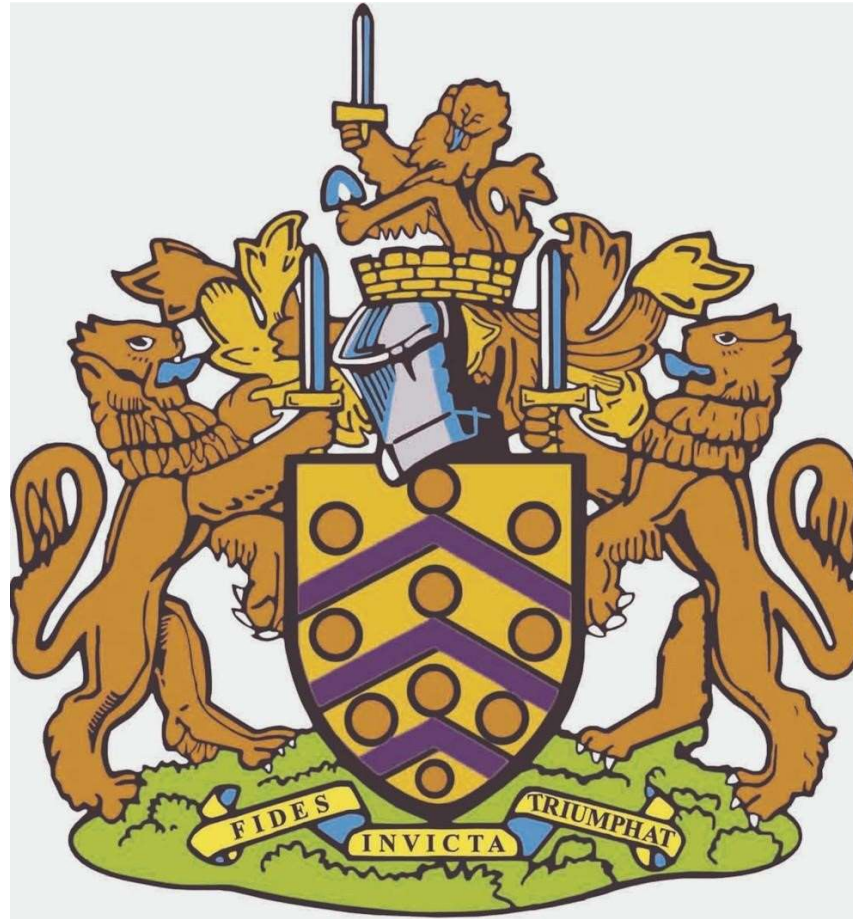


# **Course Risk Assessment**

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 Significant Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed?	 How Is The Risk Controlled?	Risk Factor
<b>General Overview of Risks</b>			

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1.	<b>Typical hazards encountered on a Golf Course.</b>	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.	<b>Teeing Off</b>  <b>Miss hit Tee shot to right or left</b>	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 drifts to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
3.	<b>Rights of way</b>	Members of public and dog walkers on paths or fairways	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
4.	<b>Fairway to Green</b>	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.	<b>Miss hit approach shot to green</b>	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.	<b>Brooks, Ponds Lakes</b>	All Golfers	Be aware of the dangers of brooks, lakes, ponds including slipping down banks, deep water and slippery bridges. Don't step onto frozen water. Use ball retrievers whenever possible. Appropriate holes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,18	Medium
7.	<b>Hidden Greens</b>	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 13,14,17	Low
8.	<b>Trees and other fixed hazards</b>	Golfers and Playing partners	When playing near trees beware of balls ricocheting.	Low

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9.	<b>Undulating ground, hollows, hills</b>	All Golfers	Take care when walking over undulating ground especially when wet or icy. Appropriate to holes:1,9,11,12,13,14,15,18	medium
10.	<b>Driving Buggies</b>	All Golfers	Take care on hills, hollows and undulations. Take special care driving over bridges or near to brooks. Keep speed to minimum.	Medium

### **Specific Risks Hole by Hole**

#### **Hole 1**

11.	Miss-hit tee shot to right from White Tee	People on Putting Green  Players in Buggies coming down from 18th	Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout fore if your ball is likely to go near to them.	Medium
12.	Balls coming from Driving range over net	You	Take care when walking along fairway and listen out for Fore Range being shouted	Medium
13.	Tee shot from White tee if behind trees	You	Take care when walking along fairway and listen out for Fore being shouted  Trees to be regularly trimmed by greens staff	Low
14.	Green Approach shot drifts left	Players walking to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Low
	<b>Hole 2</b>			

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15.	Miss-hit tee shot to left from White Tee	Players on 8th White Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.  Trees to be regularly trimmed by greens staff	Low
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16.	Balls coming from Driving range over net	You	Take care when walking along fairway	Low
17.	Green Approach shot drifts left	Players on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Low
	<b>Hole 3</b>			
18.	Miss-hit Tee shot to right	Players on 4 <sup>th</sup> White Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	<b>Hole 4</b>			
19.	Tee Shot taking on the corner over ponds	Players on 6 <sup>th</sup> Green	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
20.	Approach to green overshoots to right	Players on 5 <sup>th</sup> Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	<b>Hole 5</b>			

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21.	Hook Tee shot to Left	Players coming down 6 <sup>th</sup> Fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
22.	Miss-hit Approach shot to left	Players on 6 <sup>th</sup> Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	<b>Hole 6</b>			
23.	Miss/over hit Tee shot to right	Players on 8 <sup>th</sup> Green	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low

