



Risk Assessment of Corhampton Golf Course

The following Risk Assessment applies to all persons on the course, i.e. Members of the Golf Club, Visitors to the Club and also all Staff members.

Corhampton Golf Club recognises that a public right of way known as the Wayfarers Walk passes alongside the course and, to that end, has erected signage warning users of this right of way that they are passing the course which they should not stray onto.

Certain areas of the course are bordered by roads therefore consideration of risk is also given to users of those roads, namely motorists, pedestrians and horse riders.

Risks have been categorised as follows – Low, Medium or High

There is a reasonable assumption that all persons on the course are potentially at risk in respect of all risks identified.

The following risks apply to the whole course:

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
1. Injury when searching for lost balls in and under trees, bushes and hedges	Medium	Golfers are advised to take extra care when undertaking such activity.	
2. Slope awareness – danger of slipping	High	Notices placed advising of need for extra care. Closure of affected areas.	Under constant review by Greens staff unless out of hours – fenced off if necessary
3. Use of steps – danger of trips and slips	High	Hazard marking of stepped areas	Yellow marking of step edges also use of light and dark materials
4. Danger of being hit by stray golf balls	Medium	Check to see if players are in view before playing shot. If in any doubt shout “Fore.” If heard crouch down and cover head	
5. Playing in reduced light, fog or mist	High	Fog or bad light - If the 2 pine trees beyond the 150 yard marker on the left side of the 1st fairway cannot be seen play is strictly forbidden. Suspension of play on klaxon activation is mandatory.	Activation of klaxon – 1 long continuous blast – play suspended. Play may recommence follow 2 short blasts.
Thunder & lightening	High	Do not play. Do not wait for klaxon. Seek shelter but not under trees. Don't put an umbrella up!	Wooden shelters available between 2 nd & 4 th tee, to rear of 5 th green, Spooners and Dacombes Den between 9 th & 10 th , next to 13 th tee.
6. Snow/ice/frost/wet conditions – danger of trips and slips	High	Notices placed advising of need for extra care. Advice to use spiked golf shoes	Consideration to closure of areas of/or the course. Steps and winter mats treated with salt.
7. Big hitters	High	Players who are regular long hitters must always give extra time to allow for others to clear fairways or greens when seeking to drive shorter (blind) holes. i.e. 3, 12, 14 and 16.	Signage and bells installed where applicable.

8. Players striking a ball outside of the course perimeter namely onto the roads adjacent to the practice ground, 1 st , 4 th and 5 th holes.	High	Notices placed advising golfers to note time and location of any incident when a ball is hit or believed to have been hit outside of the perimeters of the course and report same to office/Pro shop	All tree growth to be, wherever possible, left in place to provide a natural barrier.
9. Access to teeing areas from greens - potential of being struck by golf ball	Medium	All players must not walk against the flow of play from a green to the next tee. If returning to play a provisional shot they should walk at the side of a fairway and be aware of golfers approaching them.	

HOLE 1

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Shepherds Farm Lane running along the right hand side of the fairway - danger of being hit by a stray golf ball	Medium	Golfers are advised to aim to the centre of the fairway also generic risk.	Maintain trees on the boundary to provide element of protection
Playing over trees on left hand side of the fairway onto 2 nd fairway	Medium	Golfers advised to aim to the centre of the fairway. Advice to shout "Fore."	

HOLE 2

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Slope leading to the teeing area	Medium	Advice re care when walking up/down slopes.	
Danger of hitting players on 1 st and 3 rd fairways & tees by stray golf ball	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting Lady players by the forward tee.	High	Players to stand well away from the line of play.	

HOLE 3

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Hitting unseen group in front when driving from tee	Medium	Warning notice not to drive off until bell is heard if driving long.	Players instructed to ring bell when passing
Danger of hitting players on 7A tee (if in use) fairway & green when driving and playing 2 nd shots	Low as only affects long drivers	Advice to shout "Fore" if ball goes into that direction.	

HOLE 4

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steps up to tee	Medium	Generic advice re use of steps	Light and dark materials used to border edges.
Awareness of persons on 5 th tee	Low	Signage in place to advising players to be aware of those on the 5 th tee.	Ensure sign is clearly on view.
Slope leading up to green on right hand side	Medium	Generic advice re care when walking up/down slopes.	
Players on 7 th green/fairway being struck by stray ball.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore."	

