



## **MEMBERS - GOLF COURSE HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION 2019**

The following information identifies the main hazards that members and visitors of the Club to L'Ancrese Golf Course may encounter while playing or walking the 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.

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:** L'Ancrese Golf Course has members of the public sharing the course/land. Please remember that USERS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY 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. Further, great care should be taken when either crossing the main roads on foot and teeing off. You and your playing partners must ensure that the road is clear of users before playing a shot.

**ACCIDENT/ EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:** ALL accidents and incidents MUST be reported to the Manager'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 our Club House. A Defibrillator is also located on the wall at the entrance of our Club House and also in the Club House of RGGC.

**ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE CLUB:** Please be careful as you enter and leave the Club. Cars must only be parked in designated spaces and excessive speed is to be avoided at all times.

**WILDLIFE:** Burying animals have no respect for health and safety and like many other golf courses there are always dangers associated with animal burrows etc. It is inevitable that there will be rabbit/dog 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.

### **ADVERSE WEATHER:-**

**Lightning** – In the event of severe lightning in the area, every effort will be made to warn players to vacate the course. However, if the Horn sounds, the instructions below MUST be followed: One long blast - it is mandatory that you leave the course. If the Horn is not sounded during a competition and a player believes there is a real danger by proceeding, he is entitled to discontinue play under Rule 5.7a. All players must exercise due diligence and take the appropriate action under such conditions. Where there is not sufficient time to evacuate the course and there is a threat of lightning, you are advised to comply with the following procedure:

- Do not shelter on 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 an umbrella up in any circumstances.

**Fog** - As a general rule, no play will take place on the course if a distance of 150 yards cannot be seen. A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions is normally left to the discretion of the player, who MUST accept full responsibility for his, safety. If the course has not been officially closed, this does not mean that it is necessarily safe to continue play and golfers must determine for themselves, whether they consider it is safe to do so. In such conditions frequent inspections will be made until play is deemed to be safe. The authority to close (and re-open) the Course is delegated to the Head Greenkeeper, and in his absence, the General Manager or the Professional of RGGC.

**TROLLIES:** The use of both manual and battery operated trollies are used by a member at their own risk.

**CHEMICAL & FERTILISER APPLICATIONS:** A notice on the 1st and 10th Tee's 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.

**FOOTWEAR:** L'Ancrese Golf Club requires that golf shoes be worn on the Course as they help to avoid slips; they also help your golf!

**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.

**INSURANCE:** L'Ancrese Golf Club provides liability insurance to its members. However, all golfers should ensure that they are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved with playing golf.

**PRACTISING:** This is strictly limited to the designated Driving Range. Under no circumstances is there to be any practising on the Course itself unless receiving a lesson from the Professional.

**STEEP BANKS and SLOPES:** Special care must be taken to avoid trips, slips and falls when standing on, or walking near, banks/slopes, especially after adverse/wet weather conditions.

**PONDS AND DITCHES:** Players should be aware that some of the ditches have deep water and one can easily slip or get stuck. Players should take great care when retrieving balls from these areas.

**STEPS/BRIDGES:** There are numerous steps and a few bridges on the golf course which may become slippery when wet, therefore care must be taken when using them to avoid slips and trips.

Happy safe golfing!

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