

Health and Safety – Course Risk Assessment

Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly reminded that we conduct comprehensive Risk Assessments to ensure the safe operation of our facility. In this respect, it is your responsibility as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course to ensure that you take note of the following:

- Practising is strictly limited to the Designated Practice Areas of the Club which are (a) the Practice Nets and chipping area located to the rear of Club House. (b) The Putting Green and (c) the Practice Driving Range to the left of the 15th fairway on the Lakes course. In the interests of safety, practice is prohibited in all other areas.
- You are advised to use all steps on the course with caution, particularly in wet or frosty conditions.
- The Wiltshire requires golf shoes to be worn on the golf course as they help to avoid slips; they also help your golf!
- You are advised to approach all trees, copse and water features on the course with caution, particularly during windy or other adverse weather conditions. The club has an ongoing programme for the removal of dangerous branches. Please inform the team at the Pro Shop if you identify additional concerns.
- Please follow directional signage for buggies and trolleys as these routes have been developed and introduced for your safety. Please also ensure you familiarise yourself with the proper use of golf buggies, this information is provided with each buggy hire.
- You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course, particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have recently been sprayed on the course. Signage is displayed before the 1st Tee when chemical spraying is in operation.
- In the event that you come across any dead wildlife on the course, please avoid contact and advise any member of the club staff who will then deal with this matter.
- You are advised to exercise caution, and at all times be aware that you are at potential risk of being hit by another golfer's ball and to follow the advice by way of cautionary notices that are placed in 'high-risk' areas on the course.
- Please note that bells are provided on the 12th and 13th holes of the Lakes course and the 1st hole of the Garden course, so that golfers playing behind you can be advised that you have reached a suitable distance ahead for them to continue playing, without risk of hitting you or your group. Please ensure you use this facility.
- Never play a shot unless the players ahead are well out of range. If a miss hit shot is heading in the direction of other golfers, you must shout "FORE" in a loud voice to alert players of the possible danger. If "FORE" is heard, please take appropriate evasive action.
- Golfers should always stand well back and to the side of the player who is playing their shot, both on the tee and on all other areas of the Course.

- It is recommended that all golfers are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved in playing golf, covering injury to either themselves or other golfers.
- The greens keeping staff are regularly working on the course whilst golf is in progress. Please ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence prior to playing in their proximity.
- When weather is particularly severe or there is the threat of thunderstorms, the Club may deem it necessary to suspend play until such time as it is fit to continue. The suspension of play will be communicated by the sound of an air-horn. On hearing the air-horn we strongly advise you to return to the Clubhouse and await further instruction. Where there is not sufficient time to evacuate the course and there is a threat of lightning, you are advised to comply with the following procedure:
 - Do not shelter under trees or go to high ground
 - Keep as low as possible and ideally crouch down in the nearest bunker/hollow.
 - Leave your golf equipment where it is and stand away from it.
 - Do not use a mobile phone – make sure it is switched off.
 - Do not put an umbrella up in any circumstances.
 - Fog - As a general rule no play will take place on the course if a distance of 150 yards cannot be seen.
 - A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions is normally left to the discretion of the player, who MUST accept full responsibility for his/her, safety
 - If the course has not been officially closed, this does not mean that it is necessarily safe to continue play and golfers must determine for themselves, whether they consider it is safe to do so. In such conditions frequent inspections will be made until play is deemed to be safe.
 - The authority to close (and re-open) the course is a Management decision but may be delegated to the Club Professional or Head Greenkeeper.
- Climbing over boundary walls or fences or, into any of the water features is strictly prohibited. All water features are clearly marked with Red Stakes, but should you find yourself in difficulty life rings are also provided.
- Special care must be taken to avoid trips, slips and falls when standing on, or walking near, banks/slopes especially adjacent to lakes, ponds and ditches as these are considered to be some of the most hazardous areas of the course, particularly during or immediately after adverse weather conditions.
- Players should be aware that some of the lakes and ponds have deep water and in places where muddy banks look dry they can be treacherous and one can easily slip or get stuck. Players should take great care when retrieving balls from these areas.

All Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to bring to the attention of the Director of Golf all issues related to the Golf Club or Course Safety that they require addressing

HOLE BY HOLE RISK ASSESSMENT

A Course Risk Assessment has also been carried out on a hole-by-hole basis for both the Lakes and Garden courses. Care must be taken at every hole in accordance with the general points above, but the following holes require particular care to assist in minimising the risks while playing on the course, it is your responsibility as a golfer to ensure that you adhere strictly to the following:

You are advised to exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where there is a potential risk of hitting another golfer or being hit by another golfer's errant shot, Particular care should also be taken on holes where the landing area of your shot is not clearly visible.

If you hear the shout of "FORE" always take evasive action by facing the opposite direction of the shout and crouch and protect your head with your hands. Never face the direction of the shout to see where an errant golf ball is coming from.

Lakes Course

Hole	Risk	Action to be Taken
1	Golfers playing towards you on the 12 th fairway to your left and on the right the 9 th fairway on the Garden course. Steep bank on the medal tee.	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
2	Golfers playing the 11 th hole towards you on the left and players on the 9 th hole of the garden course.	Shout "FORE"
3	Golfers playing the 11 th hole towards you on the left and the lake to the left of the green.	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
4	Golfers playing the 8 th hole towards you on the left.	Shout "FORE"
5	Golfers playing the 7 th hole towards you on the left and the lake on the right. Be aware of golfers teeing off the 8 th hole.	Shout "FORE"
6	Golfers teeing off the 7 th hole to the left of the 6 th green.	Shout "FORE"
7	Golfers teeing off the 5 th & 8 th tees, on the left when approaching the green	Shout "FORE"
8	Golfers playing the 4 th and 7 th holes towards you, players teeing off the 5 th hole, the raised tee box and the pond behind the 8 th green.	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
9	Golfers playing towards you on the 8 th hole, the lake in front of the 9 th green and the raised tee box.	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
10	Golfers playing the 3 rd hole to your left, players on the 11 th tees (hidden behind trees) and the lake in front of the tee.	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
11	Golfers on the left playing the 2 nd and 3 rd holes, the raised tee boxes and the lakes to the right of the fairway.	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
12	Golfers playing the 18 th and those on the 18 th and 1 st tee box and around the starters hut. Hidden ground when playing from the medal tee.	Shout "FORE" Wait for the bell before teeing off.
13	Cars and pedestrians on the road to the right of the hole. Hidden ground beyond the trees on the dog leg.	Shout "FORE" Wait for the bell before teeing off.
14	Golfers on the 15 th tee and players on or approaching the 18 th green behind the 14 th green; when on or near the green, players on the 17 th hole.	Shout "FORE"
15	Golfers on the practice area to the left of the fairway, players coming towards you on the right down the 18 th fairway and players teeing off the 14 th tee.	Shout "FORE"

16	Golfers to the right playing the 17 th hole and raised tee boxes.	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
17	Golfers to the right playing the 16 th hole, players on or near the 15 th green, raised tee boxes, water hazards to the left of the fairway and immediately in front of the green and players teeing off the 18 th tees either behind the 17 th green or in the tree to the right of the lake,	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
18	Golfers playing the 12 th hole on the right towards, players to the right of the 18 th green playing the 14 th hole, raised tee boxes and players on the practice putting green and terrace to the left of the 18 th green.	Shout "FORE" Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.

Garden Course

Hole	Risk	Action to be Taken
1	Golfers playing down the 9 th hole on the left, the public road to the right, raised tee boxes and hidden ground.	Shout "FORE" Wait for the bell before teeing off. Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
2	Beware of the main road to the right of the hole.	
3	Golfers on the 8 th green to the right of the tee box as well as players on the Lakes 2 nd tee.	Shout "FORE"
4	Pond to the left of the fairway and lake to the right.	Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
5	Golfers coming down the 6 th fairway on the left hand side and lakes in front of the tee and to the right of the fairway before the green.	Shout "FORE"
6	Golfers coming down the 5 th on the left hand side and raised tee box.	Shout "FORE" Wait for the bell before teeing off. Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
7	Golfers playing the 3 rd hole on the right, players on the 8 th tee and raised tee box.	Shout "FORE" Wait for the bell before teeing off. Pay due attention and care especially when the course is wet or frosty.
8	Golfers playing the 7 th hole on the right and players on the 3 rd behind the green.	Shout "FORE"
9	Golfers on the left playing the 1 st hole (Garden) and the 1 st hole (Lakes) on the right. When approaching the green, players on the left teeing off the 1 st on the Garden course and to the right the 1 st on the Lakes course as well as the public road and buggy park behind the 9 th green.	Shout "FORE"