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## **GOLF COURSE HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT**

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## General Information

### Introduction

This Risk Assessment addresses issues appertaining to the eighteen and five-hole golf courses only and does not consider risks which may be present in or around the Clubhouse, Driving Range, Car Park, and the Greenkeepers sheds. Also, the risks associated with Greenkeepers work duties and equipment are **not** considered within this assessment.

The Club Manager is the appointed person responsible for maintaining this Risk Assessment document.

### General Course Topography

The 155-acre site is owned by Carmarthen Golf Club members and is bounded to the west by an unclassified road and on all other boundaries by farmland and woodland.

A public footpath runs from the northern access to the car park, across the car park, in front of the machinery shed, and then crosses the fairway of the 1st hole to the 2nd fairway, and then across the 2nd fairway, diagonally to the right corner just before the second green and then goes into the wooded area and runs alongside the 3rd fairway inside the woodland. The footpath is infrequently used by members of the public.

The general topography of the course is on generally moderately sloping ground but has various localised gradients that become sever.

### Accident & Emergency Procedures

#### ▪ Mobile Phones:

To summon help when on the course via a mobile phone, please call the emergency services on 999 or 112 (Note: The Club post code is SA33 6EH) or the Club telephone number on 01267 281588.

#### ▪ Accident Reporting:

Any accidents or incidents occurring on the course are to be reported immediately to the Pro Shop or if the shop is not attended, the Club Manager at the office, or if the office is not attended, the Bar Staff.

### Player H&S Notice & Précised / Generic Course Risk Assessment

CGC's Player H&S Notice and Précised & Generic Course Risk Assessment is included in this document as **Appendix A**. A copy of the Appendix A is displayed on the notice board at the corner of the clubhouse adjacent to the 1st tee.

### Adverse Weather Condition - Policy & Procedures

CGC is very fortunate in that the course dries out quickly, even after very heavy rain. That being the case, the course will never be closed for general play due to wet weather.

In adverse weather CGC's Policy & Procedures shall apply as set out in **Appendix B**.

### Use of Motorised Buggies Policy

Members or visitors wishing to hire a Motorised Buggy are required to comply with the CGC Use of Motorised Buggies Policy as set out in **Appendix C** and Motorised Buggies - Winter Period Safety Policy as set out in **Appendix D**.

### Public Access/Public Footpaths

As mentioned previously there are Public Footpaths, and these are demarcated by Public Footpath directional arrow signs. Where relevant, Public Footpaths are dealt with in the hole-by-hole risk assessment.

All golfers (members & visitors) are advised that public walkers always have priority on the course and no golf shots are to be played if the public are visible and in danger of being hit by a golf ball within shot range.

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## Staff Working on the Course

At all times staff working on the course have priority and no golf shots are to be played if the staff are within shot range and unaware of your presence.

## Paths

Where paths are available on the course all golfers whether walking, using a trolley or motorised buggies, must use them.

## Footwear

All golfers (members & visitors) must ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate and suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.

## Periscopes & Warning Bells

On the 8th and 14th holes, both are equipped with a periscope on the tee and a warning bell adjacent to the fairway. This safety equipment should always be used to ensure the safety of players in front. A periscope is also provided on the 16th tee.

## Roped Areas (mainly during winter conditions)

Ropes are used (mainly during the winter period) to restrict access to various areas or locations on the course. They are appropriately placed to ensure the safety of golfers and to assist the Greenkeepers to maintain vulnerable parts of the course. Under no circumstances must golfers with trolleys or motorised buggies cross these lines.

## Trees

There are many trees on the course and hazards could present themselves from falling branches or trees, particularly during windy conditions. All golfers (members & visitors) should be vigilant when entering such areas.

## Perimeter Fences

Privately owned farmland borders the course to the right of the 1st, 2nd, and 14th fairways, on no account should players cross the fence to retrieve their ball. It should be considered lost as, in any case, it is out of bounds.

Entry to land over the perimeter fences to the right of the 3rd, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 18th fairways should only be attempted at the player's own risk.

## Players Insurance

All golfers (members & visitors) are advised to take out adequate 3rd party insurance to provide cover for liability at law for damages payable in respect of:

- Death or bodily injury
- Loss or damage to material property

## Directional & Safety Notices

Notices displayed are generally of a directional nature to aid players' navigation of the course. These should always be heeded. Deviation from indicated directions and disregard for safety notices will be at the entire risk and responsibility of the individual.

## Overview of Risk Assessment Definitions

The Risk Assessment will address the following:

- Generic risks whilst playing golf.
- Risks whilst carrying clubs and using motorised and/or pull trolleys in dry and wet conditions.
- Risks whilst driving motorised buggies in wet or dry conditions.

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## Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment is presented in two categories:

- Generic Risks
- Risks on a hole-by-hole basis for the 18 hole course and the starter/academy course

For each hole the type of risk will be graded as detailed below:

- Low or Little Risk
- Medium Risk
- High Risk

Where there is a Medium or High Risk, a possible solution/recommendation to eradicate or reduce the risk will be suggested.

When defining the location of a risk by reference to a particular hole this is ascertained by looking from the Tee towards the Green.