

# Wellingborough Golf Club

## Golf Course Risk Assessment ~ Players

It should generally be noted that golf courses are hazardous places by the very nature of the game. This is particularly true on a Competition day. WGC is an 18 hole course set in 160 acres, none of the holes cross each other, however, due to the undulating nature of the course, care should be taken before teeing off on holes; 3, 6,8,10,12,14 & 18.

Hole Number / Area	Hazard	Risk	Precautions	Recommendation / Action Completed
Putting Green	Being hit by a stray ball from somebody chipping in this area	Very Low	Very unlikely to happen, people on putting green are fully aware to observe other players when practicing	Sign stating chipping only. Done.
Practice Green by 8 <sup>th</sup> hole	Possibility of being hit by stray shots from the 8 <sup>th</sup> tee.	Low	Practice green is considerably out of play.	None
1	Tee – care required not to slip when walking up bank onto teeing area.	Low	Grass is left slightly longer in this area.	N/A
1	Being hit by a tee shot when out of sight near the green.	Low	Players teeing off should ensure the players in front are out of range.	N/A
2	Possibility of hitting a player on the 17 <sup>th</sup> fairway.	Low	Ensure that a warning is called (FORE) if a ball heads in this direction.	N/A
3	Care to be taken walking from the teeing area to the fairway on a steep pathway.	Low	Paths maintained and kept clear of mud. Red shale used is non slip in icy conditions.	N/A
3	Ponds	Medium	Care required in crossing the bridges over the pond	Hand rail maintained on foot bridge and drive off ridges on vehicle bridges. Also life belt situated by pond.
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5	Stray shot from 6 <sup>th</sup> fairway.	Low	Be aware of players on the 6 <sup>th</sup> hole.	N/A
6	Stray shots from the 5 <sup>th</sup> tee & possible 7 <sup>th</sup>	Low	Be aware of players on the 5 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> .	N / A
6	Players out of site from the teeing area	Medium	Light system installed	Regularly maintained. Checked daily.

7	Be aware of any players exiting 6 <sup>th</sup> green heading back towards 7 <sup>th</sup> tee.	Medium	Players can easily see each other.	No further action required.
8	Players obstructed by large oak trees on the left hand side, also practice green some 300 yds on rhs	Low / Medium	No recorded incidents of players by the green being hit by tee shot.	No further action required.
9	Pond in front of men's teeing area.	Low	Firm pathway, well maintained. Due to topology players will not try to retrieve lost balls.	Bye-law forbidding the retrieval of balls from this pond. Life belt by pond.
9	Pond on fairway	Medium	Risk of falling in whilst retrieving a ball. This is more 'in-play'.	Life belt by pond.
10	Small risk of being hit by tee shot when walking off the green towards the 11 <sup>th</sup> tee.	Medium	Players to be cautious and observant in this area.	No recorded incidents since the tee has been moved back.
11	Slippery slope when walking off the green to the 12 <sup>th</sup> tee when wet.	Medium	Banks are well maintained, grass left longer, players should automatically take care when walking to the 12 <sup>th</sup> tee.	N/A
12	Danger of hitting players hidden by the undulation of the hole.	Medium	Light system in place to control play.	Regularly maintained. Checked daily.
13	Pond on right hand side on fairway & by green.	Low	Out of usual area of play.	Life belt in situ.
14	'Blind tee shot' for big hitters.	Low	Players to ensure those in front are out of range.	N/A
15	Steep pathway from the tee to the bridge over the stream	Medium	Care to be taken particularly if using a powered trolley or buggy.	Path to be well maintained.
16	Being hit by a long tee shot whilst on or by the green	Low	Players to ensure those in front are out of range.	N/A
17	Being hit by a ball coming from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> hole.	Medium	Players would naturally be aware of this risk.	No sign deemed necessary.
18	When teeing off, it is difficult to ascertain whether there are players on the green due to trees.	Medium	If unsure, players should walk forward to view the green as this is driveable.	N/A