



## **GOLF COURSE HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION & RISK ASSESSMENT 2019**

The following information identifies the main hazards that members and visitors to The Leicestershire Golf Club may encounter while playing, practicing or walking the golf course. It does not contain a definitive list of hazards, as by the very nature of the game of golf, it is impossible to either list all possible hazards or to eliminate risk entirely.

All players and visitors are expected to adopt golfing etiquette by not practicing or playing a golf shot if there is reasonable chance of injuring someone, or by walking in front of a fellow competitor or partner prior to them playing a shot. Care to avoid injury should also be taken when returning a ball to a player after a conceded putt in match play or other circumstances.

**ACCIDENT/ EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:** ALL accidents and incidents MUST be reported to the General Manager's Office, so that the appropriate documentation may be completed. **An emergency telephone number is on the scorecard. This contact is separate to the main club telephone line and will be answered in the case of a genuine emergency. The club recommend all members to add the emergency number to their mobile phone directory.**

**BRS TEE BOOKING SYSTEM:** All Members and Visitors are asked to enter their names on the BRS system before playing on the course. As well as assisting Members as to when the course is available to play, the use of the BRS system is to provide data to enable the Club to better understand how often and when the course is being used. There is also the added benefit that players on the course can be more easily found if they need to be contacted in an emergency. Players are reminded to take care for their own safety and to use the emergency number where appropriate.

**FIRST-AID ASSISTANCE:** In the event of an accident, first aid boxes are located at:

- The General Manager's Office
- Club House Bar
- Kitchen
- Head Greenkeeper's Office
- Driving range.

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** Should you encounter a person having a cardiac event, defibrillators are located at:

- The top of the right-hand stairs in cupboard marked 'defibrillator' near the bar area
- Head Greenkeepers office (Monday – Friday 07:00 – 15:30)

**MOBILE PHONES:** Mobile Phones must be turned to 'silent' when on the course. Their use is only permitted to summon help in the case of an accident or emergency.

**Emergency services: 999 Clubhouse: 0116 273 8825 Emergency: 07775 627 792**

**ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE CLUB:** Please be careful as you enter and leave the Club. Cars must only be parked in designated spaces and excessive speed is always to be avoided. During icy/adverse



weather, please take care in the car park as it can become slippery. When there is ice present, the areas surrounding the clubhouse will be gritted, but care must be taken in the main car park.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Players should always be polite and courteous to members of the public on the course and take every precaution to avoid any confrontation and to report any issues to the Club Manager as soon as possible. The emergency number should be used if appropriate.

**WILDLIFE:** The Leicestershire Golf Club boasts lovely scenery and wildlife that has no respect for health and safety and like many other golf courses there are always dangers associated with animal burrows etc. Players should also be aware that there is a potential threat from wasps, bees and other biting insects. Persons playing or walking on the course do so AT THEIR OWN RISK and must not do anything to jeopardise the safety of themselves or others. All golfers are asked to respect ALL flora and fauna situated on club property.

**ADVERSE WEATHER:** Lightning – In the event of localised lightning in the area, every effort will be made to warn players to vacate the course. However, if the horn sounds, the instructions below MUST be followed:

- **One long blast** - it is mandatory that you leave the course. If the Horn is not sounded during a competition and a player believes there is a real danger by proceeding, he/she is entitled to discontinue play under Rule 5.7(a). There is a shelter on the course adjacent to the 17th green. However all players must exercise due diligence and take the appropriate action under such conditions.
- **Two short blasts** - This will signify that it is safe to resume play.
- **Two Long Blasts** - This is to signify to those on the golf course that there is a fire within the clubhouse and that golfers should not enter the clubhouse immediately after their round (part of new fire evacuation plan)

Where there is insufficient time to evacuate the course and the 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 their 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. If the course is closed, frequent inspections will be made until play is deemed to be safe.



The authority to close (and re-open) the course is delegated to the operational senior management team (General Manager, Course Manager, Professional Shop)

**BUGGIES:** The Leicestershire Golf Club has buggies available for hire from the Professional shop. Apart from these, the use of personalised motorised ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior application to the General Manager. All hire buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy Safety Policy (provided by the Professional). When using a buggy, ALL player's will be asked to sign that they have understood the buggy safety policy.

**CHEMICAL & FERTILISER APPLICATIONS:** A notice on the information board in the car park and also on the information board outside the professional shop will advise of days that chemicals have been used. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves. Do not lick golf balls or fingers and always wash your hands when finished playing.

**FOOTWEAR:** The Leicestershire Golf Club requires golf shoes to be worn on the golf course as they help to avoid slips; they also help your golf!

**GREEN KEEPER STAFF:** The Greenkeeping staff are regularly working on the course when golf is in progress. Please be careful and courteous to them and ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence prior to playing in their proximity. Remember- GREENKEEPING STAFF HAVE PRIORITY.

**INSURANCE:** The Leicestershire Golf Club provides liability insurance to its members, as detailed below. This insurance is also extended to green fee-paying visitors. However, all golfers may wish to ensure that they are personally adequately insured in respect of the risks involved when playing golf.

#### 1. Personal Liability – Members

*The Public Liability cover arranged by the club is extended to include and respond in the first instance to an incident on behalf of any member of the club by providing an indemnity against legal liability to pay compensation and claimant's costs and expenses in respect of accidental:*

*Bodily injury to any third party and loss of or damage to any Third Party material property within Territorial Limits set out below during the period of insurance and in connection with their golfing activities, including costs and expenses incurred with the insurer's written consent.*

#### Limit of Indemnity

*£10,000,000 any one occurrence and unlimited any one period of insurance.*

#### Territorial Limits

*Anywhere in the world for liability arising in respect of golfing activities.*

#### Excess Applicable

*Third Party Bodily Injury Excess: Nil*

*Third Party Property Damage Excess: £350*



## **2. Personal Liability – Visitors**

*The Public Liability cover arranged by the club is extended to include and respond in the first instance to an incident on behalf of any visitor of the club by providing an indemnity against legal liability to pay compensation and claimant's costs and expenses in respect of accidental:*

*Bodily injury to any third party and loss of or damage to any Third Party material property within Territorial Limits set out below during the period of insurance and in connection with their golfing activities, including costs and expenses incurred with the insurer's written consent.*

### **Limit of Indemnity**

*£10,000,000 any one occurrence and unlimited any one period of insurance.*

### **Territorial Limits**

*Whilst playing or utilizing the facilities provided by the club.*

### **Excess Applicable**

*Third Party Bodily Injury Excess: Nil*

*Third Party Property Damage Excess: £350*

### **IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM PLEASE CONTACT THE GENERAL MANAGER ON 0116 273 8825**

**PRACTISING:** This is strictly limited to the designated Club Putting Green, Driving Range and Practice Net. Under no circumstances is there to be any practicing on the Course itself unless receiving a lesson from the Professional. Golfers playing on their own should play no more than 2 balls.

**STEPS, STEEP BANKS and SLOPES:** Special care must be taken to avoid trips, slips and falls when standing on, or walking near, steps/banks/slopes especially adjacent to tees, 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.

**PONDS AND DITCHES:** Players should be aware that some of the ponds and ditches 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. Areas of water on the course and the holes they affect are as follows:

- The brook (2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Pond (17<sup>th</sup>)
- Body of water (immediately right of the 9<sup>th</sup> tee)

**BRIDGES:** There are numerous bridges on the golf course which may become slippery when the ground is wet or when leaves are on the ground. Therefore care must be taken when crossing over any of the bridges to avoid slips and trips. Bridges can be found on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:** The Leicestershire Golf Club course has public rights of way sharing parts of our land. Please remember that USERS OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY HAVE PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES. If there are people in range of your shot, take a minute to enjoy the scenery until they are out of range. If a miss-hit shot is heading in the direction of other people, you must shout "FORE" to



alert them of possible danger. Players should not strike a golf ball when there is reasonable risk of endangering other players, members of the Green Staff and all other users of the golf course & its surroundings.

**HOLE BY HOLE RISK ASSESSMENT:** The Course Risk Assessment has also been carried out on a hole-by-hole basis. Care must be taken at every hole in accordance with the general points below, 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.