HOLE 5

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Corhampton Lane running along the right hand side of the fairway - danger of being hit by a stray golf ball	Low	Golfers are advised to aim to the centre of the fairway	Maintain trees on the boundary to provide element of protection – take fairway to right in landing area.
Slope leading up to the right hand side and back of the green	High	Generic advice re care when walking up/down slopes.	
If hole 6 out of play awareness of slope of path between 5 th green and 7 th forward tee	Medium	Generic advice re care when walking up/down slopes.	
Awareness that the lower path to the rear of the 5 th green leading through	Medium	Generic advice regarding slips	Close off when new path completed

coppice to reach 6 th tee area can be slippery			
If hole 6 out of play danger of hitting players walking back to the path to hole 7	Low	Not to play until players are clear.	

HOLE 6

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Sloping path leading to Medal tee can be slippery	Medium	Generic advice regarding slips	Path has been upgraded = reduced risk
Danger of hitting players on 5 th green with stray shot	Low	Generic advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting unseen group in front on 7 th white tee	Medium	Sign in place not to drive off until signalled by bell clear to do so as per Byelaw Net installed on Medal tee to provide protection.	
Danger of hitting unseen group in front using the 7 th forward tee	High	Signage indicating bell to be rung when leaving tee area	
Grass slope leading from teeing area to the 6 th green can be slippery	High	Advice regarding slips and skids – tee to be closed in bad conditions	Path work has commenced – consider extending around the yew.
Danger of being struck by ball by played into 8th green	Medium	Players should shout fore if ball going in that direction. Players on the 6th to be aware of this. Generic advice re stay balls.	
Sloped bank leading to the green	Medium	Generic advice regarding slips	
Danger of hitting Lady players on forward 6 th tee	High	Players to stand well to the left.	

HOLE 7

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Danger of being hit by ball driven from 6 th tee when using any of 7 th tee positions	High	Net installed on white tee. Players advised not to call up group on 6 th tee. Players to ring bell when leaving teeing area	
Danger of being hit by ball driven from 7 th white tee when stood on 7 th forward tee	Medium	Players on forward tee should stand aside until able to play.	
Danger of hitting players on 5 th and 8 th fairways with stray shot	Low and Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Over-hit approach shot to 7 th green – possible danger to those playing 7a	Low	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of being hit by ball played from 8th hole when leaving 7th tee area and going to the right of the 6th green	Medium	Roped off area to prevent possible injury	Ropes placed to prevent same.

HOLE 7A – when in use

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
From tee danger of hitting players on 3rd fairway and 8 th tee with stray shot (if in use)	Medium	The 8 th tee is visible from 7a – players must observe players on the 8 th tee and not play until it is safe to do so. Advice to shout "Fore"	
Over-hit approach shot to 7a green – possible danger to those playing 9 th green	Low	Advice to shout "Fore"	

HOLE 8

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Danger of hitting players on 7 th and 9 th	High	Advice to shout "Fore"	

fairways with stray shot			
Danger of hitting players on 9 th tee and 6 th green with stray shot	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting players exiting 8th green to 9th tee	Medium	Advice to shout fore.	All players advised to access 9th tee through path through copse.

HOLE 9

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Danger of hitting players on 8 th and 10 th fairways with stray shot	High	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting players on and by 7A green with stray shot (if in play)	Low	Advice to shout "Fore"	

HOLE 10

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Danger of hitting players on 9 th and 18 th fairways with stray shot	High	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting players on path leading from 8 th green to 9 th tee area with stray shot.	Low	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting players on 11 th path and tee	Low	Advice to shout "Fore"	

HOLE 11

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Elevated teeing area – no access for buggies – steps leading up to tee	High	Advice re use of steps as above	Maintain yellow markings on step edges
Danger of hitting players on 10 th green, 18 th white tee and 17 th green with stray shot.	Low	Advice to shout "Fore"	

Danger of hitting pedestrians and animals on Wayfarers Walk footpath which passes to the right of the 11 th fairway with stray shot.	Medium to low	Advice to shout "Fore"	Signage on tee warning of need to shout "Fore" if ball goes to the right. Included in Etiquette section of scorecard
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HOLE 12

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Sloped surround fairway bunkers	Medium	Extra care advised when entering/exiting bunkers	
Danger of hitting players on 13 th green, fairway and tees with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	

HOLE 13

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Sloping path leading to tee area can be slippery in bad weather conditions	Medium	Advice regarding slips	
Danger of hitting players on 14 th fairway with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Steps in deep greenside centre bunker	High	Extra care advised when entering/exiting bunker	

