MILNATHORT GOLF CLUB LIMITED

GOLF COURSE HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

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Safety

The following information identifies the main hazards that members and visitors to Milnathort Golf Club may encounter while playing, practising, or walking on our 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.

Persons using the golf course must comply with the Health & Safety signage around the golf course at all times

BALL STRIKES:

- Never play until those in front of you are out of range.
- Never play if you feel others have encroached too much onto the line of your intended shot. Always ensure they move to a safer position before playing.
- Always shout "FORE" to warn others of stray shots heading in their direction.
- Always take evasive action on the shout of "FORE" by turning away from the direction of the shout and by covering your face and head with your arms.

BLIND SHOTS:

Never play shots if you cannot be certain the intended line of shot and landing area is clear of other golfers, green staff or members of the public. Utilise playing partners to ensure you are safe to play. Players must ring the bell at the 7th & 16th Tees and fairway to indicate to golfers playing behind it is safe to play.

ACCIDENT/ EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

ALL accidents and incidents MUST be reported to a member of staff at the Clubhouse Office or Bar during clubhouse opening hours so that the appropriate documentation can be completed.

FIRST-AID ASSISTANCE:

The current First Aider(s) and First Aid box locations for the premises are displayed on the Notice Boards.

A Defibrillator is located external of the Clubhouse at the west end of the building. Guidelines for use are on the Defibrillator.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT ALWAYS BE STAFF IN THE CLUBHOUSE

MOBILE PHONES:

Mobile Phones must be switched off or put in silent mode on the course and only used to summon help in the case of an accident/emergency.

WILDLIFE:

Milnathort Golf Course 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. Milnathort Golf Course will endeavour to fill in holes created by wildlife; however, it is inevitable that there will be rabbit holes etc. that can lead to sprained ankles or worse. Players should also be aware that there is a potential threat from wasps, bees and other biting insects. 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 a DANGEROUS SITUATION (Lightning) suspension of play shall be signified by ONE LONG BLAST of the HORN. Play MUST stop immediately and players should make their way to the clubhouse and await further instructions. It should be noted the horn shall only be sounded when the Greenkeeper or other club representative is in attendance. Catering Staff are independent and do not act on behalf of the Club. If the horn is not sounded you are advised to observe the following advice:

- Stop play immediately
- Do not shelter under trees or go to high ground
- Do not use a mobile phone-make sure it is switched off
- Do not put up an umbrella in any circumstances

The course shall be closed to all play until the greenkeeper or a Representative of the Club decides that the course is playable. If no representative is present the course will remain closed.

Disclaimer:

A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions contrary to the above advice is normally left to the discretion of the player who MUST accept full responsibility for his/her safety and others affected by their actions.

If the course has not been officially closed this does not mean that is necessarily safe to continue play and players must decide for themselves whether they consider it is safe to do so.

Other Prevailing Weather Conditions Course Closures General:

The Greenkeeper or other Club Representative, has the authority to close the course when adverse weather has occurred and injury to players and/or damage to the course would occur if play were permitted. Such conditions may include flooding, severe frost, or snow.

BUGGIES:

Milnathort Golf Club has buggies available for hire. The use of personalised motorised ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior application to Milnathort Golf club. Owners of personalised motorised ride-on buggies MUST ensure they are adequately insured.

All hire buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy Safety instructions.

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE & CHEMICAL & FERTILISER APPLICATIONS:

Notice boards will advise of days when course maintenance activities such as chemical applications which may cause risk or harm are being undertaken. Players are advised not to lick golf balls or fingers and ensure they always wash their hands on completion of their round.

GREENKEEPING STAFF:

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.

PRACTISING:

This is strictly limited to the designated practice areas which are to the right of the 1ST FAIRWAY Under no circumstances is there to be any practising on the Course.

GOLF COURSE TOPOGRAPHY:

Uneven ground, Gradients, Up Slopes, Down Slopes, Bunkers, Steps, Pathways, Golf Course Furniture.

Be aware of these hazards in regards to slipping, tripping and falling. Always look for the safest routes when walking. Avoid walking up or down steep banks whenever possible. Keep a safe distance from deep bunkers and where ground levels fall away. Many hazards increase in regard to risk when wet, frozen or muddy. Alway's wear the correct footwear and clothing and ensure they are in good condition and fit for purpose. Take extra care when wet and avoid slippery surfaces such as wooden steps and/or sleepers