



Guidelines

Crondon Park Golf Club - Health & Safety Guidelines

Health & Safety on our course

Playing golf at Crondon Park is a special experience because of its rolling parkland setting with natural undulations which give rise to steep slopes in places. In addition, we have rabbits and moles digging holes to trip the unwary.

Golf by its very nature can be a dangerous game, we therefore draw your attention to the following.

Adverse Weather Conditions

The signal for suspension of play is one prolonged note of klaxon. Please leave the course as soon as possible after klaxon sounds.

Ice and Frost

Greenkeeping staff will check the golf course for any safety issues and advise the golf reception whether the course is safe to open before the first tee time.

Green-keeping staff will advise the golf reception before the first tee time and if need be throughout the day.

Extreme caution **MUST** be taken when conditions are icy.

Do your own risk assessment and ask yourself if you really need to be playing golf when conditions are frosty or icy.

Paths, Bridges and **artificial teeing surfaces** are not gritted on the course and could be slippery. Care **MUST** be taken when using them. When using constructed paths please take care as they are uneven in places.

Slopes can be slippery even in dry weather so please take special care and always consider using a longer route with a gentler slope when negotiating them. Our greens staff do all that is reasonable to keep steps and paths clear of mud, but these areas can still become slippery in wet or frosty conditions and care should be taken at all times when using them.

Thunder and Lightning

In the event of thunder and lightning the golf course will close with immediate effect.

If klaxon is sounded, you **MUST** leave the course immediately. Players are advised to leave the course or take shelter in the event of a storm even if you do not hear the klaxon.

Poor Visibility Fog/Mist

If visibility is down to less than 200 yards on any part of the course (i.e. we can no longer see the Fog Marker from the clubhouse) then play will be suspended until conditions improve.

The decision to close the course for fog lays with the greens staff as fog can fall at any time of the day and they can check the weather forecast at regular intervals. If there is ever any doubt whether the course is safe to play due to foggy conditions the course will close.

Golfers must take extra care to check where they are hitting is clear of other golfers and green-keeping staff/Students.

Anyone playing in 'foggy' conditions does so entirely at their own risk.

Note: If the fairway bunker on the right side of the 1st fairway can be seen from the white tee marker play may be considered safe. Visibility can, however, vary considerably on different parts of the Course. A full Course inspection may be necessary in some circumstances to confirm the need to close or re-open the Course.

Flooding / Heavy Rain

The Essex weather can vary from day-to-day or even hour to hour, therefore we do not offer a rain check policy.

Greenkeeping staff will check the course to ensure it is safe and playable. They will also advise whether the ground conditions are suitable for buggies/trolleys to be allowed out.

In the event of sudden down pours when no greenkeeping staff are on site the reception staff will inspect the 18th green for water laying on the surface and decide on whether golf can be played under such conditions.

Strong winds

In the event of strong winds where branches falling from trees are a concern the course must close. The reception staff will sound the klaxon to notify golfers to stop play and come in from the course.

Retrieval of Golf Balls

We do not advise retrieving golf balls from ponds and ditches. Ditch sides are steep and can be slippery and the water in the pond is deep. Anyone retrieving a ball from a water hazard does so at their own risk.

Bunkers

Most of our bunkers are fairly easy to get in and out of. The direct route to your bunkered ball is not always the easiest. Please enter and exit the bunkers at the shallowest point.

Members of the Public

Please be tolerant of non-golfers who use Crondon Park Golf Club and the network of public footpaths. Please be patient and only hit the ball when you know they are safe and not within range including the shot which may go astray.

ALL ACCIDENTS / INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE GOLF RECEPTION.

We hope that this advice will help you to have a safe and enjoyable round.

Polite Notice

In the interests of Health and Safety, Greenkeeping Staff have right of way over play whilst carrying out essential maintenance tasks on the golf course.

If for any reason you are held up due to a maintenance task being carried out, please wait until the Greenkeeper moves over to a safe area and waves for you to resume play.

The Greenkeeping Team will do all they can to ensure your game is not held up for any longer than is necessary.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation.