

Fort Belvoir Golf Club

Woodlawn & Gunston Golf Courses

OCTOBER 2008 – MARCH 2009

FROST DELAY POLICY

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN EARLY MORNING FROST IS POSSIBLE. WALKING ON TURF UNDER FROST CONDITIONS CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE GRASS PLANT AND THIS IS ACUTELY PROBLEMATIC FOR THE PUTTING GREENS. THE POSSIBILITY FOR FROST OCCURRING STARTS IN LATE OCTOBER AND CONTINUES THROUGH MARCH THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THE FORT BELVOIR GOLF CLUB POLICY IS AS FOLLOWS:

TEE TIME RESERVATIONS ARE NOT PUSHED BACK WHEN FROST CONDITIONS DELAY THE START OF PLAY.

ANY TEE TIMES RESERVED BEFORE THE FROST CLEARS, AND PLAY STARTS, ARE LOST. THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR START TIME DUE TO THE FROST DELAY WILL HAVE PRIORITY ON A WAITING LIST BASED ON THEIR TEE TIME.

PLEASE KEEP THIS POLICY IN MIND WHEN BOOKING TEE TIMES IN THE WINTER SEASON (OCTOBER – MARCH). YOU MAY HAVE YOUR BEST OPPORTUNITY IF YOU BOOK AFTER 10:00, 10:30, OR 11:00. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE SHORTER DAYS, TEE TIMES ARE SCHEDULED FROM 8:00 TO 12:50. YOU MAY CALL THE STARTER TO RESERVE AVAILABLE TEE TIMES ON THE DAY OF PLAY ONLY AT 703-806-5899.

WHY DO WE START TEE TIMES AT 8:00 WHEN THERE IS A PROBABILITY OF FROST DELAY? BECAUSE OF OUR LOCATION THE PROBABILITY FOR MILD WEATHER DURING THE WINTER SEASON IS EQUAL TO THE PROBABILITY OF FROST DELAYS.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE:

IF THE FIRST TEE TIME AVAILABLE FOR RESERVATION IS 8:00, AND FROST REQUIRES THAT THE START TIME BE DELAYED UNTIL 9:30, THEN, ALL TEE TIMES RESERVED FROM 8:00 TO 9:20 ARE LOST. THOSE PERSONS WILL BE PLACED ON A WAIT LIST, PRIORITIZED BY THEIR TEE TIME, AND WILL BE STARTED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SERVES TO EXPLAIN PROCEDURES:

- STARTING TIME WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL FROST HAS CLEARED.
- THE BACK 9 HOLES OF EACH GOLF COURSE ARE THE LAST GROUP OF HOLES TO BE CLEAR OF FROST. THE REASON FOR THIS IS BECAUSE OF SHADING FROM TREES AND FROM TERRAIN. THIS FACT ALSO PROHIBITS CONSIDERATION OF A SHOTGUN START AFTER THE FROST HAS CLEARED.
- THE FIRST STARTING TIME AFTER THE FROST IS CLEARED IS CALCULATED BY FROST CONDITIONS ON THE BACK 9 HOLES ON EACH COURSE. AS IN THE EXAMPLE ABOVE, IF PLAY CAN START AT 9:30, IT IS ASSUMED THAT BY THE TIME THIS TEE TIME COMPLETES PLAY OF THE FIRST 9 HOLES, THAT FROST CONDITIONS WILL BE CLEARED AS THEY CONTINUE PLAY ON THE 10TH TEE, SOME 2 HOURS ± LATER.