



# SHIRLEY PARK GOLF CLUB

## COURSE RISK ASSESSMENT

Company Name: Shirley Park Golf Club  
Date of Risk Assessment: March 2020  
Risk Assessment for: Golf Course Significant Hazards

Each hole at our course has been assessed for potential risk and hazard as below and the assessment is arranged in order from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole to the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The risk rating goes from 1 the lower risk to 10 the highest risk. (RR)

The Golf Course risk assessment must be read in conjunction with this risk assessment for full appreciation of our safety controls.

### **Please note**

Everyone has a responsibility for their own safety. As a player you also have a responsibility to report any accident or incident and near miss where you or a fellow member or guest have suffered injury or which in your view could have caused injury or loss. This information will be followed up and fully investigated and improvements or controls put into place through our ongoing risk assessment process to provide as safe as reasonably practicable environment for all concerned. Similarly members have a responsibility to make the club management and committee aware of any medical conditions which may affect their abilities in this sport.

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>   | <b>PRACTICE GROUND/CHIPPING GREEN</b> |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers     |
| <p>Observe and obey the erected signage, obey the rules of golf and be aware of other users of the course at all times. Players using the practice/chipping area and putting green should be aware of golfers playing their approach shots to the 18<sup>th</sup> green.</p> |                                       |

**General Warning:** Golf is played on uneven surfaces, take care, wear correct footwear for terrain. Fog & Lightning Policies are in place and displayed on the notice board. Woodland areas surround and encompass the course. Care should be taken in strong winds and storm conditions.

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>  | <b>HOLE 1 RR 4</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Steps x 2 – minimal – non slip artificial turf<br/> Ditch on right – care<br/> Shout fore! at all appropriate incidents where balls stray towards other golfers or walkers on the course.<br/> Winter ropes: care all over course whilst ropes are out. Do not jump over rope.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>   | <b>HOLE 2 RR 5</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Path behind tee – care in buggies<br/> Care teeing off – blind shot – make sure golfers are clear. Fore<br/> Fence on right – do not climb to retrieve balls<br/> Greenside – drainage lines take care.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>  | <b>HOLE 3 RR 5</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>New Winter tee. Do not walk down steep slope. Follow path.<br/> Medal tee slope to left – care. Do not walk down steep slope.<br/> Greenside slope on left – care – use either path<br/> Shout Fore if ball goes towards green-keeper Barn or car park of Oaks Farm.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>   | <b>HOLE 4 RR 4</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Tee shot – if hooked left. Fore! Walkers on path.<br/> Practise ground right. Players practising.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>  | <b>HOLE 5 RR 6</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Tee: care if Fore heard from 9<sup>th</sup> tee shot. Be aware if golfers on that tee;<br/> 2 x dips on left of fairway. Great care with footing. Drop back if in doubt.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>   | <b>HOLE 6 RR 6</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Tee use steps not slope<br/> Care OOB right. Report any balls into gardens to GM or Pro<br/> Use path to next tee<br/> Care – overhanging branches in strong winds.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>  | <b>HOLE 7 RR 8</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Tee – use path. Do not walk down slope care steep slopes all the way to valley, use refurbished path<br/> Extreme care when ball lands on left hand slope at green. Slip/trip Hazard. Ensure safety before ascending or descending slope. If in doubt take penalty drop and leave first ball on slope. Buggies keep to path, don't walk down steep slope at right hand side.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>   | <b>HOLE 8 RR 7</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Steep slopes on all tees. Great care. Do not walk down grass slopes, use path.<br/> Buggies extreme care. Speed humps, slowly descend. If tee shots stray right towards 9<sup>th</sup> hole shout Fore!<br/> Take care in amongst gorse bushes.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>  | <b>HOLE 9 RR 7</b>                |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tee:<br/> care near sleeper path<br/> Care before tee shot to make sure fairway clear: dips to left<br/> Clear shout if ball strays left towards the 5<sup>th</sup> tee</li> <li>• Greenside:<br/> Care slopes towards 13<sup>th</sup> hole, especially buggies. Very slow and careful.</li> </ul> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>  | <b>HOLE 10 RR 6</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Tee: keep to path on down slope to fairway<br/> Care with tee shots into Trinity School. Report stray balls into Trinity School to the office/pro shop. Out of Bounds added to hole to act as visual deterrent. Use bridge to cross ditch. Do not jump over. Shout "Fore" if stray balls head towards 14<sup>th</sup> fairway.</p> |                                   |

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| <b>What are the Hazards?</b>   | <b>HOLE 11 RR 5</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| <p>Blind tee shot – wait for two strikes on bell - shout if in any doubt<br/> Also at greenside if balls go into Oaks farm report to Office.</p> |                                   |

