



GOLF COURSE HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

The following information identifies the main hazards that members and visitors to Magdalene Fields Golf Club may encounter while playing, practising, or walking on our 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 eliminate risk entirely.

All players and visitors are expected to adopt golfing etiquette by not playing a golf shot if there is the remotest chance of injuring someone, or by walking in front of a fellow competitor or partner prior to them playing a shot.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT ALWAYS BE ANY STAFF IN THE CLUBHOUSE. IF YOU WISH TO CONTACT SOMEONE DURING THESE TIMES IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SPEAK TO ANYONE IMMEDIATELY AND MAY HAVE TO WAIT FOR A RESPONSE. YOU SHOULD TELEPHONE 01289 306130 TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE OR TO LEAVE A MESSAGE INCLUDING YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER IN ORDER FOR SOMEONE TO CALL YOU BACK.

BALL STRIKES

Never play until those in front of you are out of range.

Never play if you feel others have encroached too much onto the line of your intended shot. Always ensure they move to a safer position before playing.

Always shout "FORE" to warn others of stray shots heading in their direction.

Always take evasive action on the shout of "FORE" by turning away from the direction of the shout and by covering your face and head with your arms

ACCIDENT/ EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

ALL accidents and incidents **MUST** be reported to the Secretary's Office, so that the appropriate documentation may be completed.

FIRST-AID ASSISTANCE:

In the event of an accident, first aid boxes are located in: The Secretary's Office, Club House Bar and Kitchen and in the Greenkeepers Shed. A small first aid kit is provided in each tractor. Details of trained First Aiders are displayed on all club notice boards.

The postcode of the Club is TD15 1NE

A Defibrillator is located in the Clubhouse.

MOBILE PHONES:

Mobile Phones must be switched off on the course. Their use is only permitted to summon help in the case of an accident / emergency.

Emergency services: 999



Clubhouse: 01289 306130

Police: 101

WILDLIFE:

Magdalene Fields Golf Course 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. We will endeavour to fill in holes created by animals. However it is inevitable that there will be rabbit holes etc. that can lead to sprained ankles or worse. Persons playing or walking on the course do so **AT THEIR OWN RISK** and must not do anything to jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.

FIELDS:

It is prohibited to enter the field bounding the course at hole 9.

ADVERSE WEATHER:

This section details the procedures to be followed in respect of the **ADVERSE WEATHER HORN SIGNALS**, and **HEALTH AND SAFETY** advice to be followed when adverse weather conditions prevail.

Lightning and Fog:

In the event of a **DANGEROUS SITUATION** (Lightning and Fog) suspension of play shall be signified by **ONE LONG BLAST** of the HORN play **MUST** stop immediately (see **Rule 5.7a**) and players should make their way to the clubhouse and await further instructions.

After suspension, resumption of play shall be signified by **TWO SHORT BLASTS OF THE HORN**.

Other Prevailing Weather Conditions:

In the event of a **NON-DANGEROUS SITUATION** causing the course to become unplayable for reasons such as lack of daylight, excessive rainfall, and high winds to the extent a ball is moving and can't be replaced on the spot from which it was blown(see **Rule 5.7b**),suspension of play shall be signified by **THREE SHORT BLASTS** of the HORN. The player **MAY** complete the hole already started and thereafter make their way immediately to the clubhouse and await further instructions

After suspension, resumption of play shall be signified by **TWO SHORT BLASTS** of the HORN.

When play is to be resumed following a suspension, players will resume play from where they stopped. (see **Rule 5.7d**)

Health and Safety Advice:



It should be noted the horn shall only be sounded when the Secretary or other club representative is in attendance. Catering Staff are independent and do not act on behalf of the Club. If the horn is not sounded during a competition and a player believes there is a real danger by proceeding, the player is entitled to discontinue play under **Rule 6-8a(ii)**

Lightning-Where there is not sufficient time to evacuate the course and there is a threat of you are advised to observe the following advice:

- 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 up an umbrella up in any circumstances

Fog - In the event fog is present at the start of the day, and the flag on the first green is not visible from the rear of the Clubhouse or yellow tee markers, the course shall be closed to all play until a Representative of the Club decides that the course is playable. If no representative is present the course will remain closed as long as the flag on the first hole is not visible from the rear of the Clubhouse or yellow tee markers.

Disclaimer:

A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions contrary to the above advice is normally left to the discretion of the player who **MUST** accept full responsibility for his/her safety and others affected by their actions.

If the course(s) has not been officially closed this does not mean that is necessarily safe to continue play and players must decide for themselves whether they consider it is safe to do so.

Course Closures General:

The Club Secretary or other Club Representative, including any Committee member has the authority to close the course when unusual weather has occurred and damage to the course would occur if play were permitted. Such conditions would occur if water logging, flooding, severe frost, or snow prevailed.

During a competition, the course may be closed by the Club Secretary in consultation with greens staff, or any authorised member of the committee supervising the competition and he/she considers that the course/greens have become unsuitable for play.

BUGGIES:

Magdalene Fields Golf Club has buggies available for hire. Apart from these, the use of personalised motorised ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior application to the Secretary. Owners of buggies **MUST** ensure they are adequately insured. All hire buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy Safety Policy.

CHEMICAL & FERTILISER APPLICATIONS:



The notice boards at the first tee 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.

GREENKEEPERS:

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 DURING EARLY MORNINGS.**

PRACTISING:

This is strictly limited to the designated practice areas which are the Practice Area to the right of the fifteenth hole and Practice Putting and chipping area adjacent to the first tee and behind the out of bounds markers to the 18th green. Under no circumstances is there to be any practising on the Course.

GOLF COURSE TOPOGRAPHY (Uneven ground, Gradients, Up Slopes, Down Slopes, Bunkers, Steps, Pathways, Golf Course Furniture.)

Be aware of these hazards in regards to slipping, tripping and falling. Always look for the safest routes when walking. Avoid walking up or down steep banks whenever possible.

Keep a safe distance from deep bunkers and where ground levels fall away. Many hazards increase in regard to risk when wet, frozen or muddy.

Always wear the correct footwear and clothing and ensure they are in good condition and fit for purpose. If using golf shoes with moulded soles, metal, or soft spikes take extra care when wet and avoid slippery surfaces such as wooden steps and/or sleepers

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:

Magdalene Fields Golf Club has public rights of way sharing parts of our land. Please remember that **USERS OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROWS) 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**" in a loud voice to alert them of possible danger. Players should not strike a golf ball when there is the risk of endangering other players, members of the Green Staff and all other users of the golf course & its surroundings.

BLIND SHOTS

Never play shots if you cannot be certain the intended landing area is clear of other golfers, green staff or members of the public. Utilise playing partners to ensure you are safe and the intended landing area is clear.

Pedestrians on the PROWs have right of way over golfers on the course.



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 above, 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.

Please observe all Health and Safety Instructions around the course.

Hole Number	Specific Holes To Be Aware Of	Action to be taken following an errant shot
1	When playing your approach please be aware people and vehicles on the right of the first fairway.	Shout "FORE"
2	When teeing off please be aware of golfers using the path to the right, they shall have priority.	Shout "FORE"
5	When playing an approach shot to the green, please be aware of golfers on the 6th tee and fairway to the right.	Listen for the shout of "FORE" Shout "FORE"
6	When teeing off please be aware of golfers on the 5th fairway to the right.	Shout "FORE" Listen for the shout of "FORE"
8	When teeing off, please be aware of golfers on the 9th tee behind the green.	Shout "FORE"
9	From the back tee, please be aware of golfers approaching from the left on the 8th green.	Listen for the shout of "FORE"
12	When teeing off please be aware of golfers on the 1 st green to the left and the footpath to the right. When approaching	Shout "FORE"



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	the 12th green, please be aware of people and vehicles on the road behind the green.	Listen for the shout of "FORE"
13	<p>Do not tee off until any golfers in front are fully visible and out of range of any player driving.</p> <p>Do not tee off until the path is clear for the width of the fairway and rough.</p> <p>Do not play if you are aware that anyone may be walking across the fairway.</p>	Shout "FORE".
14	When teeing off please be aware of golfers on the 13th fairway to the left. Also, when on the 15th tee box to the right.	Shout "FORE" Listen for the shout of "FORE"
15	When teeing off please be aware of golfers on the 14th tee box to the right.	Shout "FORE"
16	<p>Before walking to the tee box ensure that any golfers ahead are clear of the landing area of the longest driver in your group.</p> <p>When teeing off please be aware of walkers using the footpath that passes in front of the tee along the edge of the banking.</p>	Shout "FORE"
17	When teeing off from the back tee, please be aware of golfers using the 16th green.	Shout "FORE"
18	When teeing off please be aware of people using the footpaths in front of the tee box and on the path along the top of the banking to the left.	Shout "FORE"

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 Secretary any incidents that happen on the golf course, or hazards they feel have not been addressed.

Enjoy your golf.



Scott Edington

Secretary