



Evesham Golf Club

Course Risk Assessment - SUMMARY

All golfers, members & visitors alike, should read the following information before playing the Golf course.

Course – The course, does have some undulating landscape and this creates its own Health & Safety Risks, especially when off the normal playing areas. The terrain and ground conditions in these areas can be extremely hazardous and care must be taken when walking in general, but especially if searching for a ball in areas not normally used. Players crossing the 3rd fairway to access the 1st hole, and while exiting the course to the club house should be aware of players teeing off from the 3rd tee, and players on the 3rd fairway.

Inclement Weather – Safety on the course can change dramatically with the onset of inclement weather, especially when the weather is at its worst when frost, ice, rain or snow is present. “STOP, THINK & ANALYSE” before proceeding to play.

Special Policy Documents are displayed on the notice boards which cover the following extremely dangerous weather conditions:

1). Thunder & Lightning – All play will be suspended should lightning be in the area. 3 blasts on an air horn will sound to represent this. Players **should not** seek protection under trees. Leave the course or crouch down as low as possible do not use mobile phones and do not open an umbrella. (Full procedures are listed in the Thunder & Lightning Policy).

2) Fog – There is a yellow disc attached to a tree just in front of and to the right of the 1st tee, if this cannot be seen from the pro shop then players should not proceed with their game. If fog descends during a round, players should suspend their game if they are unable to ascertain if players are within range.

Footwear – All players must wear appropriate footwear when playing the Golf course, especially when wet and during the winter period with the increased danger of frost and ice.

Wildlife – Because of wildlife, care must be taken for holes that are created by burrowing animals. These are dealt with by the green keepers during their normal course maintenance.

Bunkers - Some holes have fairway and/or greenside bunkers. Care must be taken when getting into or out of the bunker. Rakes are provided to smooth out the bunker. Please replace the rake on the holder after use.

Players – (Rules of Golf – section 1, Etiquette). Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or a practice swing. Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.

Players should be aware of green staff carrying out their normal maintenance duties on the course, they should be treated with respect and given right of way. If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, especially adjacent fairways, he should immediately shout “**fore**” long and loud.

Insurance – All players should have Public Liability insurance. For members this is included with their membership subscription, for visitors this is included with the green fee. Please note this only applies to Evesham Golf course and members are recommended to consider personal policies for play at other Clubs.

Paths – All players should use the paths provided, but please be careful of loose surfaces and ruts that have been caused by adverse weather conditions. Players are also reminded that some paths are shared with greens machinery and other vehicles delivering goods around the course. Care must be taken with the pathways and the wooden path edges, which become slippery in wet or frosty conditions.

Tees – Some tees are built up and have an incline leading up to them. Care must be taken walking onto and off the teeing area as the slope, especially in wet or frosty conditions. On tees 6 and 18 it is advised that access and exit should be from the front or rear slopes

Distance Marker Discs – There are distance marker discs in the middle of the fairway on all par 4 and per 5 holes, positioned at 100 (Red), 150 (Yellow) and 200 yards (White) back from the centre of the green. These are a trip hazard, and a slip hazard in wet or frosty conditions.

Ditches & Culverts – Drainage ditches and culverts are situated around the course to assist with drainage, most of which are situated along the edges of the fairways, but some ditches come in to play on the following holes. Please take care when nearing these or attempting to retrieve your golf balls. An extendable ball retriever is highly recommended.

Holes – 5, 6, 14, 15,

Bridges – There are two bridges that cross a drainage ditch that meanders across the 5th, and 14th fairway. Please take care when crossing these, especially in wet or frosty conditions.

Water Hazards - The River Avon runs alongside the 5th and 14th hole, there is also a drainage ditch that meanders across this fairway. Please take care when approaching either of these, do not attempt to retrieve any ball from the river, and take great care if attempting to retrieve your golf balls from the drainage ditch. An extendable ball retriever is highly recommended.

Slopes / Inclines – Due to the very nature of the course, various holes have slopes, banks and inclines, which have to be negotiated. Please be aware of loose or slippery conditions, especially in wet or frosty weather. Particularly holes 6,7,15,16, and from the 7th and 16th green to the 8th and 17th tees.

The 7th/16th green has slopes left and right of it, these are steep and great care should be taken if accessing either slope. If a ball comes to rest on either of these slopes then the player must assess the risk of playing his or her ball, if the player is unhappy about the risk then there are drop Zones top and bottom of the slopes for the player to take a drop, but with a one stroke penalty.

Ground Under Repair (GUR) – Players should be aware of areas that are being worked on by the greens staff. These areas are normally encircled by a white line or are roped off.

Trees, Bushes – These line most tees, fairways and greens. Please be careful when playing nearby these for injury from the tree, bush or a deflected ball.

Trolleys – All hand pulled or pushed trolleys, should have appropriate wheels for the course. Directional signs should be followed.

Motorised Trolleys – These should not be allowed to roam on their own and should be turned off before each shot. They should also have appropriate wheels for the course and weather conditions. Directional signs should be followed.

Ride-on Buggies – Private or Hire. - These should only be driven by a responsible person, and in accordance with club rules. Private Buggies must have their own Public Liability Insurance. The terms laid down in the club Buggy Policy MUST be adhered to, and under extreme conditions the use of Ride-On Motorised Buggies may be stopped altogether.

Course, Green keepers – Please be careful when playing shots where green keepers are working. Wait to be called down.

Vehicles – Beware of equipment and vehicles being driven around the course by green keepers. Please do not obstruct them.

Insecticides, Fungicides, Sprays etc. – These are **always** in use around the course. Please do not touch the ball with your mouth or tongue to clean your ball, use the golf ball cleaners that are strategically placed around the course. Avoid hand to mouth contact with unwashed hands.

Mobile phones – All mobile phones must be switched to silent mode and are only to be used in case of an emergency on the course.

Emergency Situations

In Case of Emergency the following telephone numbers should be used to summon help.

Emergency Phone Number – 112

(112 works on all mobile networks [unlike 999] and also pinpoints your position to within 50 yards for the emergency services)

Club House – 01386 860395

Professional Shop – 01386 861011

**PLEASE ADD THESE NUMBERS TO YOUR PHONE IN
CASE OF EMERGENCY**

If Emergency Services are summoned, the address is:

**Evesham Golf Club
Craycombe links
Fladbury Cross
Persore
Worcestershire
WR10 2QS**

Please Note:

A detailed 'Hole by Hole' Risk Assessment is part of the controlled health and safety documents but can be viewed by prior appointment with the secretary. Other Policy Documents including an abbreviated hole by hole risk assessment are available in the appropriate folders in each of the Ladies and Gents locker rooms and the Golf Professional Shop.

If any player (member or visitor) has suggestions as to improve our Safety procedures please inform the Secretary, this also includes matters that have already been raised but have not been dealt with, and incidents that have happened on the course.