



HAGLEY GOLF CLUB

Course Risk Assessment - SUMMARY

All golfers, members & visitors alike, should read the following information before playing the Golf course.

Course – The course, due to its undulating landscape creates its own Health & Safety Risks, especially when off the normal playing areas. The terrain and ground conditions in these areas can be extremely hazardous and care must be taken when walking in general, but especially if searching for a ball in areas not normally used.

Inclement Weather – Safety on the course can change dramatically with the onset of inclement weather, especially when the weather is at its worst when frost, ice, rain or snow is present. “STOP, THINK & ANALYSE” before proceeding to play.

Special Policy Documents are displayed on the notice boards which cover the following extremely dangerous weather conditions:

1). Thunder & Lightning – All play will be suspended should lightning be in the area. A continuous blast on an air horn will sound to represent this. Players **should not** seek protection under trees. Leave the course or crouch down as low as possible do not use mobile phones and do not open an umbrella. (Full procedures are listed in the Thunder & Lightning Policy).

2) Fog – Players must not start their round from the 1st tee if the R/H Fairway bunker cannot be seen. If fog descends during a round, players should suspend their game if they are unable to ascertain if players are within range.

Footwear – All players must wear appropriate footwear when playing the Golf course, especially during the winter period with the increased danger of frost and ice.

Wildlife – Due to the amount of wildlife, care must be taken for holes that are created by burrowing animals. These are dealt with by the green keepers during their normal course maintenance.

Bunkers - Most holes have fairway and/or greenside bunkers. Care must be taken when getting into or out of the bunker. Rakes are provided to smooth out the bunker. Please replace the rake on the holder after use.

Players – (Rules of Golf – section 1, Etiquette). Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or a practice swing. Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.

Players should always alert greenstaff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them. If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, especially adjacent fairways, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such a situation is “fore”.

Insurance – All players should have Public Liability insurance. For members this is included with their membership subscription, for visitors this is included with the green fee.

Paths – All players should use the paths provided, but please be careful of loose surfaces and ruts that have been caused by adverse weather conditions. Players are also reminded that some paths are shared with greens machinery and other vehicles delivering goods around the course. Care must be taken with the pathways and the wooden path edges, which become slippery in wet or frosty conditions.

Tees – Most tees are built up and have either steps or an incline leading up to them. Care must be taken walking onto and off the teeing area as the slope or steps may become slippery, especially in wet or frosty conditions.

Steps are on holes – 1, 4, 13, 16

Distance Marker Discs – There are distance marker discs in the middle of the fairway on all par 4 and per 5 holes, positioned at 100 (Red), 150 (Yellow) and 200 yards (White) back from the centre of the green. These are a trip hazard, and a slip hazard in wet or frosty conditions.

Ditches & Culverts – Drainage ditches and culverts are situated around the course to assist with drainage, most of which are situated along the edges of the fairways, but some ditches come in to play on the following holes. Please take care when nearing these or attempting to retrieve your golf balls. An extendable ball retriever is highly recommended.

Holes – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 18

Bridges – There are a number of bridges that cross ditches and culverts, both on the play of a hole and from green to the next tee. Please take care when crossing these, especially in wet or frosty conditions.

Holes – 3, 4, 4 to 5, 7(X2), 8(X3), 11, 17 to 18

Water Hazards & Ponds – There are a number of water hazards and ponds on the course. Please take care when approaching these, or attempting to retrieve your golf balls. An extendable ball retriever is highly recommended.

Holes – 2, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18.

Slopes / Inclines – Due to the very nature of the course, various holes have slopes, banks and inclines, which have to be negotiated. Please be aware of loose or slippery conditions, especially in wet or frosty weather.

Holes - 5, 11, 13, 14,

Ground Under Repair (GUR) – Players should be aware of areas that are being worked on by the greens staff. These areas are normally encircled by a white line or are roped off.

Power Lines – These cross the fairway on Holes 4 & 8.

Trees, Bushes – These line most tees, fairways and greens. Please be careful when playing nearby these for injury from the tree, bush or a deflected ball.

Trolleys – All hand pulled or pushed trolleys, should have appropriate wheels for the course. Directional signs should be followed.

Motorised Trolleys – These should not be allowed to roam on their own, and should be turned off before each shot. They should also have appropriate wheels for the course. ('Winter Wheels' is normally displayed on the sign by the first tee if this is a requirement during the winter period). Directional signs should be followed.

Ride-on Buggies – Private or Hire. - These should only be driven by a responsible person, and in accordance with club rules. Private Buggies must have their own Public Liability Insurance. In adverse weather conditions the terms laid down in the club Buggy Policy MUST be adhered to and under extreme conditions the Buggy Route Planner must be using. Under these conditions, the use of Ride-On Motorised Buggies may be restricted for disabled use only

Course, Green keepers – Please be careful when playing shots where green keepers are working. Wait to be called down.

Vehicles – Beware of equipment and vehicles being driven around the course by green keepers. Please do not obstruct them.

Insecticides, Fungicides, Sprays etc. – These are **always** in use around the course. Please do not touch the ball with your mouth or tongue to clean your ball, use the golf ball cleaners that are strategically placed around the course.

Mobile phones – **All mobile phones must be switched to silent mode and are only to be used in case of an emergency on the course.**

Code Red Vehicle (Defibrillator) – A portable Red Light should be fitted to the buggy or vehicle attending the scene. All golf to be suspended until all the vehicle(s) (Including Ambulance) have left the course.

Emergency Situations

In Case of Emergency the following telephone numbers should be used to summon help, including 1st Aiders or a Defibrillator Attendant:

Club House - 01562 883701

Professional Shop – 01562 883852

If Emergency Services are summoned, the address is:

Hagley Golf Club
Wassell Grove Lane
Hagley
DY9 9JW

Please Note:

A detailed 'Hole by Hole' Risk Assessment and all Policy Documents are available in the appropriate folders in each of the Ladies and Gents locker rooms.

If any player (member or visitor) has suggestions as to improve our Safety procedures please inform the Secretary, this also includes matters that have already been raised but have not been dealt with, and incidents that have happened on the course.

Graham F Yardley
Hon. Secretary