

MELLOR & TOWNSCLIFFE GOLF CLUB

Course Health & Safety Document

ACCIDENT/EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

First Aid Assistance: In the event of an accident, first aid boxes are located in the Greenkeepers Shed, the Pro Shop and behind the bar.

Mobile phones: Mobile phones must be switched off whilst on the course and may only be used to summon help in case of an accident/emergency. Call the clubhouse 0161 427 2208 or pro shop 0161 427 5759 or emergency services on 999 (post code is SK6 5NA).

Accident reporting:

All accidents must be reported to the Secretary for entry into the Accident Book.

COURSE RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

The 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 golfer, caddie, or spectator on the course to ensure that you adhere strictly to the following:

You are asked 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 and areas where parallel fairways are played in opposing directions.

Particular care should be taken on 1st, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, & 18th holes.

At Mellor we have many public rights of way sharing our land. Please remember that **USERS OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY HAVE PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES**. If there are people in range of your shot take a minute to enjoy your stunning surroundings 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 to possible danger. If 'FORE' is heard when playing, please take evasive action if possible.

Players should not strike a golf ball when there is the risk of endangering other players, members of the Green Staff and all other users of the course.

Particular care should be taken on holes where the landing area of your shot is not clearly visible. Below is a list of shots identified as requiring extra caution, and the people who are at risk.

2 nd Hole Tee shot	Players out of sight round dog-leg.
3 rd Hole Tee shot	Players teeing off on 4 th tee & users of the bridle path.
9 th Hole Tee shot	Players walking down 10 th fairway.
11 th Hole Tee shot	Players teeing off from 9 th tee.
12 th Hole Tee shot	Players at bottom of hill & public crossing on road
13 th Hole Tee shot	Players on adjacent 17 th fairway.
16 th Hole Tee shot	Players on adjacent fairways.
17 th Hole Tee shot	Players on adjacent fairways.

Buggies: M&TGC has buggies available for hire. Apart from these, the use of motorised ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior application to the Secretary. All buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy Safety Policy (available on request). All buggies are to be kept out of the rough

Fertiliser and Insecticides: Do not lick golf balls or fingers. A notice on the 1st Tee will advise of days that chemicals have been used. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves.

Footwear: MTGC require golf shoes to be worn on the course as they help to avoid slips. They also help your golf.

Greenkeepers: The green staff 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 you playing in their proximity.

Insurance: MTGC provides liability insurance to their members. The insurance is also extended to green fee paying visitors. However, all golfers must ensure that they are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved with the playing of golf.

Practising: This is strictly limited to the designated practise areas of the club. To the right of the 6th Fairway, behind the rhododendrons left of the 18th fairway (not available during competitions) and the practise hole 18a by the clubhouse.

Steep Banks, Slopes & Paths: Mellor has too many steep banks, slopes and paths to list individually. At all times players should take care when walking up or down these, particularly when using golf buggies or trolleys. Adherence to the instructions detailed in the windscreens of the buggies is also an essential part in respect of minimising risks.

Ponds: We have eight ponds of varying depths on our course which provide a visual enhancement to our golfing journey as well as providing a thriving habitat for our flora and fauna. Nevertheless it must be recognised that they also provide a risk to the unwary. Players should not attempt to retrieve golf balls from these areas.

Steps: There are wooden sleeper steps when exiting the 6th green toward the men's tees. You are advised to use these with caution, particularly in wet or icy conditions.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Darkness, rain, fog, ice: During inclement weather, the fact that the course has not been officially closed does not warrant that it is fit for play. Therefore, members and visitors should themselves determine whether it is safe to play. Players have a duty of care to behave in such a way that others may not be injured by their actions. They also have a duty of care to ensure that they do not injure themselves. All players play at their own risk and should do nothing to jeopardise the safety of themselves or others.

Lightning: It is the players own responsibility to discontinue play when, in his/her opinion a danger from lightning exists. In the event that a player is out on the golf course when lightning is about then the following safety precautions are advised:

KEEP AS LOW AS POSSIBLE,

STAND AWAY FROM YOUR GOLF EQUIPMENT,

DO NOT USE A MOBILE PHONE-MAKE SURE IT IS SWITCHED OFF,

DO NOT PUT AN UMBRELLA UP

TO HELP WITH THE REVIEW PROCESS OF OUR SAFETY PROCEEDURES ALL MEMBERS GUESTS AND VISITORS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY ANY INCIDENTS THAT HAPPEN ON THE GOLF COURSE, OR HAZARDS THAT THEY FEEL HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED.