

Crown Golf Health and Safety Management System

Section Twenty Specific Course Risk Assessment - Golfers V5 - March 2021

Name of Club	South Winchester Golf Club
Location	
All Risk Assessments are signed off and located in RED 3	

LOGO to be added - specific to club

SWGC Golf Club Risk Assessment – The Golf Course

 Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed?	 How Is The Risk Controlled?	Risk Factor
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General Overview of Course Risks			
1.	Typical hazards encountered on a Golf Course.	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.
2.	Teeing Off Miss hit Tee shot to right or left	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.
3.	Rights of way	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.
4.	Fairway to Green	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
5.	Miss hit approach shot to green	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.
6.	Streams, Riverbeds, Ponds Lakes	All Golfers	Be aware of the dangers of streams, riverbeds (wet or dry, muddy areas), lakes, ponds including slipping down banks, deep water and slippery bridges. Don't step onto frozen water. Use ball retrievers whenever possible. Appropriate holes 6,7,9,15,16,18
7.	Hidden Greens	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 9,18

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8. Trees and other fixed hazards	Golfers and Playing partners	When playing near trees beware of balls ricocheting.	Low
9. Undulating ground, hollows, hills	All Golfers	Take care when walking over undulating ground especially when wet or icy. Appropriate to all holes	medium
10. Driving Buggies	All Golfers	Take care on hills, hollows, and undulations. Take special care driving over bridges or near to brooks and on inclines. Keep speed to minimum.	Medium

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Specific Risks Hole by Hole					
	Hole #				
EXAMPLE	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
	Balls coming from Driving range over net	You		Take care when walking along fairway and listen out for Fore Range being shouted	Medium
	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
	Green Approach shot drifts left	Players walking to 2 nd Tee		Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Low
	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
	Hole 1 Walkers on the left	Pedestrians		Do not hit until the left side of the hole is clear from walkers	Low
	Balls going onto the 5 th tee on the right	Players on 5 th tee		Shout 'Fore' if ball is heading to the right of the fairway bunker towards the 5 th tee	Low
	Hole 2 Balls onto the 3 rd tee	Players on 3 rd tee		Give priority to players on the 3 rd tee, before teeing off	Low
	Dips before the greenside bunker	Golfers		Take care of uneven dips before the bunkers. Take flat route where possible to the green	Low
	Hole 3 Houses left	Homeowners		Make start line far enough right to avoid possibility of hitting houses	Low

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	Balls going right onto the 4 th hole	Players on 4 th hole	Loud shout of 'fore' for any ball heading right onto the 4 th hole	Medium
	Hole 4 Dips on hole in front of tee	Golfers	Stick to the footpath from the tee to the beginning of the fairway	Low
	Balls heading right onto the 3 rd	Players on 3 rd hole	Loud shout of 'fore' any ball heading right onto the 3 rd hole	Medium
	Hole 5 Dip/uneven ground	Golfers	Take care and avoid the dip if possible. Take the flat route to the player's ball.	Low
	Public footpath behind green	Public	Pay attention to walkers on footpath behind the green. Wait if possible or shout 'fore' if walkers are in danger.	Medium
	Hole 6 Water Hazard	Players	Do not try and retrieve balls from penalty area	Low
	Public footpath Hill to 7 th tee	Public Players	Pay attention to walkers down the left of the hole. Shout 'fore' if they are in danger. Make way to the 7 th tee via flatter ground where possible. Extra care in slippery conditions.	Medium Low
	Hole 7 Houses left	Residents	Make start line far enough right to avoid possibility of hitting houses to the left. Area near houses made into a penalty area clearly visible.	Medium
	Hole 8 Dips/uneven ground	Golfers	Take care of uneven ground both sides of the fairway. Stick to the flatter ground down the fairway where possible.	Low
	Hole 9 Uneven Ground	Players	Take care on slopes when wet can be slippery	Low
	Water Hazard	Players	Take care when crossing bridges wood can be slippery when wet. Do not try and retrieve balls from the lake.	Low
	Public footpath	Public	Beware of public footpath up the right of the hole. Wait to hit until it is safe to do so.	Low

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	Hole 10 Stray driving range balls	Players	Listen carefully for shouts of 'fore' coming from the driving range	Medium
	Balls going onto the 11th	Players on the 11 th	Loud shout of 'fore' if tee shot is heading to the right of the long grass towards the 11 th hole	Low
	Hole 11 Uneven ground	Players	Stick to the path to get from the tee to the green.	Low
	Balls from the 10th tee	Players	Listen for shots of 'fore' from the 10 th tee.	Low
	Hole 12 Missing left on the 13 th	Players on the 13 th	Shout 'fore' if any shots miss left onto the 13 th . (left of fairway bunker/trees)	Low
	Balls from the 13 th	Players	Listen carefully for shouts of 'fore' coming from the 13 th	Low
	Hole 13 Missing left on the 12 th	Players on the 12 th	Shout 'fore' for any shot heading left onto the 12 th hole.	Low
	Balls from the 12 th	Players	Listen carefully for shouts of 'fore' coming from the 12 th hole.	Low
	Hole 14 Slopes up the hole	Players	Take care when travelling over slopes stay on the flat ground where possible.	Low
	Hole 15 Dips/uneven ground	Players	Take care when on uneven ground both up the left-hand side of the fairway and over the back of the green.	Low
	Water Hazard	Players	Don't attempt to retrieve balls that are hit into the water hazard.	Low

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	Hole 16 Balls hit from 17 th	Players	Listen carefully for shouts of 'fore' and balls coming from the 17 th tee.	Low
	Balls hit onto the 17 th	Players on 17 th	Shout 'fore' for any shot hit left onto the 17 th to warn golfers ahead.	Low
	Hole 17 Balls hit onto the 16 th	Players on 16 th	Shout 'fore' for any shot hit left onto the 16 th to warn players behind.	Low
	Balls hit from 16 th	Players	Listen carefully to shouts of 'fore' from the 16 th	Low
	Hole 18 Stray range balls	Players	Listen for shouts of 'fore' from the driving range. Notice in the driving range stopping players hitting too far over the back or to the left onto 18 th fairway.	Medium
	Blind tee shot	Players ahead	Don't tee off before the bell is rung by the group in front.	Medium
	Water hazard	Players	Do not try and retrieve balls hit into the water hazard.	Low

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Hazard No.	List What Further Action Is Necessary To Control The Risk	Person Responsible	Completion Date
1 to 18	Include on a notice in locker rooms or pro shop	General manager	15.10.25
	Buggy policy	General Manager	15.10.25

Assessment compiled by:

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Date of assessment:

16/10/25

Signature:



Date to review further actions:

Position:

Course manager

Assessment review date:

Review If necessary due to course changes or incidents. Otherwise annually.