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# Golf Course Health & Safety Policy

## Introduction

Health and Safety is something that affects all parts of our working lives and also our hobbies, pastimes and sport. Health and Safety is paramount at Clays Golf. This policy aims to help protect our members, visitors, staff and other users of our facilities. It is the responsibility of all members and golfers to ensure they read and follow the policy document for the use of the golf course. This policy has been designed, not to spoil the enjoyment of your round but to enhance it by keeping all golfers and walkers as safe as possible. Please help us to help you!

## Accidents

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

## First Aid Assistance

In the event of an accident, first aid kits are located in the Golf Reception Kitchen, in the Bar, in the Kitchen and in the Green keeper's Kubota Utility Vehicle (which roams the golf course during their working hours). A full list of first aiders can be found on the Health & Safety notice board in the Golf Reception.

## Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator located in the bar. If you are a member or visitor and would like training on our defibrillator, please ask a member of staff in the Golf Reception. Our Defibrillator is checked on a monthly basis.

## Calling for Help

In the event of a serious accident whilst on the golf course, driving range or clubhouse please call the emergency services immediately on 999; our address is Clays Golf, Bryn Estyn Road, Wrexham, LL13 9UB. The clubhouse telephone number is 01978 661406.

## Accident Reporting

All accidents must be reported to a member of the golf team and recorded in the accident book located in the Golf Reception.

## Dress Code

## Footwear

Clays Golf requires golf shoes to be worn on the golf course as they help with avoiding slips and they also help your golf. Trainers may be worn on the golf course providing ground conditions are dry.

## Greenkeepers

The greenkeeping staffs are regularly working on the golf course when golf is in progress. Please remember they have priority at all times. Please be careful and courteous to them and ensure that they have signalled to you to continue prior to you playing in their proximity.

## Insurance

All members and visitors must ensure that they are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved with playing golf at Clays Golf.

## Water Hazards

There are water hazards at various locations throughout the course and care is required around all of these hazards to avoid the risk of drowning. The hazards and holes impacted are as follows:

### Ponds

Pond to the left of the 5<sup>th</sup> hole.

Pond on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole (visible whilst crossing from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> hole).

Pond near the green on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole.

Pond to the left of the tee on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole and also near the green.

### Ditches

Ditch running across the 5<sup>th</sup> hole.

Ditch running in front and to the left of the 6<sup>th</sup> tee.

Ditch running across the fairway of 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> holes.

Ditch running to the right of the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> fairway which connects the two ponds.

## **Animal Holes**

Clays Golf endeavours to fill in holes created by animals. However it is inevitable that there will be animal holes which could lead to injuries. Please take extra care.

## **Steps & Mats**

There are various types of steps and paths with rubber mats, artificial grass or rock dust throughout the course. You are advised to use all steps and paths on the course with caution, particularly in wet or icy conditions.

## **Steep Banks, Slopes & Paths**

Clays Golf has too many steep banks, slopes and paths to list individually. At all times players should take care when walking up or down these, particularly when using golf buggies or trolleys. Adherence to the instructions detailed on the windscreens of the buggies is also essential in respect of minimising risks in this respect.

## **Spraying of Fertilisers and Insecticides**

Do not lick your golf balls or fingers. When chemicals have or are being used a notice will be displayed on the notice board on route to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, displaying Spraying in Progress; will advise of days that chemicals have been used. Players are advised to take note of the warnings and protect themselves.

## **Out of Bounds**

No attempts should be made to retrieve golf balls which have come to rest outside of the boundary of the golf course.

## **Wildlife**

Players should be aware that there is a potential threat from wildlife such as wasps, bees and other biting insects on the course, especially during the summer months.

## **Inclement Weather**

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. Therefore members and visitors should themselves determine whether they consider it 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.

## Lightning

**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 present, then the following safety considerations are advised.

1. KEEP AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND IDEALLY CROUCH DOWN IN THE NEAREST BUNKER/HOLLOW
2. LEAVE YOUR GOLF EQUIPMENT WHERE IT IS AND STAND AWAY FROM IT.
3. DO NOT USE A MOBILE PHONE – MAKE SURE IT IS SWITCHED OFF
4. DO NOT PUT AN UMBRELLA UP IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
5. DO NOT SHELTER UNDER TREES

## Suspension of Play & Abandonment of Competitions

**Competitions will be suspended if conditions are such that golf is unplayable or there is danger to those playing.** Suspension of play will be notified by ONE long blast on a klaxon. Players should mark the position of their ball and retire to safety/shelter (or to the clubhouse depending on proximity).

If play is subsequently continued, notification will be by ONE further long blast on the klaxon; players should replace their ball in the previously marked position and continue play.

## Abandonment of Competition

If conditions are such that the Competitions & Handicap Committee representative(s) decide that a competition has to be abandoned, this will be notified by TWO long blasts on the klaxon.

**ALL PLAYERS ON THE COURSE MUST RETURN TO THE CLUBHOUSE.  
THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE/GOLF RECEPTION TEAM WILL BE FINAL**

## Reporting and Reviewing Hazards

To help with the review process of our Health and Safety Policy, all members, visitors are kindly requested to bring to the attention of our Golf Reception staff any incidents that happen on the golf course or hazards they feel have not been addressed.

# Golf Buggy Safety Policy

## Introduction

This policy aims to explain all aspects of the hiring and operation of golf buggies at Clays Golf. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in immediate termination of buggy hire.

For members who own their own buggies, failure to adhere to this policy could also result in sanctions up to and including a ban on the use of a buggy.

## Process for Hiring Golf Buggies at Clays Golf

Clays Golf has 6, two seater golf buggies available for hire to members and visitors. These buggies can be hired at the Golf Reception.

Anyone who chooses to hire a buggy at Clays Golf will be required to complete a Buggy Hire Form prior to the commencement of their round. By signing the Buggy Hire Form, the hirer is also confirming that they will adhere to the guidelines displayed inside the golf buggy

## Course Conditions for Golf Buggies

On a daily basis, the on duty Greenkeeper shall assess the course for its suitability for the use of buggies. There are two possible outcomes of the Greenkeeper's assessment as follows:-

1. The course is declared open and the course is in a suitable condition for the un-restricted use of buggies in line with this policy.
2. The course is declared open, but conditions are not suitable for the use of buggies. An email will be sent out to all members and visitors will be contacted advising that although the course is open, it is closed to club buggies due to adverse ground conditions.

It should be noted that the Greenkeeper's decision is final, and that the safety of all golfers is paramount at all times. The Greenkeeper shall advise the Golf Reception team of his decision and the reasoning behind it.

## Buggy User Guidelines

Please refer to the user guidelines displayed on the inside of each golf buggy.

## Driving Range Health & Safety Policy

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### The DO's and DONT's on the Driving Range

#### DO's

Only swing the golf club on the green strike mat.  
Choose the appropriate club for your swing.  
Stand on the red carpet when others are hitting.  
Under 16's must be supervised at all times.

#### DONT's

Don't step out beyond the carpet onto the range.  
Don't aim balls at our golf buggy collector.  
Don't lean over the dividers.  
Don't stand beyond the red carpet when not playing  
Don't lean over the dividers.  
No running on the range.