



FURNESS GOLF CLUB

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.

This information identifies the main hazards that members and visitors to Furness Golf Club may encounter while playing, practising or walking the course. It does not contain a definitive list of hazards, as by the very nature of the game of golf, it is impossible to eliminate risk entirely.

ALL accidents and incidents MUST be reported to the Secretary's Office, so that the appropriate documentation may be completed.

Emergency services: 999 (Our postcode LA14 3LN)

Clubhouse: 01229 471232

Barrow Police: 101

Furness General Hospital: 01229 870870

Arriving and Leaving the Club: Please be careful as you enter and leave the Club Car Park. The entrance and exit are both on a very busy road junction with roadside parking at the school next door restricting the view. Please be advised also to take particular care when crossing this road to access the golf course.

General Points:

- If a miss hit shot is heading in the direction of other people, you must shout "FORE!" in a loud voice to alert them of possible danger. If "FORE!" is heard when playing, please take evasive action if possible
- Players should not strike a golf ball when there is the risk of endangering other players, members of the Green Staff and all other users of the golf course & its surroundings.
- The public have the right of way on the road crossing in front of the 2nd tee and on the footpath in front of the 9th green.
- Players should take particular care when playing alongside the public footpath on the shore side of the course.
- Players should not stand close to a playing partners' area of intended swing in case of being hit.
- You are advised to use caution when going up or down any steep incline particularly when using golf buggies or trolleys.
- Particular care should be taken where parallel fairways are played in opposing directions (4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 17th).
- Particular care should be taken at holes where the landing area is not clearly visible especially to the 3rd and 9th greens, Also the 7th where teeing off should only commence after the bell has been sounded by the players in front,
- Care should be taken when playing the 13th there is a large hollow with steep sides on the left hand side of the fairway.
- Access on top of the 10th green concrete bunker is not permitted.

Animal Holes: Furness Golf Club will endeavour to fill in holes created by animals. However it is inevitable that there will be animal holes that can lead to sprained ankles or worse. Rabbit holes can become obscured on grass tracks and elsewhere on the course and pose the risk of tripping or falling. Watch for indentations.

Weather Conditions: 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 on the course should be used with great care, particularly in wet conditions. All golfers (members & visitors) must ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.

A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions is left to the discretion of the player, who MUST accept full responsibility for his/her safety. 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 jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.

Reduced Visibility. When foggy conditions prevail, the Green keeper or his Duty Deputy will stand on the 1st White Tee and if the ditch on the left hand side of the fairway is not in view he will place a sign advising the membership that the course is closed. This will be reviewed over the next couple of hours by the Green keeper or his representative. When the fog clears to an acceptable distance, as previously stated, the course closed signs will be removed by the Head Green keeper and the course will be open for play.

Lightning: However, if the Horn sounds, the instructions below MUST be followed: One long blast - it is mandatory that you leave the course. A player is not entitled to override the decision to suspend play and continue to play. If the Horn is not sounded and a player believes there is a real danger by proceeding, he/she is entitled to discontinue play under Rule 6-8 (A) (ii) . Every effort will be made to ensure that warning is sounded with sufficient time to allow for all players to evacuate the course prior to an electric storm warning. Resumptions of play will be signaled by TWO SHORT BLASTS on the klaxon to indicate it is safe to resume play. No player shall resume play suspended by the klaxon signal, until the resumption signal has sounded. Any player who sees another player continuing to play who may therefore not have heard the klaxon, (e.g. the hearing impaired) is asked to advise them that the klaxon has sounded for suspension of play.

Where there is not sufficient time to evacuate the course and there is a threat of lightning, you are advised to

- 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.

The Head Green keeper is responsible for removing his staff from the course if there is a perceived danger from lightning or from reduced visibility.

Buggies: The use of motorised ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior application to the Secretary. All buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy Safety Policy (available on request). Buggies owned & operated by members must provide a copy of an insurance certificate providing 3rd party public liability each year when renewing their membership. This copy will be retained in the administration office.

Any visitor bringing their own buggy must provide a copy of an insurance certificate providing 3rd party public liability before use of the buggy on the course is allowed. This copy will be retained in the administration office.

Fertiliser and Insecticides: A notice on the 1st Tee will advise of days that chemicals have been used. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves. You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course including, sand, soil and grass, particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have recently been sprayed on the course.

Greenkeepers: The green staff work on the course when golf is in progress. So please be careful and courteous to them

and ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence and no golf shots are to be played if the staff are within shot range unless they have moved aside and signalled to allow play to continue.

At times, the greens staff may rope off or otherwise designate routing around the course. You must obey the routing at all times and under no circumstances should a trolley be taken over a barrier. Where the barriers are low, then players must take care if stepping over the barrier.

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.

All Members, Guests and Visitors are invited to bring to the attention of the Secretary any hazards they feel have not been addressed in this document.

Risk Assessment.

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OF THE GUIDANCE REGARDING LIGHTNING AND
REDUCED VISIBILITY