

## Generic Risks

Risk Description	Grade of Risk	Solution/Recommendation
Being struck by a golf ball hit offline by a golfer playing on another part of the golf course	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All players must remain alert at all times to the behaviour of nearby players.</li> <li>2. Players who have played an offline shot must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck</li> </ol>
Being struck by a golf ball hit by a playing partner	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Non playing partner (s) must not advance in front of the shot being played.</li> <li>2. Players who have played a shot towards a playing partner (s) must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck.</li> </ol>
Being struck by a golf ball played by a golfer in the following group	Medium	Following golfers must ensure that those in front have advanced further than they can hit their best shot.
Being struck by the swinging club of a playing partner.	Medium	Players must stand at least 2 metres away from the arc of the swinging club
Tripping on uneven, sloping, or slippery ground.	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obvious tripping hazards should be removed by fellow golfers &amp; Greenkeeping staff.</li> <li>2. Sloping areas which become wet and are lacking in thick grass cover should roped off by Green's staff to prevent entry by players.</li> <li>3. Extra care should be taken by all golfers.</li> </ol>
Tripping over a fellow golfer's playing equipment, trolley, or motorised buggy.	Low	Care should be taken by all golfers on the course.
Some of the teeing areas and greens are surrounded by steep or medium sloping ground.	Medium High	Trolleys & motorised buggies are not to be taken on to these slopes in dry or wet conditions.
Throughout the course there are steep and medium slopes which must be treated with care particularly during wet conditions. Specific slopes are dealt with as part of the hole by hole assessment.	Medium High	All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.

**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 Bays and Nets located to the rear of the Pro Shop and (b) The Putting Green. In the interests of safety, practice is prohibited in all other areas. Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball, stones or other loose impediments that may be moved by the stroke or swing.
- You are advised to use all steps on the course with caution, particularly in wet or frosty conditions.
- 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 Club Director 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 within each buggy.
- Climbing over boundary walls or fences or, into any of the water features is strictly prohibited. All caution to be taken should you attempt to retrieve balls from these features. Warning notices are in place at these locations but, should you find yourself in difficulty life rings are also provided.
- 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 at 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 a bell is provided on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, 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 mis-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 team 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 a air-horn On hearing the air-horn we strongly advise you to return to the Clubhouse and await further instruction.

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