**Course Risk Assessment**





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| **Significant Hazard** | | **Who Might Be Harmed?** | **How Is The Risk Controlled?** | **Risk Factor** |
| **General Overview of Risks** | | | | |
| 1. | **Typical hazards encountered on a Golf Course.** | Golfers, Greens Staff and spectators | Strict adherence to the Rules and Etiquette of Golf, observe all signs and be aware of rules concerning cessation of play in dangerous weather or conditions. | Low |
| 2. | **Teeing Off**  **Miss hit Tee shot to right or left** | Other Golfers on adjacent greens, fairways or paths | Don’t tee off until you are sure that the group in front are out of range. Don’t tee off if any of your playing partners are standing forward of you. Don’t tee off if anyone is walking toward the tee from any adjacent holes Don’t stand forward of a player teeing off  Don’t walk towards a tee when someone is preparing to drive  Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. | Medium |
| 3. | **Rights of way** | Members of public and dog walkers, horse riders on paths adjacent to the course | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. | Medium |
| 4. | **Fairway to Green** | Other Golfers | Don’t take a shot until you are sure that the group in front are out of range. Don’t take a shot if your playing partners are forward of you and in range Stand in a safe position when a playing partner is taking a shot | Medium |
| 5. | **Miss hit approach shot to green** | Players on adjacent holes | Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if hitting to left or right past green and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. | Medium |
| 6. | **Practice Area on left of 5th fairway** | Golfers, Greens Staff and spectators. | Do not hit practice balls while players are directly in front of practice area  Maximum distance ball should be hit from practice area is 100 yards  Do not hit balls back towards practice nets if other people are in the area  In unsupervised practice, no more than 4 people are allowed in the bay at 1 time (2 hitting shots, 2 observing behind at a safe distance) | Medium |
| 7. | **Hidden Greens** | Other Golfers, Greens Staff | Don’t play to Greens until you are sure that the group in front have left Greens that may be hidden from view for approach shot are holes 1,7,10,16 and bells rung where applicable. | Medium |

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| 8. | **Trees and other fixed hazards** | Golfers and Playing partners | | When playing near trees beware of balls ricocheting. There are exposed roots in various areas of the course, play balls with extreme caution in these areas. | | medium |
| 9. | **Undulating ground, hollows, hills** | All Golfers | | Take care when walking, pushing/pulling trollies over undulating ground especially when wet or icy. Appropriate to all holes. | | medium |
| 10. | **Driving Buggies** | All Golfers | | Use paths and stay of main Fairway. Take care on hills, hollows and undulations. Keep speed to minimum, refer to Golf Club Buggy Policy | | Medium |
| 11. | **Practice Swings** | All Golfers | | Take particular care no one is close to you when taking practice swings | | High |
| **Specific Risks Hole by Hole** | | | | | | |
| **Hole 1/10** | | | | | | |
| 12. | Miss-hit tee shot to right. | | Players on 3rd Fairway | | Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout fore if your ball is likely to go near to them. | Medium |
| 13. | Players on practice Green. | | Players | | Ensure they are aware you are teeing off | Medium |
| 14. | Players out of site below ladies tee. | | Other players | | Ensure you can see group in front on ridge or Green before hitting tee shot | Medium |
| 15. | Steep Bank | | You | | Always use the path to the left of the bank | Medium |
| 16. | Green Approach  Be aware of player playing from 3rd tee | | Players still on Green  Players on 2nd Tee  All players | | Ensure group in front are clear before hitting approach shot.  If shot goes left shout Fore to warn players on Second Tee  Shouts of fore from 3rd tee | Medium |
| 17. | On Green | | You | | Do not approach 1st green while players are teeing off from 2nd tee. | Medium |
|  | **Hole 2/11** | |  | |  |  |
| 18 | For 11th Tee access | | Players | | Do not take Buggies or Trollies up the slope to either Tees.  Use Steps up to 11th white Tee | low |
| 19. | Tee Shot | | Players on 1st Green  Players on 3rd Tee | | Make sure players on 1st green are aware of you teeing off.  Shout Fore if ball goes towards 3rd Tee. | Medium |
| 20. | Approach and bunker shots | | General Public and cars in Churchill Lane  Players on 3rd Tee | | Tree height maintained where possible.  Golfers awareness.  Shout Fore if ball goes towards 3rd Tee. | High |
| 21 | Exposed Tee Roots | | Trees both sides of fairway have exposed roots | | Be cautious of tree roots when hitting shots. | Medium |