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| What are the Hazards?   | <b>HOLE 12 RR 6</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| Care if tee shot strays right towards path. Public right of way. Dog walkers etc. Care with any shot straying towards the public path. Buggies - use path to rear of green. Report any incidents to Office/Pro Shop |                                   |

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| What are the Hazards?   | <b>HOLE 13 RR 5</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| Tee: upright sleepers. Use steps. Do not stand on sleepers. Buggies use path<br>Care if shot goes towards path or 16 <sup>th</sup> tee. Fore! if stray shot over path |                                   |

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| What are the Hazards?  | <b>HOLE 14 RR 5</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| Care on steps to/from medal tee. Use handrail<br>Care with approach shot to green. Make sure golfers have moved well away from 14 <sup>th</sup> green. Extra long flagpole in place to assist golfers in fairway knowing that green is occupied. |                                   |

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| What are the Hazards?  | <b>HOLE 15 RR 6</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| Use handrail at medal tee: listen for bell from group ahead. Blind tee shot.<br>If in doubt, use metal stairs to see fairway and landing area free. Take care when using metal steps. Shout Fore if ball goes left onto 14 <sup>th</sup> .<br>Wait if teeing off yellow/blue forward left tee; until 17 <sup>th</sup> green is clear: RING BELL. |                                   |

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| What are the Hazards?  | <b>HOLE 16 RR 5</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| Winter tee has slippery slopes. Take care use back / front of tee to enter.<br>Wait for green to clear if there is any doubt you can reach with tee shot.<br>FORE if shot pulled left towards 12 <sup>th</sup> hole. |                                   |

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| What are the Hazards?   | <b>HOLE 17 RR 5</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?  | Players on course & green keepers |
| Use stairs at left hand raised tee.<br>Carefully look for long flagpole being replaced. |                                   |

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| What are the Hazards?  | <b>HOLE 18 RR 7</b>               |
| Who might be harmed and how?   | Players on course & green keepers |
| Tee shot: care re 15 <sup>th</sup> medal tee and 14 <sup>th</sup> green for stray shots. Be aware of golfers using path behind fairway.<br>Ladies care with slope on 18 <sup>th</sup> tee<br>Great care near pond, both walkers and buggy users. DO NOT ENTER POND FOR ANY REASON. |                                   |

Use orange if aware of someone in difficulty. Report stray balls into Trinity School to the office/pro shop

## Shirley Park Golf Club

### Course Risk Assessment Statement

Members, Guests and Visitors are hereby advised that comprehensive Risk Assessments have been carried out for all activities and are regularly reviewed, in line with the Club's Health & Safety Policy. In this respect, it your responsibility as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course to ensure that you adhere strictly to the following:

- Practicing is strictly limited to the Designated Practice Areas of the Club, which are (a) the practice area to the right of the 4th hole & (b) the Practice Putting Green in front of the Patio area. Practice is expressly prohibited anywhere else on the course.
- In wet or inclement weather, you should exercise extra care. Steps, mats, paths and slopes may be slippery, particularly in wet or frosty conditions.
- You are advised to approach all trees and spinneys on the course with caution, particularly during windy or other adverse weather conditions.
- You are advised to use caution when going down or up any steep incline on the course, particularly when using golf buggies or trolleys. It is not advisable to play a shot if any doubt exists as to your wellbeing as a result of playing that shot.
- Adherence to the instructions detailed on directional signage for buggies and/or trolleys is essential in respect of minimising risks to users of this type of equipment.
- Climbing over boundary fences, into adjoining park or premises is strictly prohibited. Extreme caution is advised when near the edge of the water hazard as found on the 18<sup>th</sup> Fairway and all ditches on the course.
- 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 should avoid coming into contact with it and are requested to advise a member of Staff, who will ensure it is dealt with accordingly.
- You are advised to exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where you may be at potential risk of being hit by another golfer's ball. Particular care should be taken on the blind par 4 holes 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> where the landing area is not clearly visible from the tee and on all holes that run in parallel or are adjacent to other holes or walkways.
- You are advised to exercise caution when playing to avoid hitting anybody with your golf ball. Particular care should be taken on any shot, especially when playing the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> holes, or where the landing area is not clearly visible or where golfers are present on parallel fairways. Where an audible warning bell is in use please either wait to hear it sounded before playing or when required please ring to inform players behind it is safe to play.
- 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 immediately.
- It is the players responsibility to report incidents or near misses to the General Manager's Office.
- 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 serious injury.
- You are advised to read the Course Risk Assessment to identify specific areas that may be included in this statement.

- The green staff are regularly working on the Course when play is in progress. Please be careful and courteous to them. In the interests of their Health, Safety and Well-Being please ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence prior to playing in their proximity.

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