



Course Risk Assessment



Churchill & Blakedown Golf Club Risk Assessment – The Golf Course

 Significant Hazard		Who Might Be Harmed?	 How Is The Risk Controlled?	Risk Factor
General Overview of 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.	Low
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 goes to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
3.	Rights of way	Members of public and dog walkers on paths or fairways	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
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	Medium
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.	Medium
6.	Practice Area on left of 5th fairway	Golfers, Greens Staff and spectators.	Do not hit practice balls while players are directly in front of practice area Maximum distance ball should be hit from practice area is 100 yards Do not hit balls back towards practice nets if other people are in the area In unsupervised practice, no more than 4 people are allowed in the bay at 1 time (2 hitting shots, 2 observing behind at a safe distance)	Medium
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 1,7,10,16 and bells rung where applicable.	Medium

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8	Slip Hazards	Members, Staff, Visitors	During wet/damp/icy weather there is a severe risk of slipping in areas of the course. Especially Wooden steps on holes 3,4,5,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,17,18. Golf shoes with spikes should be worn through rain and winter conditions. Always walk carefully and hold handrails when ascending descending steps.	High
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9.	Trees and other fixed hazards	Golfers and Playing partners	When playing near trees beware of balls ricocheting.	Low
10.	Undulating ground, hollows, hills	All Golfers	Take care when walking, pushing/pulling trollies over undulating ground especially when wet or icy. The Steps and Ground can be extremely slippery. Appropriate to all holes.	High
11.	Driving Buggies	All Golfers	Use paths and stay of main Fairway. Take care on hills, hollows and undulations. Keep speed to minimum, refer to Golf Club Buggy Policy	Medium
12.	Practice Swings	All Golfers	Take particular care no one is close to you when taking practice swings	High

Specific Risks Hole by Hole

Hole 1/10

13	Miss-hit tee shot to right.	Players on 3 rd Fairway	Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout fore if your ball is likely to go near to them.	Medium
14	Players on practice Green	Players	Ensure they are aware you are teeing off	Medium
15	Players out of site below ladies tee.	Other players	Ensure you can see group in front on ridge or Green before hitting tee shot	Medium
16.	Steep Bank	You	Always use the path to the left of the bank	Medium
17.	Green Approach	Players still on Green Players on 2 nd Tee	Ensure group in front are clear before hitting approach shot. If shot goes left shout Fore to warn players on Second Tee	Medium

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18.	On Green	You	Do not approach 1 st green while players are teeing off from 2 nd tee.	Medium
19.	Steep banks	All	In wet and icy weather the grass banks are extremely slippery. Golf shoes with spikes/cleats must be worn at all times	High
	Hole 2/11			
20	For 11th Tee access	Players	Do not take Buggies or Trolleys up the slope to either Tees. Use Steps up to 11 th white Tee	
21	Tee Shot	Players on 1 st Green Players on 3 rd Tee	Make sure players on 1 st green are aware of you teeing off. Shout Fore if ball goes towards 3 rd Tee.	Medium
22	Approach and bunker shots	General Public and cars in Churchill Lane Players on 3 rd Tee	Tree height maintained where possible. Golfers awareness. Shout Fore if ball goes towards 3 rd Tee.	High

	Hole 3/12			
23	Miss-hit Tee shot to right	Players on 1 st fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
24	Miss-hit tee shot over trees on left	General Public and cars in Churchill Lane	Shout Fore	High
25.	Steps up to and down from Green	Players/Staff	The wooden steps get extremely slippery in wet and icy conditions, tread carefully and Spiked Golf shoes should be worn in wet/icy conditions	High
	Hole 4/13			

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26.	Tee Shot over Entrance Drive	Traffic on road	Do not play tee shot if vehicle is on road. Stop signs on road to warn Drivers	Medium
27	Tee shot goes left	Members of Public on Footpath	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone on the path.	Low
28	Steps up to and down from Green	Players/Staff	The wooden steps get extremely slippery in wet and icy conditions, tread carefully and Spiked Golf shoes should be worn in wet/icy conditions	High
	Hole 5/14			
29	The Steps up to the tee	Players/Staff	The wooden steps get extremely slippery in wet and icy conditions, tread carefully and Spiked Golf shoes should be worn in wet/icy conditions	High
30.	Hook Tee shot to Left	Players on 9 th /18 th green	Wait until 9/18 th green is clear before teeing off.	Medium
31	Tee shot goes left	Players practice area. Players on Green and fairway of 7/16 th hole	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
32	Tee shot goes sharp right	Players on putting Green and 14 th Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. Maintain Trees in area to give some protection	Low
33	Approach shot goes left over trees	Players on fairway of 7/16 th hole	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
	Hole 6/15			
34	Miss hit Tee shot to right	General Public and cars in Wagon lane	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Medium
35	Miss hit Tee shot to left	Players on the 7 th Fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low

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36.	Miss hit Approach shot to right	General Public and cars in Wagon lane	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Low
37	Miss hit approach shot to left	Players on 7 th tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
	Hole 7/16			
38	Miss hit Tee shot to right	Players on 8 th Fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Medium
39.	Miss/over hit Fairway shot to left	Players on 6 th Fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Medium
40	Approach shot to Green	Players on Green	Ensure group in front are clear of Green, wait for bell to ring to signal they are clear	Medium
41	Approach shot to Green going left	Players on 5/14 th Fairway and Practice ground	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
42	Approach shot to Green going long and right right	Players walking off 8 th Tee, ladies on 8 th Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
	Hole 8/17			
43	The Steps up to the tee	Players/Staff	The wooden steps get extremely slippery in wet and icy conditions, tread carefully and Spiked Golf shoes should be worn in wet/icy conditions	High
44	Teeing off	Players in front Ladies on 8 th Tee	Make sure players in front are clear, wait for bell signaling they are clear. Ensure Ladies are aware of teeing off.	Medium
45.	Teeing off	All Players	Steep banks around rear of teeing area	Low

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46	Approach Shot goes right	All Players around 7 th Teeing area and fairway	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
41.	Over hit shot to Green to left	Players on 9 th Tee	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Medium
	Hole 9/18			
42.	Teeing off	Players in front	Make sure players in front are clear, wait for triangle signaling they are clear	Medium
43.	Miss-hit Tee shot to right	Members of Public on Footpath	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes to right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
44.	Miss-hit Tee shot to left	Players on 8 th Fairway	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if ball drifts to the right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Medium
45.	2nd Shot/approach shot goes left	Players on practice area	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way left and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Medium
46.	2nd Shot/approach shot goes right	Members of Public on Footpath	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball goes way right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone	Medium
47	Steps down to the ditch on the bottom right of the Fairway get extremely slippery in wet and icy weather	Players/Staff	The wooden steps get extremely slippery in wet and icy conditions, tread carefully and Spiked Golf shoes should be worn in wet/icy conditions	High

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Hazard No.	List What Further Action Is Necessary To Control The Risk	Person Responsible	Completion Date
6	Full risk assessment conducted on 29/09/17	R Julier	TBA
	Full Review conducted 25/09/20	R Julier	28/09/20
	Full review	R Julier	Nov 2022
	Full Review	R Julier	Nov 24
	Full review	R Julier	Dec 2025

Assessment compiled by: R S Julier _____ Date of assessment: 8th December 2025

Signature: *R S Julier* _____ Date to review further actions: Nov 28

Position: Secretary _____ Assessment review date: Nov 28

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The Course may be closed when extreme or adverse weather conditions mean it is dangerous to play or damage to the course would result if play were permitted. Such conditions could cause greens to become waterlogged, the course flooded, covered in snow or poor visibility due to fog. The decision to close the course is made by the **Club Head Green Keeper(HGK)** in consultation with the **Greens Chairman** and/or the **Professional/Shop Supervisor**

The procedure for closing the course will be as follows: The **HGK** will ring the **Greens Chairman** and/or **Professional/Shop Supervisor** and inform them. The **HGK** will put up 'Course Closed' signs and the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** will update the web site on **Course Status**.

FOG AND LOW CLOUD POLICY

The bunker on the right of the 5th is clearly visible during normal conditions. In conditions of low cloud or fog when the bunker is not visible the **Professional/Shop Supervisor/ HGK** may close the course. No players should attempt to play in those conditions. If there is a need to stop play due to low cloud or fog the will sound a long blast of the Klaxon. Players should return safely to the Clubhouse. Resumption of play will be signalled by two blasts on the klaxon.

LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event of a lightning strike being seen within the vicinity of the Golf Club the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** will close the course by sounding a long blast on the Klaxon. When a lightning storm has been seen in the course vicinity, no play is to commence until a period of 15 minutes from the last lightning strike/clap of thunder. Play will resume after two short blasts of the Klaxon. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment of play.

If the **HGK** or the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** is unavailable it is incumbent upon each **Player** to assess the risks and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course in the event of Fog or Lightning.

COMPETITIONS

During a Club competition the **Competition Organiser** in conjunction with the **HGK** or the **Professional/Shop Supervisor** may close the course if it is considered the course has become unsuitable for play. In the event that the **Competition Organiser, HGK** or **Professional/Shop Supervisor** is unavailable it is incumbent upon each **Player** to assess the risk and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course.

Players should make themselves fully conversant with the rules of the competition in which they are playing. E.g. in some competitions a cessation of play may also mean the abandonment of that particular competition. In other competitions such as Opens or Invitation Days, the competition may be recommenced if and when conditions allow. In such circumstances players must mark the position of their ball in the correct manner, otherwise a penalty or disqualification will result.

The cease play signal is a long blast, and players should mark their ball and find somewhere safe to shelter. The all-clear signal is two short blasts, and if it sounds then play can resume. If this has not been sounded within ½ hour then play must be abandoned. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment.