



Chipping Sodbury  
Golf Club

## **GOLF COURSE HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION & RISK ASSESSMENT 2016**

The following information identifies the main hazards that members and visitors to Chipping Sodbury Golf Club may encounter while playing, practising or walking the golf 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 players and visitors are expected to adopt golfing etiquette by not playing a golf shot if there is the remotest chance of injuring someone, or by walking in front of a fellow competitor or partner prior to them playing a shot.

### **ACCIDENT/ EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:**

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

### **FIRST-AID ASSISTANCE:**

In the event of an accident, first aid boxes are located in: The General Managers Office, Club House Bar and Kitchen and the Head Greenkeepers Office. A Defibrillator is also located on the wall adjacent to the Ladies' locker room and the Professional's shop.

### **MOBILE PHONES:**

Mobile Phones must be switched off on the course. Their use is only permitted to summon help in the case of an accident / emergency.

Emergency services: 999  
Clubhouse: 01454 319042  
Chipping Sodbury Police: 101

### **ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE CLUB:**

Please be careful as you enter and leave the Club. Cars must only be parked in designated spaces and excessive speed is to be avoided at all times. Beware of Speed Bumps.

### **WILDLIFE:**

Chipping Sodbury Golf Club boasts lovely scenery and wildlife that has no respect for health and safety and like many other golf courses there are always dangers associated with animal burrows etc. Players should also be aware that there is a potential threat from wasps, bees and other biting insects. Adders are also present on the golf course, and urgent medical attention should be sought if you suffer a venomous bite. Chipping Sodbury Golf Club endeavours to fill in holes created by animals. However it is inevitable that there will be rabbit holes etc. that can lead to sprained ankles or worse. Persons playing or walking on the course do so **AT THEIR OWN RISK** and must not do anything to jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.

## **ADVERSE WEATHER:**

**Lightning** – In the event of severe lightning in the area, every effort will be made to warn players to vacate the course. However, if the Horn sounds, the instructions below **MUST** be followed: One long blast - it is mandatory that you leave the course. If the Horn is not sounded during a competition and a player believes there is a real danger by proceeding, he/she is entitled to discontinue play under Rule 6-8a(ii). There is only one shelter on the course at the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. However all players must exercise due diligence and take the appropriate action under such conditions.

Where there is not sufficient time to evacuate the course and there is a threat of lightning, you are advised to comply with the following procedure:

- Do not shelter under trees or go to high ground
- Keep as low as possible and ideally crouch down in the nearest bunker/hollow.
- Leave your golf equipment where it is and stand away from it.
- Do not use a mobile phone – make sure it is switched off.
- Do not put an umbrella up in any circumstances.

**Fog**- As a general rule no play will take place on the course if a distance of 150 yards cannot be seen.

A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions is normally left to the discretion of the player, who **MUST** accept full responsibility for his/her, safety

If the course has not been officially closed, this does not mean that it is necessarily safe to continue play and golfers must determine for themselves, whether they consider it is safe to do so. In such conditions frequent inspections will be made until play is deemed to be safe.

The authority to close (and re-open) the course is delegated to the Head Greenkeeper, and in his absence, to the senior Greenkeeper on duty, the General Manager or the Professional.

## **BUGGIES:**

Chipping Sodbury Golf Club has buggies available for hire from the Professional. Apart from these, the use of personalised motorised ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior application to the General Manager. All hire buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy Safety Policy (provided by the Professional).

## **CHEMICAL & FERTILISER APPLICATIONS:**

A notice on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Tee's will advise of days that chemicals have been used. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves. Do not lick golf balls or fingers and always wash your hands when finished playing.

## **FOOTWEAR:**

Chipping Sodbury Golf Club requires golf shoes to be worn on the golf course as they help to avoid slips; they also help your golf!

## **GREENKEEPERS:**

The Greenkeeping staff are regularly working on the course when golf is in progress. Please be careful and courteous to them and ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence prior to playing in their proximity. Remember- **GREENKEEPING STAFF HAVE PRIORITY DURING EARLY MORNINGS.**

### **INSURANCE:**

Chipping Sodbury Golf Club provides liability insurance to its members. This insurance is also extended to green fee paying visitors. However, all golfers should ensure that they are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved with playing golf.