24.	Miss/over hit Tee shot to left	Players on the 5 <sup>th</sup> Fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
25.	Miss hit Approach shot to right	Players on 7 <sup>th</sup> Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	<b>Hole 7</b>			
26.	Miss/over hit Tee shot to right	Players on 8 <sup>th</sup> Fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Medium
27.	Miss/over hit Fairway shot to left or right	Players on 8 <sup>th</sup> Fairway to right or 4 <sup>th</sup> Tee to left	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low

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	<b>Hole 8</b>			
28.	Miss-hit Tee shot to left	Players on the Driving Range	Take care with Tee shot and shout Fore if likely to hit someone on range	Medium
29.	Miss/over hit Tee shot to right	Players on 7 <sup>th</sup> Fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
30.	Balls coming from Driving range over net	You	Take care when walking along fairway and listen out for Fore Range being shouted	Medium
31.	Over hit shot to Green to left	Players on 9 <sup>th</sup> Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	<b>Hole 9</b>			

32.	Miss-hit Tee shot to right	Players/People/ Cars in Car park areas	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Low
33.	Miss-hit Tee shot to left	Players on 8 <sup>th</sup> 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
	<b>Hole 10</b>			
34.	Miss-hit Tee shot to right	Players on 9 <sup>th</sup> Tee or players on 6 <sup>th</sup> Fairway	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if hitting to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low

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35.	Taking on too much left from Tee	Vehicles or people going down road	Pay attention when playing shot especially of vehicles are known to be coming down road.	Medium
36.	Over hit approach to Green	Vehicles or people going down road	Pay attention when playing shot especially of vehicles are known to be coming down road.	Low
	<b>Hole 11</b>			
40.	Miss hit Tee shot to right	Walkers down road	Be aware of walkers in this area and shout fore if ball drifts to the right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low

	<b>Hole 12</b>			
	Tee Shot to the right is out of bounds	Land is no longer in use to right of this hole.	Be aware could be people on this land that should no be there but be cautious.	
41.	Over hit second shot	Players on 13 <sup>th</sup> Tee	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if over hitting if there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
42.	Miss hit approach to green	Players walking off the 13 <sup>th</sup> Tee	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if over hitting to left if there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	<b>Hole 13</b>			
43.	Out of bounds surrounds the Green	Public right of way behind green	Be aware if walkers in this area and shout fore if over hitting to left if there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
44.	Over hit approach to Green	Players walking to 14 <sup>th</sup> Tee from Green.	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if over hitting if there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low



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	<b>HOLE 14</b>			
45.	Miss hit Tee shot to left	Players on 12 <sup>th</sup> Fairway	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if hitting to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
46.	Steep Slope to left of fairway	Players on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	Be aware of the slope as can be slippery and golfers are often around this area as ball runs off down the slope.	Medium
	Ensure Green is clear before approach	Players on 14 <sup>th</sup> Green	Ensure Ball has been rang before you hit your approach shot to the 14 <sup>th</sup> Green	Medium
	<b>Hole 15</b>			
47.	Miss hit Tee shot to right	Players on 15 <sup>th</sup> fairway in trees cannot be seen from tee, also players on 16 <sup>th</sup> Green	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if hitting to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	<b>Hole 16</b>			
48.	Tee shot going off to the right	Players on 15 <sup>th</sup> Fairway	Makes sure green is clear before taking the shot.	Medium
49.	Over hit approach to green	Players on 15 <sup>th</sup> looking for balls in the tree ara	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if hitting over Green and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	<b>Hole 17</b>			
50.	Miss hit Tee shot to right endangers Golfers on 16 <sup>th</sup> Green	Players on 16 <sup>th</sup> Green	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if hitting left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium

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51	Golfers still on 17 <sup>th</sup> Green if attempting to drive Green.	Players on 17 <sup>th</sup> Green	Please be aware and wait for Bell to be sounded before teeing off if you are going to attempt to drive the Green.	Medium
	<b>Hole 18</b>			
52	A low wayward Tee shot can go towards 17 <sup>th</sup> Green	Players on 17 <sup>th</sup> Green	Ensure to shout fore if ball is going towards 17 <sup>th</sup> Green	Medium
53	Tee Shot	Walkers and Golfers who are not in sight	Ensure there are no walkers or golfers in the blind spot at bottom hill before teeing off	Low

<b>Hazard No.</b>	<b>List What Further Action Is Necessary To Control The Risk</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
<b>1 to 10</b>	Include on a notice in locker rooms or pro shop	General manager	March 2022
<b>11,19,23, 48,50</b>	Regularly trim trees to get better view	Course Manager	March 2022
<b>10</b>	Buggy policy	General Manager	March 2022

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**Assessment compiled by:** Keith Wood

**Date of assessment:**

March 1st 2022

**Signature:**

**Date to review further actions:**

Completed March 2022

**Position:**

General Manager

**Assessment review date:**

If necessary due to course changes or incidents

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 **Course Manager** in consultation with the **General Manager** and/or the **Professional/Shop Supervisor**

The procedure for closing the course will be as follows: The **Course Manager** will ring the **General Manager** and/or **Professional/Shop Supervisor** and inform them. The **Course Manager** will put up 'Course Closed' signs and the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** will update the web site **Course Status**.

### FOG AND LOW CLOUD POLICY

The Marker Post to the right of the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway is clearly visible during normal conditions. (It is yellow and on the edge of the pond on the RHS of the fairway). In conditions of low cloud or fog when the Marker Post is not visible the **Management** 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 **Professional/Shop Supervisor** will sound a long blast of the Klaxon. Players should return safely to the Clubhouse. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short blasts on the klaxon.

### LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event of a lightning strike being seen within the vicinity of the Golf Club the **General Manager** or 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 **General Manager** 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.

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## COMPETITIONS

During a Club competition the **Competition Organiser** in conjunction with the **General Manager** 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, General Manager** 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.*