



Painswick Golf Club

Health & Safety Policy

Painswick Golf Club is a friendly Club and will not tolerate acts of violence, drunkenness, abuse or threatening behaviour on the premises, whether directed at the staff or others. In all instances, we will seek the intervention of the police and subsequent court action, if appropriate.

We reserve the right to refuse further access to the Club by any individual for whom the above action becomes necessary, whether subsequently convicted in a court of law or not.

Accident/Emergency Procedures

First Aid Assistance:

In the event of minor accidents, first aid boxes are located behind the Clubhouse bar, in the Reception/Shop staff and in the Green keeper's workshop.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile Phones must be switched to vibrate in and around the Clubhouse and on the course.

Their use is not permitted on the course except to summon help in the case of an accident/emergency.

Call the Reception/Shop staff on 01452 812615 or the Emergency Services on 999 (The Postal code of Painswick Golf Club is GL6 6TL)

Accident Reporting:

All accidents and near misses must be reported at the earliest opportunity to the Reception/Shop staff for entry in the Accident Book.

COURSE RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

Painswick Golf Club regards good Health and Safety practice as a vital part of its business. It is, therefore our policy to develop a positive Health and Safety culture that contributes to the successful performance of the Club by doing everything, that is reasonably practicable, to achieve the highest levels of Health and Safety by operating our business in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

This places a duty of care on Painswick Golf Club to protect the safety of its employees, non-employees, member golfers/visitors, together with members of the public who may be affected by activities on the golf course.

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 struck by another golfer's ball.

It is a requirement that all Members/Visitors mark their ball making it identifiable in the event of a ball strike.

Painswick Golf Club has a number of public rights of way. Please remember that **Users of the Public Rights of Way have Priority at all times.**

Members/Visitors **MUST NOT** strike a golf ball when there is a potential risk of endangering other players, Members of the Green Staff and all other users of the golf course and its surroundings.

If a misdirected shot is heading towards other persons, you **MUST** shout **"FORE"** in a loud, clear and concise voice to alert them of possible danger. If **"FORE"** is heard when playing evasive action **MUST** be taken to avoid being struck.

Particular care should be taken on holes where the landing area of your shot is not clearly visible and areas where parallel fairways are played in opposing directions.

A Golf Course Risk Assessment has been carried out on a hole-by-hole basis. To help minimise the risks from the hazards that have been identified it is your responsibility as a Member golfer/Visitor or spectator on the course to ensure that you adhere strictly to the below mentioned list of risks identified as requiring extra caution. Particular care should be taken on the following holes; 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16 holes.

Risks by Hole

1st – Beware of other users crossing the fairway and ensure the green is clear before making your approach shot.

2nd – Ensure the green is free and that there are no players, walker or bikers in the vicinity, before playing your approach shot. Players using the 14th fairway have priority.

3rd – Ensure the fairway is clear before making your shot. Players using the 13th fairway have priority.

4th – Ensure the fairway is clear before making your shot and there is no one using the Cotswold Way or the footpath from The Beacon. Players using the 12th fairway have priority.

5th – High risk, as this is a blind hole. Wait to be called through by players ahead of you.

7th – Beware of the public using the footpath to the left.

8th – On teeing off, beware of the public using the Cotswold Way footpath to the right. Ensure the green is clear and there are no persons on the fairway paths before making your approach shot. Players using the 9th fairway have priority.

9th – On teeing off, beware of the public using the footpaths/bridleway.

10th – High risk, as this is a blind hole. Wait to be called through by players ahead of you.

11th – Ensure the fairway ahead is clear with a blind tee shot over the hill. Ensure the green is clear before making your approach shot.

12th - Ensure the fairway ahead is clear with a blind tee shot over the hill. Ensure the green is clear before making your approach shot.

13th - Ensure the fairway is clear before making your shots.

14th – Beware of the public using the numerous paths in and around the fairway and players using the 2nd hole. Ensure the green is free before making your approach shot.

15th – Ensure the green is free before playing. Check for persons using the footpath leading up to the tee box.

16th – Beware of the public using the numerous paths in and around the fairway. Mind the public road crossing the fairway. Ensure the green is free before playing your approach shot.

17th – Always use the steps as a safety check. Mind the public roads crossing the fairway.

Animal Scrapings/Steep Banks:

Painswick Golf Club endeavours to fill in holes created by small animals. However, it is inevitable such holes will be prevalent throughout the course, be aware that these can lead to sprained ankles or worse.

Fertiliser, Herbicides and Insecticides:

A notice board will be situated on the 1st Tee to advise Member/Visitors when chemicals have been used on the course. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves. Do not lick golf balls or fingers.

Footwear:

Painswick Golf Club requires all Members/Visitors to wear golf shoes with sufficient studs/spikes at all times when playing golf on the course as they help to avoid slips.

Green Keepers:

Greens staff regularly work throughout the course when golf is in progress. Please be careful and courteous towards them and ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence prior to playing in their proximity.

Players Insurance:

Members/Visitors to Painswick Golf Club are advised to take out adequate 3rd party insurance to provide cover for liability at law for damages payable in respect of:

- Death or bodily injury.
- Loss or damage to property.

Out of Bounds:

Misplaced golf shots played over the fence on the right hand side of the 14th fairway MUST investigate such misplaced shots to ensure personal injury or damage has not been caused.

Practising:

This is strictly limited to the designated practice area. To ensure the safety of all users of the practice area, as well as other golfers and members of the public, a sensible approach to the facility must be adopted at all times to minimise the risk of ball strikes.

Steep Banks, Slopes & Paths:

Painswick Golf Course has many steep banks, slopes and paths throughout. Members/Visitors **MUST** take care at all times when walking up or down these, particularly in wet conditions and when using golf trolleys/buggies, to minimise potential risk of falling.

Steps:

There are steps throughout the course leading to and from tee boxes. Members/Visitors **MUST** use the steps on the course and exercise caution, particularly in wet or icy conditions;

Wildlife:

Players should be aware that there is a potential threat from wildlife such as wasps, bees and other biting insects on the course, adequate protection should be used to avoid bites and stings.

Inclement Weather Conditions

Darkness, Rain, Fog or Low Cloud:

During inclement weather conditions, the fact that the course has not been officially closed does not necessarily mean it is fit for play. Members/Visitors should themselves determine whether they consider it safe to play and do so at their own risk. Safety guidelines are in the Club Diary (page 32).

Members/Visitors have a duty of care to behave in such a way that does not injure themselves or others by their actions.

Lightning:

It is the players' own responsibility to discontinue play when, in their opinion, a danger from lightning exists. In the event that a Member / Visitor is out on the golf course when lightning is about then the following safety considerations are advised to:

- 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.

Car Parking & Golf Equipment & Clothing

Cars are parked in the car parks entirely at the owner's risk. Similarly,

Painswick Golf Club does not hold any liability for loss or damage to Members'/Visitors' golf equipment and clothing.

To assist with Painswick Golf Club's Health and Safety review process all Members/Visitors are requested to bring to the attention of the Club Secretary any near miss incidents that happen on the golf course, or hazards they feel have not been addressed.