

Course Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment – Updated April 2019

Health & Safety Document – Course Risk Assessment Statement

Members, Guests and Visitors are hereby advised that comprehensive Risk Assessments are being regularly carried out on the course in accordance with the Club's Health and Safety Policy.

It is your responsibility as a golfer, caddie, or spectator on the course, to ensure that you consider everyone's safety and adhere strictly to the following:

- Practice play is strictly limited to the designated practice ground (located on the right (South) of the 18th fairway)), the double driving net (east of car park), the pitching area (beside the Professional shop) and the putting green (located on North side of clubhouse. Practice is strictly forbidden on both the Pitfirrane course and The Halkett course.
- You are advised to take particular care when moving around the course in wet or cold weather, when underfoot conditions may require extra caution. Steps and pathways on the course should be used with great care particularly in wet conditions.
- You are advised to adopt caution, and be aware of your surroundings, when close to any trees on the course, particularly during very windy or other adverse weather conditions. Whilst branches considered to be a safety risk are removed whenever possible the Club cannot be held responsible for the natural conditions at any particular time.
- In the event of course closure the Members, Guests and Visitors will be informed by email, website and social media, of the closure and when the next course inspection is expected. During adverse conditions which necessitate course closure the professional will inhibit access to the course. Where Members, Guests or Visitors are 'In-Play' Closure will be announced by repeated 3 sharp blasts of the hooter. Should this occur within Greenstaff working hours a member of the greenstaff will inform players of the closure; advise to mark and leave the course.
- You are advised to use caution when going up or down any steep slope on the course particularly when using golf buggies or trolleys. Adherence to the instructions detailed on any directional signage for buggies and for trolleys is also essential in order to minimise risk in this respect.

- You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything on the golf course (including trees, berries, sand, soil, and grass) especially when caution signs indicate the use of chemicals and recent spraying on the course.
- In any event that you come across any dead wildlife on the course, you are expressly prohibited from having any contact with it. We request that you report it to a member of the Club's staff who will deal with it accordingly.
- You are advised, when playing, to take every precaution to avoid hitting anybody with you golf ball. Particular care should be taken at holes where the landing area is not clearly visible (especially the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, and 17th holes) where teeing off should only commence after any respective bell is sounded by the players in front, or where no bell is available the line of sight is clear, and whenever parallel fairways are played in opposite directions.
- Golfers must be aware of your and other golfers place on the course. Be aware of your own ability and only play when it is safe to do so.
- Golfers must always shout FORE as loudly and as early as you can if your ball or one played by a fellow player, is likely to head toward an area that could be occupied by other golfers.
- Golfers must always stand well back behind the player who is playing his shot, both on the tee and on all other areas of the course. A swinging golf club is dangerous and can cause serious damage.
- Golfers must be aware of members of the public using the paths to the east along the right of The Halkett course and the pathway which extends to the east and south of the practice ground, towards the reed beds.
- The green staff are regularly working on both the courses when golf is in progress. Please be careful, courteous and respectful of their presence and ensure they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence, prior to playing in their proximity.

All Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to advise the Club Secretary of any other hazards that have not been addressed above

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