



## **Course Safety Policy**

### **Adverse Weather**

The course may be closed, or play suspended when extreme and / or adverse weather conditions occur and damage to the course, or risk to personal safety would result if play were permitted. In conditions of fog, play is considered dangerous if visibility falls below 200 metres. When lightning is seen in the vicinity of the course, a klaxon may be sounded, golfers must then proceed immediately to the club house. It is incumbent upon each member or visitor to assess the risk and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course to the club house. Two blasts on the klaxon will be sounded when play is safe to resume.

### **Public Right of Way**

All golfers must give way to users of the public right of way which runs through the course crossing from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Road Crossing**

When leaving the 15<sup>th</sup> green to the 16<sup>th</sup> tee it is necessary to cross Chobham Road. All players are to take extreme caution when crossing the road.

### **Warning Bells**

Warning bells are provided when golfers have reached the end of the fairways on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> holes. This is to advise following players that it is safe to drive.

### **Players and Green Staff**

During the early part of the day players are asked to give priority to green staff. After course preparation, greens staff are to give priority to players. When the flag has been removed by the greens staff, this indicates the hole is out of play. Players are asked to wait until it is replaced which will indicate the hole is safe to play again.

### **Notices to members and visitors**

External notice boards show when:

- Chemicals are being used on the course
- Abnormal work is in progress
- Greens are in temporary / winter use
- Restrictions apply on the use of trolleys and buggies

### **Buggy Safety Policy**

The Club has a duty of care to all users of the golf course, including pedestrians using the public right of way. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution and prudence must be shown by all users of ride-on buggies. To ensure the safety of all golf course users, buggy drivers and passengers are required to comply with the following conditions.

### **Who can use a Golf Buggy**

- Privately owned buggies may only be used with prior permission from the club
- All buggy users must hold a valid full UK driving license

### **Where and When Buggies can be used**

- All signs directing traffic movement must be strictly observed
- No buggy shall be driven on or near any tees, greens, or bunkers
- Wet areas and ground under repair must be avoided
- The club may prohibit the use of buggies when ground conditions are unsuitable

### **Safe Use of a Golf Buggy**

- No more than 2 persons and 2 sets of clubs shall be carried on a buggy
- Drivers should be fully conversant with the controls of the buggy
- Brakes should be applied gently to avoid skidding
- No standing on a buggy while it is in motion
- Hands and feet must be kept inside the buggy at all times
- Caution must be exercised when reversing
- Caution must be exercised on all slopes and inclines
- Always apply the parking brake when leaving the buggy
- Drive only as fast as the terrain allows
- Extreme caution must be taken when crossing Chobham Road after the 15<sup>th</sup> green

### **Insurance and Liability**

- Personal liability and personal accident insurance is included in member subscriptions
- Visitors are responsible for their own insurance
- Buggy operators who have hired a buggy from the club are responsible for the security of the vehicle during the hire period, and the return of keys thereafter. All hirers must complete the buggy disclaimer prior to teeing off
- The golf course is not responsible for the theft or damage of any privately owned buggy or trolley left at the club

