



**MOND VALLEY GOLF CLUB Ltd**  
**MEMBERS AND VISITORS ON COURSE HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**INFORMATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

This includes a hole by hole risk assessment, however the hazards identified are not exhaustive and all members and visitors must be aware of their responsibility for their own safety as well as the safety of others on the course, including grounds maintenance staff.

**ACCIDENT/EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

In the event of an accident that requires the emergency services, playing partners should contact the emergency services on their mobile phone(s) if they have one; if not, they should inform the club house by whatever means is available to them, for staff to contact emergency services.

**FIRST AID ASSISTANCE**

In the event of an accident, first aid boxes are located in: The Clubhouse Kitchen and The Greenkeepers Shed adjacent to the 11<sup>th</sup> Tee. A Defibrillator is also located in the outside hospitality building and all staff have attended a defibrillator course. Although the defibrillator will give you instructions when it is opened up for use.

**TROLLEY SHED**

Members leave their possessions in the new trolley shed at their own risk and the Club do not accept any responsibility. Members who rent lockers will have a dedicated number the same as their locker number and are to store their equipment in a safe and tidy manor in order to provide ease of access.

**CAR PARK**

Care should be exercised when entering or leaving the car park and the speed limit of 5 MPH must be observed.

Members, visitors and members of the public using the Club car park are to be made aware of stray golf balls. The club do not accept responsibility for any damage to member's cars and or property.

## **ON THE COURSE**

### **FOOTWEAR**

All players are expected to wear golf shoes when playing. Trainers are not allowed. The type of golf shoe is up to the individual; however it is advisable to take into account the conditions under foot when considering what type of shoe to wear. For guidance, players are advised to wear metal spikes in the winter or during prolonged periods of wet conditions and/or soft spikes or dimpled shoes in the summer.

### **BEING STRUCK BY A GOLF BALL**

All players are expected to observe correct golfing etiquette in order to minimise the risk of being struck by another player's ball, this includes:

- Not standing any further forward than the Tee Markers in play, when players are teeing off.
- Player furthest away plays first and playing partners should not encroach in front of the player until he/she has played their shot.
- Do not play a shot if the players in front are in range.
- **ALWAYS** shout **FORE** if your ball is headed in the direction of other players in range on adjacent holes.

### **SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS**

As with most golf courses, Mond Valley Golf Course is not perfectly flat, there are undulations, slopes and trip hazards throughout the course, including holes made by burrowing animals. All players must take care while walking the course, be aware of these hazards and look where you are walking. (See individual Hole risk assessments for specific hazards).

There are various hazards on the golf course such as ponds, ditches etc, it is club rule that no person must enter the ponds or ditches to retrieve balls due to the dangers of falling and possible drowning.

### **LIGHTNING**

In the event of Lightning close to the course, one long continuous blasts on the air horn will be sounded to instruct everyone to leave the course. This is a mandatory instruction and on hearing this warning all players **MUST** cease playing immediately, mark your ball and take whatever action you consider most appropriate to ensure your safety or leave the course by the shortest, safest route.

***Note:** Players should however be aware that it is a players own responsibility to discontinue play when in their opinion there is danger from lightning and not wait for the horn to sound.*

Play will be resumed following one long continuous blast of the horn approximately 20 minutes from last crack of thunder.

Where there is insufficient time to evacuate the course (due to the suddenness of the lightning threat) the following safety precautions are to be observed:

- Seek a large permeant enclosed building.
- Do not shelter under trees or go to high ground.
- Do not open spaces or wet areas
- Leave your golf equipment where it is and stand away from it.

- DO NOT put an umbrella up in any circumstances.
- Keep as low as possible; ideally crouch down in the nearest bunker/hollow.
- Do not use a mobile phone – make sure it is turned off.

As the course covers a large acreage of land, the fact that the course has not been officially closed does not mean that it is necessarily safe to continue play. Players must be aware of their surroundings and the proximity of any lightning in the area; if they do not feel safe they should cease play and walk in.

If and when it is deemed safe to resume play, two long blasts will be sounded on the air horn.

### **FOG**

Whether to commence or continue play in a stipulated round when fog is present is a difficult decision. Fog, by its very nature, is not easy to forecast, and it is challenging to predict when it will set in or lift.

From a playability standpoint, it is the R&A's and Club policy to commence or continue play in a stipulated round if the landing zone for all shots to be played are visible to the players, which is as a general rule no play will take place unless 200 yards visibility is obvious.

In this regard, tee shots requiring the use of drivers may present the most difficult challenge since such shots cover the most distance.

Things such as fairway lines, hazards, trees, etc. in the drive zone must be visible to a large extent. However, the fact that visibility is partially obscured by fog such that the entire flight of the ball is not possible does not generally require a decision to delay or suspend play.

### **EXTREME COLD CONDITIONS**

When the course is in play in extreme cold conditions, players must take extreme care due to the increased likelihood of slipping on surfaces due to egress of rain, frost, sleet or snow.

If the conditions are too high a risk then the course will be closed by either the Course Manager or a member of the Management Board. In the absence of all of the aforementioned, the player is to accept certain responsibility for their own actions in such adverse conditions.

It is directed that players are to be accompanied with another player, that, in the situation were a player possibly slips and falls; themselves the other player is able to either assist extraction of the injured player from the course or call for assistance or return to the Club to request assistance.

### **BUGGIES**

Mond Valley Golf Club Ltd has a duty of care to all users of the golf course, including pedestrians using any public right of way that may run along or across it. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution, and prudence must be shown by all users of ride-on buggies. To ensure the safety of all golf course users, buggy drivers and passengers are required to comply with the following conditions set out in the Buggy Policy which will be displayed in the club house.

The policy follows the National Golf Clubs Advisory Association (NGCAA) and Golf Development Wales (GDW), guidelines.

### **FERTILISERS, INSECTICIDES & OTHER CHEMICAL TREATMENTS**

An announcement will be put up on the notice board outside the club shop and will advise of days that chemicals have been used to treat the course. Players are reminded to heed the warnings and protect themselves by not licking either their fingers or their golf balls.

***Note:**All course users MUST wash their hand on leaving the course before entering the bar or catering area.*

### **COURSE IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

The course irrigation system and surrounding area is not to be entered for whatever reason. Any player seeing someone in the close proximity of the irrigation system or surrounding area is to report the matter to the Course Manager or a member of the Management Board or bar immediately. The water system is deep and dangerous and has no access, egress points.

### **GREEN KEEPING STAFF**

Green Keeping staff have priority on the course to carryout routine daily maintenance.

Please respect this priority and do not attempt to play through. Occasionally work on a hole may mean the temporary closure of the hole, a notice to this effect will be posted if the case arises.

All staff working on the course can be identified by green industrial clothing, please take necessary caution.

### **INSURANCE**

Mond Valley Golf Club Ltd has a Public Liability Insurance; however all golfers should ensure they have adequate personal insurance to cover any eventuality which may result in litigation.

### **PUTTING GREEN**

Players are to be aware of other players, visitors and members of the public within the confines of the practice area. No Chipping is allowed on the putting green.

## MOND VALLEY GOLF CLUB HOLE BY HOLE RISK ASSESSMENT

The hazards identified in this assessment are not exhaustive and all golfers should be aware of their surroundings and take any precautions necessary to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.

Hole No's	What Are The Hazards	Who Might Be Harmed	Control Measures	Additional Control Measures Required	Action By Whom	Date Action Completed
All holes	Slopes around tee boxes	Members, visitors and employees	There are numerous slopes on the course which present a slip hazard, particularly when wet, many of these slopes are around the tee-boxes. Players should take extra care when accessing the tees; using steps where provided.			
All holes	Miss hit shots	Members, visitors and employees	If a shot is miss hit all players are to shout <b>FORE</b> to alert of people on the course.			
Hole 1	Being struck by a golf ball .	Members, visitors and employees	Be aware of players in the area of play on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> fairways			
Hole 2	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Be aware of players approaching 1 <sup>st</sup> green and golfers crossing the 2 <sup>nd</sup> fairway to access the 6 <sup>th</sup> green.			
Hole 3	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Players teeing off on 3 <sup>rd</sup> tee must wait for the sound of the bell of the group in front before playing.			
Hole 4	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Ensure the all golfers in front of you are clear of the dogleg before teeing off the 4 <sup>th</sup> tee.			
Hole 5	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Do not play the approach to the 5 <sup>th</sup> green until you hear the sound of the bell(blind drive).			
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Hole 6	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees		Do not tee off the 6 <sup>th</sup> tee until green is clear be aware of golfers approaching the 2 <sup>nd</sup> green from your left side.			
Hole 7	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees		Ensure all golfers in front are clear of the dogleg before teeing off the 7 <sup>th</sup> tee. Do not play approach shot to green until it is cleared. Do not enter the green whilst golfers are teeing off the 18 <sup>th</sup> tee. Be aware of golfers accessing 8 <sup>th</sup> tee.			
Hole 8	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees		Ensure the green is clear before teeing off the 8 <sup>th</sup> tee.			
Hole 9	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees		Ensure the 8 <sup>th</sup> green is clear before teeing off the 9 <sup>th</sup> tee.			
Hole 10	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees		Ensure those in front are clear of the dogleg before teeing off the 10 <sup>th</sup> tee. Be aware of green keeping staff using access road to greenskeepers facility. Be aware of anglers or members of the public emerging from the riverbank on your right-hand side.			
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Hole 11	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Be aware of golfers on the 16 <sup>th</sup> fairway when teeing off the 11 <sup>th</sup> tee. Be aware of anglers or members of the public emerging from the riverbank on your right-hand side.			
Hole 12	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Ensure you have sight of those in front and it is safe to tee off on the 12 <sup>th</sup> tee. Be aware of golfers teeing off the 13 <sup>th</sup> tee.			
Hole 13	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Ensure the 13 <sup>th</sup> green is clear before teeing off the 13 <sup>th</sup> tee. Also be aware of golfers on the 14 <sup>th</sup> tee (White Boxes).			
Hole 14	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Do not tee off the 14 <sup>th</sup> tee until:- The dogleg is clear; Protective netting is now in play but be mindful of the canal tow members of the public . Be aware of golfers on the 15 <sup>th</sup> tee when playing approach shot to the green. Do not tee off direct from 14 <sup>th</sup> tee to 14 <sup>th</sup> green.			
Hole No's	What Are The Hazards	Who Might Be Harmed	Control Measures	Additional Control Measures Required	Action By Whom	Date Action Completed
Hole 15	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Do not tee off the 15 <sup>th</sup> tee until the green is clear. If the 16 <sup>th</sup> tee is occupied tee off the 15 <sup>th</sup> tee			

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			alternately with those teeing of the 16 <sup>th</sup> tee being mindful of those golfers occupying the 16 <sup>th</sup> tee.			
Hole 16	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	When the 15 <sup>th</sup> tee is occupied teeing off the 16 <sup>th</sup> tee will be alternative with those teeing off the 15 <sup>th</sup> tee. Be aware of golfers on the 15 <sup>th</sup> tee and those on the 11 <sup>th</sup> ,and17 <sup>th</sup> greens when teeing off the 16 <sup>th</sup> tee.			
Hole 17	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Be aware of golfers on the 16 <sup>th</sup> fairway when teeing off the 17 <sup>th</sup> tee.			
Hole 18	Being struck by golf ball.	Members, visitors and employees	Do not tee off the 18 <sup>th</sup> tee whilst the 7 <sup>th</sup> green is occupied by other golfers.			

**Note:** Where steps are provide they must be used when gaining access and egress to and from the tees.



# **REVIEW**

This Risk Assessment is subject to review at least annually or in the event of an accident or procedure/rules change that affects playing members and visitors.

<b>Annual Review Date</b>	<b>Date Reviewed</b>	<b>Reviewed by (Name)</b>	<b>Comments (including reason for review)</b>
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November 20232			

**By Order of the Management Board**