HOLE 14

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Slope leading to all tee areas can be slippery in bad weather conditions	Medium	Advice regarding slips	
Danger of hitting Lady players by forward tee	High	Ladies need to take extra care from 13 th and 14 th tees.	
Danger of hitting players on 15 th fairway with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Sloped surround greenside bunkers	Medium	Extra care advised when	

		entering/exiting bunkers	
Bee hives in copse 50 yards to left of fairway.	High	Do not approach the hives under any circumstances	

HOLE 15

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Slope leading to tee area can be slippery in bad weather conditions	Medium	Generic advice regarding slips	
Danger of hitting players on 14 th fairway with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Sloped surround fairway & greenside bunkers	Medium	Extra care advised when entering/exiting bunkers	

HOLE 16

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Danger of hitting players on 17 th green, fairway & tee areas with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting pedestrians and animals on Wayfarers Walk footpath which passes to the right of the 16 th fairway with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting Lady players on forward tee	High	Ladies not to move forward until men have played	
Danger of players driving from 17 th tee with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger to all users re slope down to approach of 16 th green – particularly buggy users	High	Generic advice regarding slips. Buggy users should approach from the left hand side.	
Danger to all users re slope up to 16 th green – particularly buggy users	High	Generic advice regarding slips. Buggy users should approach from the left hand side.	Bottom of slope is marked out.

HOLE 17

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Steps leading up to elevated white tee	Medium	Generic advice regarding slips.	Maintain yellow edges to steps
Danger of hitting players on 16 th and 18 th fairways with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore" Players should not intentionally use the 16 th fairway when playing 17 th hole	
Sloped greenside bunker on right.	Medium	Extra care advised when entering/exiting bunkers	
Awareness of players driving from 18 th tee of players emerging from path leading through to ladies 18 th tee	Low	Ladies to be aware of players teeing off from Men's tees	
Access to tee for buggy users at rear of 16 th green	Medium	Buggy users to be aware when leaving tee area	

HOLE 18

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Danger of hitting players on 10 th & 17 th fairways, 10 th and 3 rd tees with stray shot.	Medium	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting players walking to Ladies 18 th tee	High	Advice to shout "Fore"	
Danger of hitting players etc walking on footpath from Clubhouse to 1 st & 10 th tees	High	Advice to shout "Fore"	

PRACTICE AREAS – DRIVING RANGE & PUTTING GREEN

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Danger of being hit by golf balls from other users of range and covered driving area.	High	Mandatory to play in one direction only – away from Clubhouse. Do not hit balls if there is anyone in front of you	Signage where applicable

		or close proximity. Exercise care when collecting golf balls.	
Chipping practice in area of & onto practice putting green	Low	Not acceptable	No Chipping Allowed sign in place
Danger of being hit when using short range driving area	Medium	Long practice users not to use drivers when short range area is in use.	
Danger of hitting players practising in bunkers	Medium	Short range area not to be used.	
Danger of stray shots being hit onto Shepherds Farm Lane	Medium	Players advised to aim to the centre or right.	
Danger of hitting pedestrians and animals on Wayfarers Walk footpath which passes to the right of the practice ground with stray shot.	High	Advice to shout "Fore"	Signage at commencement of Wayfarers Walk warning of danger – flying golf balls – duck if you hear the shout of fore. Place signage warning of need to shout "Fore" if ball goes to the right.

MEMBERS USING PERSONAL BUGGIES, CLUB BUGGY AND GARAGES

Hazard/Risk	Risk Category	Precautions	Action
Garage doors not correctly opened	Low	Ensure that the door is fully opened before entering	
Using electrical sockets	High	Ensure that the supply is switched off before plugging or unplugging supply.	
Tripping over cables	High	Take care when walking around garage	
Damaging other buggies	Low	Take care when driving buggies in the confined space.	
Skidding or slipping on concrete	High	Take extra care when fallen leaves or ice are present	Green staff to sweep and apply salt
Slope awareness	High	All users must drive up and not across slopes	
Awareness of skidding	High	Users must drive at correct speed for ground conditions.	

Access to tee for buggy users at rear of 16 th green	Medium	Buggy users to be aware when leaving tee area	
Danger to all users re slope down to approach of 16 th green – particularly buggy users	High	Generic advice regarding slips. Buggy users should approach from the left hand side.	
Danger to all users re slope up to 16 th green – particularly buggy users	High	Generic advice regarding slips. Buggy users should approach from the left hand side.	