



Brean Golf Club Health & Safety Arrangements Document

This document identifies the main hazards that members and visitors to Brean Golf Club may encounter while playing, practising or walking the 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 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.

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

ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE CLUB

Please be careful as you enter and leave the premises. Cars must only be parked in designated spaces and excessive speed is to be avoided at all times. Beware of the presence of pedestrians and speed bumps on the entrance road. Disabled parking spaces may only be used by those with a current blue parking badge.

ACCIDENT/ EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

ALL accidents and incidents including near misses MUST be reported to the Pro Shop, so that the appropriate documentation may be completed. This will also allow for an investigation to be completed and remedial action taken where required.

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 all players must exercise due diligence and take the appropriate action under such conditions.

Fog- As a general rule no play will take place on the course if a distance of 200 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. However, if you hear one long blast of a horn, 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 5-7a

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.

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.

ANIMAL HOLES

We endeavour 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 jeopardise the safety of themselves or others.

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 such as rain or frost.

BUGGIES

Brean Golf Club has buggies available for hire from the pro shop. Apart from these, the use of personalised motorised ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior application to the golf pro and a copy of insurance for use on a golf course and public liability 3rd party cover must be provided. All hire buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy User Rules (provided by our Golf Professional at point of hire). The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs are not permitted when using a buggy.

FIRST-AID ASSISTANCE

In the event of an accident, a first aid kit is located in the Pro Shop, Brean Country Club Reception and at the Green Keeping Shed. A Defibrillator is located in the Reception area of the Country Club. If you have called an ambulance please make the pro shop aware so we can direct them to the correct area. The pro shop can be contacted by calling 01278 752111.

FERTILISER AND INSECTICIDES ETC.

A notice on the 1st Tee will advise of the 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.

FOOTWEAR

We request golf shoes to be worn on the golf course as they help to avoid slips; they also help your golf. These should not be worn inside the Country Club.

GREENKEEPERS:

The green keeping team 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. Priority must always be given to green keeping staff.

INSURANCE

Brean 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 putting practice area. Under no circumstances is there to be any practising on the Course itself unless receiving a lesson from the Professional.

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. The retrieval of balls from water is not encouraged and is dangerous.

WILDLIFE

Brean 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.

RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

To help minimise the risks while playing on the course, it is your responsibility as a golfer to ensure that you adhere strictly to information within this document and The Course Risk Assessment & Hole by Hole Risk Assessment which has been carried out and follows below.

Players should not strike a golf ball when there is the risk of endangering other players, members of the green keeping team and all other users of the golf course and its surroundings.

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. You must also consider waving your hands as the person in front may be a member of staff wearing hearing protection.

You are advised to exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where you may be at potential risk of being hit by another golfer's ball, especially on those holes where the landing area is not clearly visible from the tee. Areas of particular concern are highlighted by signs on the course.

If "FORE!" is heard when playing, evasive action must be taken if at all possible, e.g. turn away from the ball, bend and cover you

Course Risk Assessment;

Hazard – Anything with the potential to cause harm	Who might be harmed	Existing controls to eliminate hazard or reduce risk
<p>1. Access to tee’s - Slips, trips & falls</p>	<p>Golfers</p>	<p>Access is via slope or steps. Access to tees and the condition of any temporary / permanent tee mats is monitored by the greenkeepers. Please take additional care when it is wet or icy. Please report any damage to the pro shop.</p>
<p>2. Teeing off - Striking other golfers with ball.</p>	<p>Golfers. Other golfers on adjacent greens, fairways or paths</p>	<p>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 towards 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 a ball drifts to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone. Areas of particular risk are signed for golfers to be aware.</p>
<p>3. Fairway to Green - Striking other golfers with ball.</p>	<p>Other Golfers</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>4. Miss hit approach shot to Green - Striking other golfers with ball.</p>	<p>Players of adjacent holes</p>	<p>Be aware of players in this area and shout “FORE” if hitting to left or right past the green and there is a likelihood of hitting someone.</p>
<p>5. Ditch, ponds, lakes - Risk of falls into water, drowning - Provision of rescue equipment</p>	<p>All Golfers</p>	<p>Be aware of the dangers of ditches, lakes, ponds including slipping down banks, deep water and slippery bridges. Don’t step onto frozen water. We do not encourage the use of ball retrievers from water. Do not operate a buggy within 2 meters of a ditch or a pond. Lifebouys provided on large ponds. There are varying types of bridges that do not have railings so take care. Some bridges are not suitable for buggies – please follow signage.</p>
<p>6. Hidden Greens - Lack of ability to view other golfers.</p>	<p>Other Golfers, Green Staff</p>	<p>Don’t play to greens until you are sure that the group in front have left. Check greens are free before approach shot.</p>
<p>7. Trees and other fixed hazards - Ball ricocheting, tree damage from storms.</p>	<p>Golfers and Playing partners</p>	<p>When playing near trees beware of balls ricocheting. Tree condition is monitored by Head Greenkeeper</p>

