

SAFETY AT KNUTSFORD GOLF CLUB - 30th November 2020

INTRODUCTION

Compared to some other sports, golf is essentially a safe sport with thankfully few accidents. Observing the simple steps outlined below will contribute to everyone's enjoyment.

This document provides an assessment of the main risk areas identified for players and staff at Knutsford Golf Club on the golf course. It is not a definitive list and players should observe safe practices at all times.

Play is at the individuals own risk.

Players should consider adequate insurance cover.

Mobile Phones must be switched off in and around the Clubhouse and on the course. Their use is not permitted on the course except to summon help in the case of an emergency.

PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AWARE AT ALL TIMES OF DANGER TO OTHERS AND TO THEMSELVES; ALL ACCIDENTS MUST BE REPORTED.

CARE MUST BE TAKEN AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES TO ONESELF AND TO OTHER PLAYERS, OFFICIALS OR STAFF.

FIRST AID BOXES WILL BE FOUND IN THE BAR AREA, and OFFICE,

All accidents MUST be reported to the Club Office for entry into the Accident Book.

SAFETY ON THE COURSE

Every effort is made by the Club to ensure that the course is as safe as possible, however, safety remains largely in the hands of the individual. Please take care at all times and in particular note the following: -

- Do not play a shot until it is safe to do so.
- If you play a wayward shot shout FORE.
- If you hear a warning shout take cover.
- In case of lightning storm or thick fog, please leave the course.
- Be aware of uneven ground caused by burrowing animals.
- Use paths and steps where provided.
- Be aware of Green staff working on the course.
- Please make yourself aware of and read the club H&S policy document.

SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL HOLE RISKS HIGHLIGHTED

The following may sound a little detailed, it is intended as a guide to ensure the safety of visitors and members. It is not exhaustive and players should make themselves aware of risks and act accordingly.

1st - Take care, especially in wet or frozen conditions when using the steps onto the first tee and walking down and up the slopes on the fairway. Be aware of players teeing off from 18th or playing their shots up the 18th Fairway. Wait until these players are out of range before teeing off.

4th - When playing to the 4th Green from any distance please be aware of players on or near the 7th Green. The 4th Flag is to the right of the 7th Flag.

5th - Take care, especially in wet or frozen conditions when using the steps onto tee. When walking to the sixth be aware of players on the 6th tee out of site. Players on the 6th tee have priority and you should wait until they have played their tee shots before walking towards the tee from the 5th green.

6th & 15th Take care, especially in wet or frozen conditions when using the steps onto the tee. Be aware of players on the 5th Green when teeing off and if necessary, wait to play. Make certain the 6th green (out of site) is clear before you play and players from the 6th are walking away from the green and not back up the fairway slope. Take care when walking down the slope to the green. When walking to the 7th tee, walk to the LEFT of the trees up the slope to the 7th tee to avoid errant shots. Take care on the slope

8th - Whilst on the tee remain vigilant of potentially wayward shots to the 7th green nearby and shielded by trees. Be careful of the three deep ponds. The 9th tee is to the RIGHT of the 8th green, be aware of players teeing off on the 9th. Walk from the 8th to the 9th with care. When playing the 8th as the 17th, the 18th tee is to the LEFT of the 17th green.

9th - A relatively short dog leg hole with obscured view, make sure fairway is clear before teeing off.

18th - Be aware of players coming down the first as you tee off or play your shot to the 18th Green.

RIDE ON BUGGIES

Follow all direction signs whilst on the course.

Observe safety instruction provided for the Club's rental buggies.



OTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

Fertiliser and Insecticides etc. on the ground: Do not lick golf balls or fingers. A notice on the 1st Tee will advise of any chemicals that have been used. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves.

Footwear: Ensure that you are wearing suitable footwear – you have a responsibility to yourself to avoid slipping on slopes and other awkward places.

Green Keeper Staff: Green Keeping staff has priority at all times. Always make sure that they are aware of your presence before you play your shot. The Green Keeping staff are instructed to signal to you when it is safe to play.

DANGEROUS CIRCUMSTANCES

Suspension of play for a dangerous situation (e.g. lightning) will be signalled by a prolonged single blast on the klaxon operated from the Clubhouse.

Please advise the office (preferably via email secretary@knutsfordgolf.co.uk) if you encounter anything you feel is unsafe.

COVID 19:

The Club operates to England Golf and UK Govt Covid Safety Standards. Please see the separate policy on our web site.

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Honorary Secretary Nov 2020.