

Crown Golf Health and Safety Management System

Section Twenty Specific Course Risk Assessment - Golfers June 2025

Name of Club	NINE OF HERTS
Location	RICKMANSWORTH
All Risk Assessments are signed off and located in RED 3	

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	Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed?		How Is The Risk Controlled?	Risk Factor
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General Overview of Course Risks

1.	Typical hazards encountered on a Golf Course.	Golfers, Greens Staff and spectators.	Strict adherence to the Rules and Etiquette of Golf, observe all signs and be aware of rules concerning cessation of play in dangerous weather or conditions.	Low
2.	Teeing Off Miss hit Tee shot to right or left	Other Golfers on adjacent greens, fairways, or paths	Don't tee off until you are sure that the group in front are out of range. Don't tee off if any of your playing partners are standing forward of you. Don't tee off if anyone is walking toward the tee from any adjacent holes. Don't stand forward of a player teeing off. Don't walk towards a tee when someone is preparing to drive Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
3.	Rights of way	Members of public and dog walkers on paths or fairways	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
4.	Fairway to Green	Other Golfers	Don't take a shot until you are sure that the group in front are out of range. Don't take a shot if your playing partners are forward of you and in range. Stand in a safe position when a playing partner is taking a shot	Medium
5.	Miss hit approach shot to green	Players on adjacent holes	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if hitting to left or right past green and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
6.	Streams, Riverbeds, Ponds Lakes	All Golfers	Be aware of the dangers of streams, riverbeds (wet or dry, muddy areas), lakes, ponds including slipping down banks, deep water and slippery bridges. Don't step onto frozen water. Use ball retrievers whenever possible. Appropriate hole 6.	Medium
7.	Hidden Greens	Other Golfers, Greens Staff	Don't play to Greens until you are sure that the group in front have left. Greens that may be hidden from view for approach shot are hole 4.	Low

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8.	Trees and other fixed hazards	Golfers and Playing partners	When playing near trees beware of balls ricocheting.	Low
9.	Undulating ground, hollows, hills	All Golfers	Take care when walking over undulating ground especially when wet or icy. Appropriate to holes:1,3,4,5,6,7.	medium
10.	Driving Buggies	All Golfers	Take care on hills, hollows, and undulations. Take special care driving over bridges or near to brooks and on inclines. Keep speed to minimum.	Medium

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Specific Risks Hole by Hole

	Hole 1				
	<i>Miss-hit tee shot to right</i>	Players on 3 rd hole	<i>Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout fore if your ball is likely to go near to them.</i>		
	Hole 2				
	Hole 3				
	<i>Miss-hit tee shot to right</i>	Players on 1 st hole	<i>Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout fore if your ball is likely to go near to them.</i>		
	Hole 4				
	<i>Miss-hit tee shot to right Do not hit approach shot to green until sure it is clear.</i>	Players on 1 st hole Players putting on 4 th hole.	<i>Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout fore if your ball is likely to go near to them.</i>		
	Hole 5				

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Hole 6			
<i>Miss-hit tee shot to left</i>	Players on 4 th hole	<i>Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout fore if your ball is likely to go near to them.</i>	
Hole 7			
Hole 8			
Hole 9			
Steep slope down to green can be slippery when wet or frozen.	Players or staff.	Use path provided.	

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Hazard No.	List What Further Action Is Necessary To Control The Risk	Person Responsible	Completion Date

Assessment compiled by:

Date of assessment:

Signature:

Date to review further actions:

Position:

Assessment review date:

Review If necessary due to course changes or incidents. Otherwise 1 June 2026

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The Course may be closed when extreme or adverse weather conditions mean it is dangerous to play or damage to the course would result if play were permitted. Such conditions could cause greens to become waterlogged, the course flooded, covered in snow or poor visibility due to fog. The decision to close the course is made by the **Course Manager** in consultation with the **General Manager** and/or the **Professional Shop**

The procedure for closing the course will be as follows: The **Course Manager** will ring the **General Manager** and/or **Professional Shop** and inform them. The **Course Manager** will put up 'Course Closed' signs and the **Professional Shop** will update the web site **Course Status**.

FOG AND LOW CLOUD POLICY

The 150 yard marker on the range is clearly visible during normal conditions. In conditions of low cloud or fog when the 150 yard Marker is not visible the **Management** may close the course. No players should attempt to play in those conditions. If there is a need to stop play due to low cloud or fog the **Professional Shop** will sound a long blast of the Klaxon. Players should return safely to the Clubhouse. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short blasts on the klaxon.

LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event of a lightning strike being seen within the vicinity of the Golf Club the **General Manager** or the **Professional Shop** will close the course by sounding a long blast on the Klaxon. When a lightning storm has been seen in the course vicinity, no play is to commence until a period of 15 minutes from the last lightning strike/clap of thunder. Play will resume after two short blasts of the Klaxon. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment of play.

If the **General Manager** or the **Professional Shop** is unavailable it is incumbent upon each **Player** to assess the risks and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course in the event of Fog or Lightning.

COMPETITIONS

During a Club competition the **Competition Organiser** in conjunction with the **General Manager** or the **Professional Shop** may close the course if it is considered the course has become unsuitable for play. In the event that the **Competition Organiser**, **General Manager** or **Professional Shop** is unavailable it is incumbent upon each **Player** to assess the risk and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course.

Players should make themselves fully conversant with the rules of the competition in which they are playing. E.g. in some competitions a cessation of play may also mean the abandonment of that particular competition. In other competitions such as Opens or Invitation Days, the competition may be recommenced if and when conditions allow. In such circumstances players must mark the position of their ball in the correct manner, otherwise a penalty or disqualification will result.

The cease play signal is a long blast, and players should mark their ball and find somewhere safe to shelter. The all-clear signal is two short blasts, and if it sounds then play can resume. If this has not been sounded within ½ hour then play must be abandoned. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment.

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For displaying as described below:

Playing golf on uneven terrain & changeable ground conditions carries inevitable risks.

You play this golf course having been made aware that a full risk assessment has been conducted, is available to be read on the;

- Club Website,
- in the General Office,
- Pro-Shop and
- Men's Locker Room
- Ladies Locker Room

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with its content.