

Risk Assessment March 2016 – Dunfermline GC

Health & Safety Document – Course Risk Assessment Statement

Members, Guests and Visitors are hereby advised that comprehensive Risk Assessments are regularly carried out on the Course in accordance with the Club's Health & Safety Policy. A full Course Risk Assessment is available from the Secretary and can be viewed on the club website – this details potential risks throughout the course and surrounding areas.

It is your responsibility, as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course, to ensure that you consider safety and adhere strictly to the following:

- Practice play is strictly limited to the designated practice ground (located to the south of 18th fairway) and to the small practice putting greens located at the professional shop/1st tee. Practice is strictly forbidden on either the main course or the Par 3 course;
- You are advised to take particular care when moving around the course in wet or cold weather, when underfoot conditions may require extra caution. Steps and paths on the course should be used with great care, particularly in wet conditions;
- You are advised to adopt caution, and be aware of your surroundings, when close to any trees on the course, particularly during windy or other adverse weather conditions. While branches considered to be dangerous are removed whenever possible, the Club cannot be held responsible for natural conditions prevailing at any particular time;
- You are advised to use caution when going down or up any steep incline on the course, particularly when using golf buggies, personal sit on buggies or trolleys. Adherence to the instructions detailed on any directional signage for buggies and/or trolleys is also essential in order to minimise risk in this respect;
- You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course (including trees, sand, soil and grass), particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have recently been sprayed on the course;
- In the event that you come across any dead wildlife on the course, you are expressly prohibited from any contact with it and requested to advise a member of the Club Staff, who will deal with it accordingly;
- You are advised, when playing, to take every precaution to avoid hitting anybody with your golf ball. Particular care should be taken at holes where the landing area is not clearly visible (especially the 4th 7th and 17th holes, where teeing off should only commence after the bell has been sounded by the players in front), and wherever parallel fairways are played in opposing directions;
- Never play a shot unless the players ahead are well out of range. If a miss-hit shot is heading in the direction of other golfers, you must shout "FORE!" in a loud voice to alert players of possible danger. If "FORE!" is heard when playing, please take evasive action if possible;
- Golfers must always stand well back behind the player who is playing his shot, both on the tee and on all other areas of the Course. A swinging golf club can be dangerous and can cause damage;
- All golfers must ensure that they are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved with the playing of golf. It is recommended that golfers should be insured against the unlikely event of them being injured or causing injury as a result of an errant shot.
- The greens staff are regularly working on the Course when golf is in progress and have priority on the course. 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.

All Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to advise the Secretary of any hazards they feel have not been addressed above.