, authority to Open/Close will pass to the Course Starter.

#### **Golf Buggies**

The decision as to whether the Golf Buggies can be taken onto the Course, for whatever reason, lies with the Course Superintendent or one of the qualified Greenkeeping Staff. Decisions are taken based on member safety and potential for damage to the Course. In the absence of the Greenkeepers, authority to Open/Close will pass to the Course Starter.

### Communication of Decisions

On the decisions being made as to whether the Course is Open or Closed and the use of Golf Buggies are allowed or not, the Course Superintendent or Course Starter will arrange to update BRS and issue a Member's email.

### Conclusion

This Procedure, which will be reviewed annually, has been written with the safety of the Greenkeeping Staff and Golfers paramount. Thereafter the protection of the Golf Course, whilst still ensuring that all Members and Visitors get best use of the wonderful facilities that West Linton Golf Club provides.

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