

KNOWLE GOLF CLUB

Risk Assessment Issue 1. 2

Course and Practice Areas

Members, Guests and Visitors are advised that comprehensive Risk Assessments are carried out on the Course and Practice Areas in accordance with the Club's Health and Safety Policy.

It is each person's responsibility as a golfer or spectator on the course, to ensure that you

Strictly adhere to the following:

1. The Course

a) Taking your shot.

If the player is unaware of the direction of his or her shot it is always advisable to shout 'FORE' Care should be taken on holes where the landing area of your shot is not clearly visible. Below is a list of the shots identified as requiring extra caution, and the people at risk.

1st Hole be aware of golfers coming off hole 9 from the right and walking across 1st fairway also be aware of golfers on the fairway of hole 18 to the left

2nd Be aware of golfers on the 5th fairway to the left. Also be aware that golfers may be ahead if you are using the medal tee, use the steps provided to see if it is clear. There are houses beyond the trees on the right.

3rd Do not play until bell has been rung by group in front.

Ring the bell when approaching the 3rd green.

4th Make sure you have rung the bell. Be aware of golfers on 3rd fairway to the left

5th Be aware of golfers on 2nd fairway to the left and 18th tee to the right.

9th Be aware that there are houses beyond the trees on the left of the fairway.

Take care walking off the 9th green do not walk across the first fairway but use the path provided at the back of the green that passes in front of the Flats.

11th Be aware of golfers on 13th to the left and 18th fairways to the right.

13th Be aware of golfers on the 11th to the left, 15th green and 16th tee behind the fir trees on the right.

14th Be aware of out of bounds on the left where there is a footpath and children's playground.

15th be aware of golfers on the 16th tee to the left.

18th Be aware of golfers on the 12th tee beyond the ditch on the right and further on the first fairway to the left also ring the bell on the right side when you are clear.

b) Look out for Green Staff or any other users of the golf course and its surroundings.

c) Care should be taken on all slopes, paths, banks and steps, particularly in wet or frosty conditions. Particular care should be taken on slopes/banks on 1st, 3rd, 4th, 12th, 17th and 18th holes.

Care should also be taken on the steps of the 2nd, 4th, 9th, 12th, 17th and 18th holes.

d) It is the player's own responsibility to discontinue play when, in his/her opinion, a danger from lightning exists. In the event that a player is out on the golf course when lightning is in the area, then the following safety considerations are advised:

a) Keep as low as possible and ideally crouch down in the nearest bunker/hollow

b) Leave your golf equipment where it is and stand away from it

c) Do not use a mobile phone – make sure it is switched off

d) Do not put an umbrella up in any circumstances

e) Do not seek shelter under trees.

Darkness, rain, fog and ice

During inclement weather, the fact that the course has not been officially closed does not warrant that it is fit for play. Members and visitors should themselves determine whether they consider it is safe to play. Players have a duty of care to behave in such a way that others may not be injured by their actions. They also have a duty of care to ensure that they do not injure themselves. All players play at their own risk and should do nothing to jeopardise the safety of themselves or others.

If an air horn is sounded indicating suspension of play for a dangerous situation regarding lightning, ONE BLAST indicates that all players must adhere to the signal and discontinue play immediately. A player is not entitled to override the decision to suspend play and continue to play. Every effort will be made to ensure that warning is sounded with sufficient time to allow for all competitors, spectators to evacuate the course prior to an electric storm warning. Upon the signal being given, all players, caddies and spectators must comply with these conditions. Resumptions of play will be signalled by TWO SHORT BLASTS on the air horn to indicate it is safe to resume play. No player shall resume play suspended by the air horn signal, until the resumption signal has sounded. Any player who sees another player continuing to play who may therefore not have heard the air horn, (e.g. the hearing impaired) is asked to advise them that the air horn has sounded for suspension of play.

2. Oral Contact

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 on the 1st and 10th tees indicate that chemicals have recently been used on the course.

3. Footwear

Golf shoes should be worn at all times on the course.

4. Practice Areas

Practice play is strictly limited to the designated practice areas: The practice area at the back of the 15th tee and to the left of the 16th hedge . The chipping area and practice bunkers between the 10th and 18th green and 11th tee. The putting green in front of the clubhouse. The nets alongside the chipping area.

Persons using the practice areas are expected to be aware at all times of danger to others and to themselves . Balls should not be collected from the practice areas whilst other users are playing shots. All Members, Guests and Visitors are invited to bring to the attention of the General Manager, any hazards they feel have not been addressed in this document.

5. Buggies. All members must provide their own annual insurance when using their own buggies or any ride on equipment. Buggies must keep to the route displayed on the windscreen and avoid sharp turns or riding sideways across slopes. No more than two persons should ride on buggies. Remember you are riding on uneven surfaces, take care at all times.

6. Ditches .

Take great care when retrieving balls that may have gone into ditches or waterways around the course.

Controls

1. a) Trees have been planted in strategic places to protect all people on the course from stray shots. The sighting of these has been derived from accident and near miss reports and regularly reviewed.

Where extra care is needed warning signage has been erected i.e: holes 2,6,9 and 14.

Where golfers are playing for the first time take extra care and be aware of adjacent tees and fairways when taking your shot.

1. c) All steps have been covered in astro- turf to give added protection against slips.

c) There is a daily unrecorded review of the condition of the course and its pathways.

d) Notice of action and warnings in the event of adverse weather conditions is posted in the main lobby.

2. When chemicals are used on the course signage warning will be displayed on the 1st and 10th tees.

5. Hirers of buggies must sign the hire agreement before use and be aware of the safe operation mentioned in this document.

6. There is a monthly formal review which is recorded .(added July 2015)

It is the duty of all members to report dangerous or potentially dangerous occurrences to the management immediately.

This risk assessment is posted on all main notice boards.

All accidents that are reported and recorded are reviewed as soon as possible to prevent re occurrence if possible by the persons responsible for Health and Safety at KGC. There is an annual meeting attended by departmental staff to review safety and make recommendations.