

# Visibility Policy



The club has a duty of care to all users of the course and as such has a clear policy regarding the discontinuation of play due to lack of visibility. This will be typically due to either fog or darkness. The policy is to be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so, will result in individuals being sanctioned in accordance with club rules for breach of club policies.

## 1. Player responsibility

- The decision regarding play when visibility is poor, first and foremost, lies with the individual golfer, as they are putting others at risk.
- Wherever a golfer is on the course, they must assess whether they can see the clear distance of their intended shot; whether it is safe to play.
- If the clear distance of their intended shot cannot be seen, the player must not play.
- Golfers may wait to see if conditions improve. If visibility does not improve, golfers must cancel their round and their participation in competition, citing dangerous playing conditions as the reason.

## 2. Tee closures

- If visibility from the first tee to the first green is not visible then the course is closed and golfers are prohibited from venturing onto the course until the course is reopened. "Course closed" signs will be displayed in close proximity to the clubhouse.
- Responsibility for this decision is to be taken by the most senior member of staff.

## 3. Suspension of competition R&A rules of golf - rule 6E clause 2. "Visibility It is recommended that, if landing areas are no longer visible to players (for example, due to fog or darkness), play should be suspended. Similarly, if players are unable to read the line of play on a putting green due to a lack of visibility, play should be suspended."