



Accrington & District Golf Club Ltd

Devon Avenue, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 4LS

Health & Safety Policy for Golfers

It is the Duty of each player to ensure as far as is practicable their own safety and that of others on the course. All players do so at their own risk.

General Rules

Danger from wayward golf balls

Follow the etiquette of golf.

Give greens staff the same consideration as other players.

Pay particular attention on the following holes:

3rd Hole Wait for bell before teeing off.

4th Hole Do not play your tee shot if players are on the 3rd green.

9th Hole Beware there may be players using the practice facility on the right.

11th Hole Be aware of players driving off from the 18th tee and give them priority.

17th Hole Do not tee off if there are players putting on the 4th green. When leaving the green beware of players teeing off on the 12th hole.

18th Hole Do not tee off until you hear the bell. Beware of players on the 11th hole.

Sloping Tee Beds

Always enter and leave tee beds with sloping sides from the flattest point, particularly in wet or frosty conditions.

Ponds and Water Hazards

On no account should you place yourself in danger by entering on-course ponds or the canal which runs to the right of the 4th hole to retrieve golf balls. If using ball retrievers do not overstretch. If in doubt, do not attempt to retrieve the ball. Deep ponds are provided with life belts. In the event someone falls in: you should only use safe methods of rescue, i.e., reach out whilst remaining on the side, or throw lifebelt. Do not enter the water unless absolutely necessary.



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Steep Banks and Grass Mounds

Do not attempt to walk down steep slopes or over grass mounds. Use steps where provided or walk round. On no account should you take trolleys or buggies on slopes.

Ride on Buggies

Can only be used under the terms of the Club Policy Document on ride on buggies.

Railway

On no account should you enter the railway line which runs parallel to the 5th fairway to retrieve golf balls. It is also a criminal offence to trespass on a railway.

Stone filled drains

All stone filled drains are classified GUR. Do not play a ball lying in the drains as stones may fly and cause injury. Take care when crossing drains, walk around if possible.

Practice Area

Please observe the safety information on the relevant notices. When using the practice area only play from the designated area and restrict the use of clubs up to and including a 5 iron. Chipping is not allowed near the practice putting area.

Undulating Ground and Sprinkler Valves

By the very nature of golf courses there will be areas of undulating ground that are not marked as GUR or have other warnings displayed. Be attentive at all times to ensure unnecessary slips and falls do not occur.

The course has a watering system including sprinkler heads and control valves on or around the greens. Take care to avoid tripping. All the valves and sprinklers are green in colour and are either marked with a white circle or are easily seen. Use the prepared pathways where possible.



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Accidents

The Club have no objection to players carrying mobile phones for the purpose of making an outgoing emergency call. For all other uses mobile phones are not allowed whilst playing. To avoid distractions all mobiles should be set on silent mode.

Specific Hole by Hole Considerations

- No 1** Access the Tee by the steps provided, or by using the sleeper steps at the front of the Tee.
Beware of persons on the car park and Ladies tee when teeing off.
Do not enter the field on the right to retrieve balls.
Beware of traffic whilst proceeding over access road to second tee.
Ride on buggy users, take route as directed on warning sign.
- No 2** Avoid steep bank to the right of the fairway if retrieving balls. (See general rule on water hazards).
Do not use buggies on the slope in front of the green.
During winter please use the path up to the 3rd winter tee (ladies tee) to enter the 2nd green at the back of the 17th green (not the grass slope at the front of the 2nd).
- No 3** Do not tee off until you hear the bell.
- No 4** Beware of steep slope leading to canal to rear of tee bed.
Do not tee off if players are on the 3rd green.
Beware of players driving from 17th tee.
Do not enter canal to retrieve golf balls.
- No 5** Take care if entering the ditches crossing the fairway (water hazard) to play your ball. Take the least steep route on entering and leaving.
- No 6** Do not enter water hazard (can be deeper water than appears).
Beware of wayward golf balls coming towards you from Rishton GC.
- No 7** Enter and leave tee bed from the flat area to the front.



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- No 8** Be aware of persons playing balls towards you from the practice area and take care when teeing off to ensure their safety.
Take care leaving the green whilst making your way to the 9th tee. Players may be teeing off from the 15th tee.
- No 9** Be aware of practice area to the right.
If retrieving balls from the practice area use the bridges to cross the ditch, do not attempt to jump over.
Be aware there may be persons on the practice putting area to the left of the 9th green.
- No 10** Be sure that the players in front of you are out of reach before teeing off.
- No 11** Be aware of players on 18th.
Do not walk up or down the steep slope in front of the green. Use the steps provided (with caution).
On no account use buggies on the slope.
- No 12** Do not enter water hazards.
Beware players crossing from 17th green to 18th tee.
- No 13** Do not enter water hazards.
- No 15** Beware of players crossing from 8th green to 9th tee.
Be aware of players on the 6th fairway when hitting wayward shots.
Enter and leave tee bed from flat area at rear.
- No 16** Do not walk over sleepers to right of fairway (drainage cover)
- No 17** Beware of control valve between gents and ladies tees.
Beware players teeing off from 12th tee whilst proceeding to 18th tee.
- No 18** Do not drive off until you hear the bell (walk to the top of the hill if necessary).
Beware of persons on car park when playing second shot.