8. Undulating grounds and banks - Slips, trips, falls	All Golfers	Take care when walking over undulating ground especially when wet or icy as it could be slippery. During very dry weather, cracks may be present.
9. Driving Buggies - Speeding, inappropriate or dangerous use, overcrowding, overturning, fall into water.	All golfers	Take care on banks, hollows and undulations. Take special care driving over bridges or near to ditches. Keep speed to a minimum. Always drive in the rough. Keep away from ditch/ pond edges.
10. Being struck by a golf ball being played by a fellow golfer/partner	Other Golfers and Green Staff	Players not playing the shot must position themselves such that the danger of being hit is eliminated. The player who has made the shot must shout "FORE" to alert his fellow golfer or partner(s) of the danger of being struck by the errant golf ball.
11. Being struck by a golf ball hit by a golfer playing on another part of the golf course and hitting the ball offline	Other Golfers and Green Staff	The player who has made the offline shot must shout "FORE" to alert other players in the vicinity of the danger of being struck by the errant golf ball. Adhere to safety signage out on the course.
12. Players slipping on steep sloping ground	All Golfers	Players to take particular care entering and exiting bunkers with steep sloping sides. Players should enter and exit from the shallowest edge. Many banks of the teeing grounds have steep slopes, and players also need to take care when entering these areas.
13. Players slipping on wet ground/frozen ground/steps/bridges	All Golfers and Green Staff	Wear golf shoes. Be aware of the increased risk during these conditions and take additional care.
14. Golfing equipment slipping on sloping ground	All Golfers	Players to take particular care of their equipment when getting close to sloping ground. Players must not take golfing equipment, including motorised buggies closer than 5 yards/meters from the slopes. Buggies are not allowed on the teeing grounds. If the ground is wet, then trolleys are not allowed not to be taken on to the teeing grounds.
15. Balls hitting the County Club building and new lodges on new development.	All golfers	Holes have been designed to reduce likelihood of impact but both the Country Club and lodge building however players should be aware of their presence and report any near miss or actual stray balls going into this area or causing damage to the pro shop for monitoring and investigation purposes.
16. Changing areas- Wet floors, water temperature, condition of fixtures	All golfers	Anti slip flooring is provided in shower areas however please be aware that wet floors may be slippery when wet. Water temperature will be maintained at appropriate temperatures for showering. If too hot or too cold please report to the pro shop or Country Club reception immediately. Condition of fixtures monitored.

HOLE by HOLE Risk Assessment; NOTE: If a hole is not mentioned then there are no specific hazard other than 1-14 above.

Hazard – Anything with the potential to cause harm	Who might be harmed	Existing controls to eliminate hazard or reduce risk
<p>Hole 1 Player teeing off could hit someone playing the 5th hole which is to the left of the tee with players coming toward you, or with a stray ball when playing the fairway from a player on the 2nd hole, right hand side coming toward you.</p>	<p>Players on hole 5. Players on hole 1</p>	<p>Players teeing off to shout 'FORE' to alert others if ball is going stray. A sign on the tee advises players to shout "FORE" if their tee-off shot goes left toward hole 5.</p>
<p>Hole 2 Stray ball coming from the 1st tee when playing hole</p>	<p>Players on 2nd hole</p>	<p>Be aware of players around you. Be alert to any verbal calls of 'FORE'.</p>
<p>Hole 5 Stray ball from those playing the 1st hole when you are playing fairway on hole Stray ball from those teeing off from the 12th hole which is coming towards you as the 12th tee is not visible to you as there is a hedge / trees between part of the fairway.</p>	<p>Players on 5th hole Players on 5th hole</p>	<p>Be aware of possible stray balls coming from the 1st LHS of you and toward you on the hole when on the fairway approaching the green. Be alert to the call of 'FORE' A sign on the tee reminds players. Be aware and alert to the call of 'FORE'.</p>
<p>Hole 6 Pontins Holiday Camp is on the left hand side of the fairway so please be aware of stray balls from the tee or fairway into this location which could cause property or person damage/ injury</p>	<p>Guests in Pontins</p>	<p>Be aware of this. Shout 'FORE' to warn of danger. Report any incidents to the Pro Shop immediately.</p>
<p>Hole 7 Stray ball from the 6th hole coming from behind you, Stray ball coming towards you from the 8th tee.</p>	<p>Players on the 7th hole</p>	<p>Players on the 6th to be aware and alert to the call of 'FORE'. Be vigilant at all times. A net protects the tee area of the 7th. Be aware and vigilant.</p>
<p>Hole 8 Stay ball from those teeing off from 11th hole if miss-hit</p>	<p>Players on 8th</p>	<p>Players on hole 11 will shout 'FORE' in such event. Be aware and vigilant at all times.</p>

Hole 9 Stray ball from the 8 th or 10 th holes which are either side of you.	Players on the 9 th	Players on the 8 th and 10 th to be aware and alert to the call of 'FORE'. Be vigilant at all times
Hole 10 Dog leg hole. Can be poor visibility ahead on green if crop is at full height (left hand side of the tee).	Players on the 10 th	Ensure adequate space of players in front.
Hole 11 Striking someone on the 8 th tee (400m in front of tee on RHS)	Players on the 8 th	Sign on the 11 th tee advises players if tee shot going that way to shout FORE.
Hole 12 Hedge along part of fairway. Players coming towards you on the 5 th hole so possible stray balls.	Players on the 12 th	Be vigilant at all times.
Hole 13 Stray ball from tee hitting a car on road to the left . LHS of the tee. Stray ball from hole 17 hitting a player on the 13 th	Cars on road Players on 13 th	Green direction is not in line with vehicles however miss hit could go that way. Listen for traffic noise. Player on 17 th hole to shout 'FORE' to warn on stray ball.
Hole 17 Stray ball hitting player on 13 th tee	Player on 13 th	Player on 17 th hole to shout 'FORE'. Sign advising players om 18 th hole are required to give priority to players on the 17 th green.
Hole 18 Stray ball striking a player on the 17 th green	Players on 17 th	Give priority to players on the 17 th green to play their shots first.

This document will be reviewed following any course layout changes, periodic review or serious incident.

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