#### **Specific Holes To Be Aware Of:**

**Practice Ground** - Please adhere to the instructions on the safety sign on the practice ground. All players and visitors using the practice ground should be aware of players playing the 1<sup>st</sup> hole and those seeking to retrieve their ball from the practice area. Cease play if there is any danger of hitting such a player and shout "FORE" if a ball struck by you is heading towards a player either on the course or practice ground. Please also be aware of any persons walking down the right-hand side of the practice ground towards the short game area and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

**Hole 1** - When teeing off be aware of golfers on the practice ground.

**Hole 2** - When teeing off be aware of golfers to the right on the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway/green and those walking along the public footpath which crosses the fairway. Wait until the driving area is clear and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

**Hole 3** - When teeing off be aware of golfers playing from the 4<sup>th</sup> tee on your left. Wait until those leaving the 3<sup>rd</sup> green have reached the 4<sup>th</sup> tee and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

**Hole 4** - When playing your tee shot be aware of players on the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone. If a ball is hit out of bounds to the right, please report this to the General Manager as soon as is practically possible.

For those on the 4<sup>th</sup> tee be aware of those playing from the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee and listen for the shout of "FORE"

**Hole 5** - When teeing off be aware of those walking along the public footpath which crosses the fairway along the line of the brook. Wait until the driving area is clear and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

**Hole 6** - When teeing off be aware of golfers playing the 5<sup>th</sup> hole on your left and when approaching the green be aware of those walking along the public footpath next to the brook which crosses the fairway. Wait until the path is clear and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone. Players playing from the 9<sup>th</sup> tee have priority over the 6<sup>th</sup> tee.



**Hole 7** - When teeing off be aware of those walking along the public footpath which crosses the fairway along the line of the brook and also those using the public footpath that crosses the fairway from BOTH directions. Wait until the driving area is clear and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

For those looking to drive the green wait until the bell near to the green has been rung by the players in front. When leaving the 7<sup>th</sup> green please ensure that the bell is rung, indicating to players on the 7<sup>th</sup> tee that it is safe to play.

**Hole 8** - Players are permitted to tee off from the 8<sup>th</sup> but not to proceed to the green until anyone who has teed off from the 9<sup>th</sup> hole white/blue tees has become visible from the 8<sup>th</sup> tee.

**Hole 9** - When teeing off please be aware of golfers on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole to the left and wait until the driving area is clear before playing. Shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone. Players playing from the 9<sup>th</sup> tee have priority over the 6<sup>th</sup> tee.

**Hole 10** - When teeing off please be aware of golfers to the left on the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway and to the right where other players may be searching for balls in the rough between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> fairways. Shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

**Hole 11** – When approaching the green be aware of those walking along the public footpath next to the brook which crosses the fairway. Wait until the path is clear and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

**Hole 12** – Please be aware of those golfers teeing off on the 13<sup>th</sup> tee and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

For those on the 13<sup>th</sup> tee listen for the shout of "FORE"

**Hole 13** – When teeing off, please be aware of those walking along the public footpath next to the brook which crosses in front of the 13<sup>th</sup> tee. Please be aware of golfers to the left on the 15<sup>th</sup> green and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.

**Hole 14** - Please do not tee off until you hear the bell positioned to the right of the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway or until you have otherwise ascertained that the fairway is clear and safe to drive. Shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone. When you have played from the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway, please ensure that the bell is rung, indicating to those on the 14<sup>th</sup> tee that it is safe to play.

**Hole 17** - Please be aware of the pond. It has deep water and in places where muddy banks look dry they can be treacherous and one can easily slip or get stuck. Players SHOULD NOT seek to retrieve balls that have been hit into the pond and should simply take an appropriate penalty drop under the Rules of Golf.

**Hole 18** - Please be aware of golfers on the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway to the left and shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone. If a ball is hit out of bounds to the right, please report this to the General Manager as soon as is practically possible.

On any approach shot to the green please be aware of the clubhouse, putting green and footpath behind the green. Shout "FORE" if your shot might endanger someone.



To help with the review process of our safety information and assessment etc. all Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to bring to the attention of the General Manager any incidents that happen on the golf course, or hazards they feel have not been addressed.

Enjoy your golf.