### **PRACTISING:**

This is strictly limited to the designated practice areas within the Club which are the Wissun Course, Driving Range and Practice Nets. Under no circumstances is there to be any practising on the Course itself unless receiving a lesson from the Professional.

### **STEEP BANKS and SLOPES:**

Special care must be taken to avoid trips, slips and falls when standing on, or walking near, banks/slopes especially adjacent to ponds and ditches as these are considered to be some of the most hazardous areas of the course, particularly during or immediately after adverse weather conditions.

### **PONDS AND DITCHES:**

Players should be aware that some of the ponds and ditches have deep water and in places where muddy banks look dry they can be treacherous and one can easily slip or get stuck. Players should take great care when retrieving balls from these areas.

### **BRIDGES:**

There are numerous bridges on the golf course which may become slippery when the ground is wet or when leaves are on the ground. Therefore care must be taken when crossing over any of the bridges to avoid slips and trips.

### **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

Chipping Sodbury Golf Course has public rights of way sharing parts of our land. Please remember that **USERS OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY HAVE PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES**. If there are people in range of your shot take a minute to enjoy the scenery until they are out of range. 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. 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.

### **HOLE BY HOLE RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Course Risk Assessment has also been carried out on a hole-by-hole basis. Care must be taken at every hole in accordance with the general points above, but the following holes require particular care to assist in minimising the risks while playing on the course, it is your responsibility as a golfer to ensure that you adhere strictly to the following:

You are advised to exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where there is a potential risk of hitting another golfer or being hit by another golfer's errant shot, Particular care should also be taken on holes where the landing area of your shot is not clearly visible.

If you hear the shout of "**FORE**" always take evasive action by facing the opposite direction of the shout and crouch and protect your head with your hands. Never face the direction of the shout to see where an errant golf ball is coming from.

<b>Hole Number</b>	<b>Specific Holes To Be Aware Of</b>	<b>Action to be taken following an errant shot</b>
1	When teeing off be aware of golfers playing down the 10 <sup>th</sup> fairway to your right and people who maybe in the allotments to the left of the hole.	Shout "FORE"
2	When teeing off please be aware of golfers to the right on the tenth fairway/green.	Shout "FORE"
3	When teeing off be aware of golfers playing from the 13 <sup>th</sup> tee on your right	Shout "FORE"
4	When playing tee shot be aware of players behind playing to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> green.	Listen for the shout of "FORE"
5	When teeing off be aware golfers playing from the 9 <sup>th</sup> tee on your right and left on the fourteenth fairway.	Shout "FORE"
6	When teeing off be aware golfers playing from the 7 <sup>th</sup> tee on your left and golfers teeing off from the fifteenth behind.	Shout "FORE" Listen for the shout of "FORE"
7	When teeing off be aware of golfers playing from the 15 <sup>th</sup> tee behind you on your left. Also, when leaving the 7 <sup>th</sup> green please ring the bell to inform golfers on the tee that through the green is clear.	Listen for the shout of "FORE"
8	When teeing off please be aware of golfers on the seventeenth fairway to the left.	Shout "FORE"
9	When teeing off please be aware of golfers on the eighteenth fairway to the left and the fifth tee on the right which is in range.	Shout "FORE" Listen for the shout of "FORE"
10	When teeing off please be aware of golfers to the left on the first fairway and to the right the eleventh fairway.	Shout "FORE"
11	When teeing off please be aware of golfers on the left 3 <sup>rd</sup> fairway and to the right 10 <sup>th</sup> green/fairway.	Shout "FORE"
13	Please be aware of golfers to the left on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> fairway.	Shout "FORE"
14	Please be aware of golfers to the right 5 <sup>th</sup> fairway	Shout "FORE"
15	Please be aware of golfers on the 6 <sup>th</sup> tee in front to the right and the seventh tee to the right which is in range.	Shout "FORE"
16	Please be aware of golfers to the right on the seventh fairway/green.	Shout "FORE"
17	Please be aware of golfers playing on the eighth fairway to the right.	Shout "FORE"
18	Please be aware of golfers on the ninth fairway to the right. On second or third shot to the green please be aware of the clubhouse, putting green and chipping green over the hedge to the left.	Shout "FORE"

To help with the review process of our safety information and assessment etc. all Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to bring to the attention of the General Manager any incidents that happen on the golf course, or hazards they feel have not been addressed.

Enjoy your golf.

General Manager

Date: