Policy for when the Course may be Closed:

1. A Risk Assessment of the course will be undertaken by the Course Manager or his deputy to ensure if open that the course is reasonably playable and most importantly safe for members.
2. The decision to close the course will be taken as soon as possible (light allowing) and around 8 am (or earlier if possible), will display a Course Closed sign on the first tee, visible on the Club Webcam. The decision will be relayed to the Secretary/Manager or Professional, who will post a message on the Club BRS online booking page.
3. Responsibility for closure lies solely with the Course Manager, or his deputy in his absence who will consult with the Course Manager when reasonably possible or the Assistant Course Manager, if he has any doubts about the need for closure. In such circumstances when there is doubt, a further review will be made at 9 am before making a final decision.
4. There is no requirement for the duty greenkeeper at a weekend to remain on duty until 9 am if the decision to close the course is obvious i.e. heavy snow, deep frost, flooding or high winds.
5. When it is obvious in advance, such as heavy snow, ice or flooding, the Course Manager will decide the previous afternoon if the course will be open the following day. Otherwise, an assessment will be made on the day.
6. If flooding is isolated to areas around the Mill Burn, the Course Manager will consider the possibility of playing on the higher ground over a reduced number of holes. The minimum would be to play on holes 1-5 and hole 18. If possible, players will be able to play the 6 holes twice, at a minimum. The system will be self-regulating but the Professional will be on hand to assist, if required.

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Secretary / Manager