



FROST. A NEW POLICY.

With increased play during the winter season and increased traffic on the greens, there is significantly more damage to the greens when there is frost on the ground. This damage makes the grass plant more susceptible to disease and with this in mind, the recommendation is:

On experiencing a white frost (rime) - Pins to be put on winter greens prior to play and to remain so for the rest of the day.

On experiencing a hard frost: Pins are put on the winter greens until the day after the frost has fully thawed from the soil

Decisions on the above will be at the discretion of the Senior Greenkeeper for each of the three courses.

Whilst some season - ticket holders may feel disappointed at not playing on the main greens as often in the winter, this has to be balanced against the benefits to the sward, especially the fescue grasses and ultimately will provide more authentic links surfaces and maintain long term sustainability.

To put this decision onto context, St Andrews Links close their courses when there is a white frost on the ground or a hard frost coming out the ground. Carnoustie is following a middle way, allowing golfers to play whilst still protecting the vulnerable greens from foot traffic.

Kind regards

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