

FERMOY GOLF CLUB

WINTER CONDITIONS

While some would say we have had winter all year, it is officially that time of year when golfers expect the course to play soft and problems to occur with severe weather conditions. With the above in mind the course will be in play except in the following conditions:

- When there is a white frost on the green (which causes blackening to the leaf from footprint damage)
- Where there is severe depth of freezing and the top surface of the green starts to thaw (this can cause root shear which can kill the plant)
- Where the course is waterlogged

Here are a few simple guidelines to help protect the course and make your round more enjoyable:

1. **Use** pathways where they exist.
2. **Do not walk** on wet or soft areas of the course where they can be avoided.
3. **Do not bring** trolleys on to tees or on to green surrounds
4. **Do not** exit greens from the high point
5. **Enter and exit** at the low point of the green – especially on the sixth and fifth
6. **Obey signs/markings** on the course – roped areas and any other directional signs are there to protect the course and the golfer from potential harm.
7. **Repair** pitch marks and replace divots
8. **Rake** bunkers if you note they require it, even if you don't play out of them
9. **Report** any signs of disease on greens or any other damage noted during your round.
10. **Walk at an angle** on severe slopes - this will help in maintaining a firm foot hold.
11. **Know** the competition rules before playing your round.

Above all, do everything to guarantee your own safety and the safety of others on the course.