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|  | **Hole 3/12** |  |  |  |
| 22 | Miss-hit Tee shot to right | Players on 1st fairway | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Low |
| 23. | Miss-hit tee shot over trees on left | General Public and cars in Churchill Lane | Shout Fore | High |
| 24 | Look out for teeshots from1st Tee | All Players | Listen for shouts of Fore | Medium |
|  | **Hole 4/13** |  |  |  |
| 25. | Tee Shot over Entrance Drive | Traffic on road | Do not play tee shot if vehicle is on road.  Stop signs on road to warn Drivers | Medium |
| 26. | Tee shot goes left | Members of Public on Footpath | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone on the path. | Low |
|  | **Hole 5/14** |  |  |  |
| 27. | Hook Tee shot to Left | Players on 9th/18th green | Wait until 9/18th green is clear before teeing off. | Medium |
| 28 | Tee shot goes left | Players practice area.  Players on Green and fairway of 7/16th hole | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Low |
| 29. | Tee shot goes sharp right | Players on putting Green and 14th Tee | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.  Maintain Trees in area to give some protection | Low |
| 30. | Approach shot goes left over trees | Players on fairway of 7/16th hole | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Low |
| 31 | Exposed Tee Roots | Trees around Practice area and on left and right of fairway approaching the Green | Be cautious of tree roots when hitting shots. | Medium |
|  | **Hole 6/15** |  |  |  |
| 32. | Miss hit Tee shot to right | General Public and cars in Wagon lane | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Medium |
| 33. | Miss hit Tee shot to left | Players on the 7th Fairway | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Low |
| 34. | Miss hit Approach shot to right | General Public and cars in Wagon lane | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Low |
| 35 | Miss hit approach shot to left | Players on 7th tee | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. | Medium |
|  | Exposed Tee Roots | Trees both sides of fairway have exposed roots | Be cautious of tree roots when hitting shots. | Medium |
|  | **Hole 7/16** |  |  |  |
| 36. | Miss hit Tee shot to right | Players on 8th Fairway | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Medium |
| 37. | Miss/over hit Fairway shot to left | Players on 6th Faiway | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Medium |
| 38. | Approach shot to Green | Players on Green | Ensure group in front are clear of Green, wait for bell to ring to signal they are clear | Medium |
| 39 | Approach shot to Green going left | Players on 5/14th Fairway and Practice ground | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. | Medium |
| 40 | Exposed Tee Roots | Trees both sides of fairway have exposed roots | Be cautious of tree roots when hitting shots. | Medium |
| 41 | Approach shot to Green going long and right right | Players walking off 8th Tee, ladies on 8th Tee | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. | Medium |
|  | **Hole 8/17** |  |  |  |
| 42. | Teeing off | Players in front  Ladies on 8th Tee | Make sure players in front are clear, wait for bell signaling they are clear.  Ensure Ladies are aware of teeing off. | Medium |
| 43. | Teeing off | All Players | Steep banks around rear of teeing area | Low |
| 44. | Approach Shot goes right | All Players around 7th Teeing area and fairway | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. | Medium |
| 45. | Over hit shot to Green to left | Players on 9th Tee | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Medium |
| 46 | Exposed Tee Roots | Trees both sides of fairway have exposed roots | Be cautious of tree roots when hitting shots. | Medium |
|  | **Hole 9/18** |  |  |  |
| 47. | Teeing off | Players in front | Make sure players in front are clear, wait for triangle signaling they are clear | Medium |
| 48. | Miss-hit Tee shot to right | Members of Public on Footpath | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. | Medium |
| 49. | Miss-hit Tee shot to left | Players on 8th Fairway | Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if ball drifts to the right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Medium |
| 50. | 2nd Shot/approach shot goes left | Players on practice area | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Medium |
| 51. | 2nd Shot/approach shot goes right | Members of Public on Footpath | Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone | Medium |
|  | Exposed Tee Roots | Trees both sides of fairway have exposed roots | Be cautious of tree roots when hitting shots. | Medium |

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| **Hazard No.** | **List What Further Action Is Necessary To Control The Risk** | **Person Responsible** | **Completion Date** |
| **All** | Full risk assessment conducted on29/09/17 | R Julier | Dec 2017 |
| **All** | Full Risk assessment conducted Aug 2019. | R Julier | Dec 2019 |
| **All** | Full Risk assessment conducted June 2021 | R Julier | June 2021 |
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**Assessment compiled by:** **Date of assessment:**

**Signature: Date to review further actions:**

**Position:**  **Assessment review date:**

The Course may be closed when extreme or adverse weather conditions mean it is dangerous to play or damage to the course would result if play were permitted. Such conditions could cause greens to become waterlogged, the course flooded, covered in snow or poor visibility due to fog. The decision to close the course is made by the **Club Head Green Keeper(HGK)** in consultation with the **Greens Chairman** and/or the **Professional/Shop Supervisor**

The procedure for closing the course will be as follows: The **HGK** will ring the **Greens Chairman** and/or **Professional/Shop Supervisor** and inform them. The **HGK** will put up ‘**Course Closed’** signs and the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** will update the web site on **Course Status**.

# FOG AND LOW CLOUD POLICY

The bunker on the right of the 5th is clearly visible during normal conditions. In conditions of low cloud or fog when the bunker is not visible the **Professional/Shop Supervisor/ HGK** may close the course. No players should attempt to play in those conditions. If there is a need to stop play due to low cloud or fog the will sound a long blast of the Klaxon. Players should return safely to the Clubhouse. Resumption of play will be signalled by two blasts on the klaxon.

# LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event of a lightning strike being seen within the vicinity of the Golf Club the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** will close the course by sounding a long blast on the Klaxon. When a lightning storm has been seen in the course vicinity, no play is to commence until a period of 15 minutes from the last lightning strike/clap of thunder. Play will resume after two short blasts of the Klaxon. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment of play.

If the **HGK** or the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** is unavailable it is incumbent upon each **Player** to assess the risks and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course in the event of Fog or Lightning.

# COMPETITIONS

During a Club competition the **Competition Organiser** in conjunction with the **HGK** or the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** may close the course if it is considered the course has become unsuitable for play. In the event that the **Competition Organiser, HGK** or **Professional/Shop Supervisor** is unavailable it is incumbent upon each **Player** to assess the risk and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course.

Players should make themselves fully conversant with the rules of the competition in which they are playing. E.g. in some competitions a cessation of play may also mean the abandonment of that particular competition. In other competitions such as Opens or Invitation Days, the competition may be recommenced if and when conditions allow. In such circumstances players must mark the position of their ball in the correct manner, otherwise a penalty or disqualification will result.

***The cease play signal*** *is a long blast, and players should mark their ball and find somewhere safe to shelter.* ***The all-clear signal*** *is two short blasts, and if it sounds then play can resume. If this has not been sounded within ½ hour then play must be abandoned. Three long blasts indicate* ***complete abandonment.***