

Golfing at Hamilton Golf Club

Following comprehensive risk assessments undertaken by the committee and staff of Hamilton Golf Club, the following information and advice is given to members and visiting golfers:

- Golfers should familiarise themselves with the Rules of Golf 2012-2015. Section 1 – Etiquette; Safety (page 18)
- It is your responsibility as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course to adhere to the advice given.
- Before play: check notice boards for information on maintenance and green-keeping activities.
- Wear suitable footwear for golfing, ensuring spikes or cleats are in good condition and free from debris.
- Ensure there are no loose impediments in the vicinity of the ball which may be dislodged when making a stroke.
- When preparing to play a stroke, be aware of players on adjacent fairways. Should you hit an errant shot a warning must be given (a shout of “Fore”).

Hamilton Golf Course has many undulating fairways, some moderate slopes which with normal care and attention are rated as moderate risk, wet weather will however increase risk to high. It also has some blind spots and open ditches. The following information is provided to increase safety:

- The steeper slopes in the vicinity of tees and greens have footpaths for access and egress. It is advisable that golfers and trolley users use them at all times.
- Be aware of uneven ground when crossing areas of deep rough. In particular, be aware of tree roots and stumps in all areas where trees have been felled.
- When crossing ditches by means of wooden bridges, stay to the middle, avoiding the edges. Take extra care when wet as there is an increased risk of slipping.
- Ensure the game in front is out of range and that it is safe to play before playing a shot to any blind spot.
- When playing cross-over holes obey the information signs.

Weather Conditions:

- Wet weather increases the risk of slips. Take extra care in particular on slopes, use paths where possible.
- High winds: stay clear of trees.
- Fog or mist: Satisfy yourself that other golfers or members of the public are out of range before playing a shot.
- Electrical storms: when there is a danger from lightening a member of staff will sound an air horn advising that play is suspended. Play **MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY**. Stand well clear of metal objects and avoid taking shelter under trees.