Health and Safety!

Course/Range Risk Assessment

Safety Notice for Use of Burgess Hill Golf Course, Driving Range and Surrounds

General

Golf is a dangerous sport and all persons using the course, driving range, putting greens and practice areas must be aware of the dangers and act accordingly. You should read and act upon the safety advice in the Etiquette section of the Rules of Golf and must obey all directional signage and other safety notices particularly when using buggies or trolleys.

- Driving range: Do not swing near anybody. Before every shot, practice swing or warm-up swing, check that nobody is within reach of the club throughout the backswing, forward swing and follow-through. Stop immediately if anyone comes too close.
- Driving range: One person per bay. Companions and spectators must remain outside the hitting bay and well clear of the golfer's swing. Do not stand beside or close behind a person holding or swinging a club.
- Driving range: Watch out for others swinging. Do not enter another person's bay, pass close to a golfer or demonstrate a swing while somebody is within reach of the club. Wait until the golfer has stopped and put the club down before approaching.
- Driving range: Under-16s must have adult supervision. The supervising adult must keep children away from swinging clubs and ensure that only the person playing is in the bay.
- Driving range: Hit balls only from the designated mat and towards the range targets. Use a controlled swing; do not hit the ball excessively hard or attempt shots that could leave the range boundaries.
- Driving range: Never walk onto the range field or beyond the hitting line to retrieve balls, tees or equipment. Ask a member of staff for assistance.
- Driving range: Follow all safety posters, barriers and staff instructions. Stop hitting immediately if instructed by staff, if anybody enters the landing area, or if it is unsafe to continue.
- Driving range: Keep walkways and bay entrances clear of clubs, bags and baskets. Report damaged equipment, unsafe behaviour, hazards, accidents or injuries to the golf shop immediately.
- Golf course: Use pathways or flat areas whenever possible to avoid slips, trips and falls. If you must access an uneven or sloping area, then take the route of least unevenness or minimum slope.
- Golf course: You are advised to take particular care when moving around the course in wet or cold weather when underfoot conditions require extra caution. Steps on the course should be used with great care particularly in wet or frosty conditions.
- Golf course: At times, the greens staff may rope off or otherwise designate routing around the course. You must obey the routing at all times and under no circumstances

should a trolley be taken over a barrier. Where the barriers are low, then players must take care if stepping over the barrier.

- Golf course: Only hit a golf shot when you are sure that other players, spectators or greens staff are out of range or, if they are within range, that they are aware that you are going to hit. If your shot is heading in the direction of any person, you must shout ‘FORE’ in a loud voice to alert that person of possible danger. If the shout ‘FORE’ is heard when playing or spectating, then take evasive action.
- Golf course: When a shot is blind, either because the topography is such or that you are impeded by an obstruction, then only hit once you have satisfied yourself that it is safe to do so.
- Golf course: Do not take swings, practice swings or warm up swings in close proximity to others.
- Golf course: Practice play is limited to the range, short game area and practice putting green outside the clubhouse. Practice is strictly forbidden on the course.
- Golf course: You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course including sand, soil and grass, particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have been sprayed on the course.
- Golf course: You are advised to exercise caution when walking or playing in areas of trees and bushes. Loose and fallen branches and other obstructions will be removed wherever possible, but the Club cannot be held responsible for natural conditions prevailing at any particular time.
- Golf course: The greens staff may be 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. They may be carrying out a task at the time you are ready to play. You should allow them to complete that task after which they will stand aside to allow you to play your shot.
- Golf course: All persons using a buggy must follow the Buggy Safety Policy and the Safe Working Practice Note for Use of a Buggy on Burgess Hill Golf Course, both of which are available at the time of the buggy hire.
- Golf course: All members, guests and visitors are requested to advise the Secretary of any hazards noted around the course that are not covered under this Notice.