





# **St Mellion Estate**

## **Health and Safety Management System**

**Section Twenty**



**Specific Course Risk Assessment - Golfers V7 - November 2022**

**Nicklaus Course**

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## General Overview of Course Risks

	Typical hazards encountered on a Golf Course.	Golfers, Greens Staff, and spectators.	Strict adherence to the Rules and Etiquette of Golf, observe all signs and be aware of rules concerning cessation of play in dangerous weather or conditions.	Low
	Teeing Off  Miss hit Tee shot to right or left	Other Golfers on adjacent greens, fairways, or paths	Do not tee off until you are sure that the group in front are out of range. Do not tee off if any of your playing partners are standing forward of you. Do not tee off if anyone is walking toward the tee from any adjacent holes. Do not stand forward of a player teeing off.  Do not walk towards a tee when someone is preparing to drive  Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
	Rights of way	Members of public and dog walkers on paths or fairways	Pay attention when playing shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
	Fairway to Green	Other Golfers	Do not take a shot until you are sure that the group in front are out of range. Do not take a shot if you are playing partners are forward of you and in range. Stand in a safe position when a playing partner is taking a shot	Medium
	Miss hit approach shot to green	Players on adjacent holes	Be aware of players in this area and shout fore if hitting to left or right past green and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium

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### Specific Risks Hole by Hole

	Hole 1			
	Blind landing zone	Golfers	Check for players in these areas before taking shot.	Medium
	Steps to access tee	Golfers	Extra care must be taken especially in adverse weather conditions, use handrail provided	Low
	Over hit approach to Green	Golfers	Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout "fore" if your ball is likely to go near.	Low
	Bridge	Golfer	Care must be taken when crossing, use hand rail provided. Grip strips have been added to improve grip.	Low
	Slope right side of fairway	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking especially in adverse weather conditions	Low
	Hole 2			
	Lateral hazard left side of hole	Golfer	Do not enter hazard to retrieve lost balls.	Medium
	Houses right of hole		Ensure start line of intended shot is left enough to avoid possibility of ball coming to rest with the houses. Net is installed	Medium
	Slope right side of fairway		Care must be taken when walking especially in adverse weather conditions	Low
	Hole 3			



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	Streams, Riverbeds, Ponds Lakes	All Golfers	Be aware of the dangers of streams, riverbeds (wet or dry, muddy areas), lakes, ponds including slipping down banks, deep water, and slippery bridges. Do not step onto frozen water. Use ball retrievers whenever possible. Appropriate holes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8	Medium
	Hidden Greens	Other Golfers, Greens Staff	Do not play to Greens until you are sure that the group in front have left. Greens that may be hidden from view for approach shot are holes 13,14,17	Low
	Trees and other fixed hazards	Golfers and Playing partners	When playing near trees beware of balls ricocheting.	Low
	Undulating ground, hollows, hills	All Golfers	Take care when walking over undulating ground especially when wet or icy. Appropriate to holes: 1,9,11,12	Medium
	Driving Buggies	All Golfers	Take care on hills, hollows, and undulations. Take special care driving over bridges or near to brooks and on inclines. Keep speed to minimum.	Medium



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	<b>Hole 7</b>			
	<i>Lateral water hazard left side of hole</i>	<i>Golfers</i>	<i>Do not enter hazard to retrieve lost balls.</i>	<i>Medium</i>
	<i>Slope right side of fairway</i>	<i>Golfer</i>	<i>Care must be taken when walking especially in adverse weather conditions</i>	<i>Low</i>
	<i>Slope to access rear green</i>	<i>Golfers</i>	<i>Access green via path on right side of green</i>	<i>Low</i>
	<b>Hole 8</b>			
	<i>Step leading to approach and rear of green</i>	<i>Golfer</i>	<i>Extra care must be taken especially in adverse weather conditions, use handrail where provided.</i>	<i>Low</i>
	<i>Miss hit tee shots right towards 7<sup>th</sup> Nicklaus</i>	<i>Golfers</i>	<i>Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout "fore" if your ball is likely to go near.</i>	<i>Medium</i>
	<i>Leaving green to proceed to 9<sup>th</sup> tee</i>	<i>Golfers</i>	<i>Ensure that the group has completed teeing off before proceeding to the tee.</i>	<i>Low</i>

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Lateral hazard right side of hole	Golfers	Do not enter hazard to retrieve lost balls.	Medium
Slope left side of fairway	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking especially in adverse weather conditions	Low



<b>Hole 4</b>			
Lateral hazard right side of hole	Golfers	Do not enter hazard to retrieve lost balls.	Medium
Slope left side of hole	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking especially in adverse weather conditions	Low
<b>Hole 5</b>			
Pond and streams	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking around ponds and streams especially in adverse weather conditions, use ball retriever where possible.	Medium
Bridge at rear of green	Golfers	Care must be taken when crossing, use hand rail provided. Grip strips have been added to improve grip.	Low
<b>Hole 6</b>			
Lateral water hazard right side of hole	Golfer	Do not enter hazard to retrieve lost balls.	Medium
Houses left of hole	Public	Ensure start line of intended shot is right enough to avoid possibility of ball coming to rest with the houses	Low
Slope left side of hole	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking especially in adverse weather conditions	Low

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	<b>Hole 12</b>			
	Stream right side of hole and front of green	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking around ponds and streams especially in adverse weather conditions, use ball retriever where possible.	Medium
	Slope left side of fairway	Golfers	Use steps where provided to access the fairway	Low
	<b>Hole 13</b>			
	Stream left side of hole	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking around streams especially in adverse weather conditions, use ball retriever where possible.	Medium
	Road	Public	Ensure there is no members of the public using the road	Medium



	<b>Hole 14</b>			
	Bridge	Golfer	Care must be taken when crossing, use hand rail provided. Grip strips have been added to improve grip.	Low
	Steps leading to green	Golfer	Extra care must be taken especially in adverse weather conditions, use handrail where provided. Step covered to reduce risk of slipping	Low
	Slope left side of green	Golfers	Please access the green complex using the steps provided	Low





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	<b>Hole 9</b>			
	Blind tee shot	Golfers	Ensure the landing zone is clear before taking shot	Medium
	Miss hit tee shots right towards 1 <sup>st</sup> Kernow	Golfers	Check for players in these areas before taking shot. Shout "fore" if your ball is likely to go near.	Medium
	Crossing road	Golfers	Beware when crossing of traffic using the road	Medium
	<b>Hole 10</b>			
	People crossing the hole playing the Kernow	Golfers	Give way to golfers already playing, allow them to fully pass through the crossover before resuming play	Medium
	Stream right side of hole and water feature next to green	Golfers	Care must be taken around streams, use ball retriever where possible.	Medium
	Slope left side of fairway	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking especially in adverse weather conditions	Low
	<b>Hole 11</b>			
	Steps	Golfers	Extra care must be taken especially in adverse weather conditions, use handrail provided	Low
	Pond	Golfers	Care must be taken when walking around ponds especially in adverse weather conditions, use ball retriever where possible.	Medium



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<p><i>Cross over from 9<sup>th</sup> Kernow</i></p> <p><i>Pond</i></p> <p><i>Hotel, miss hit shot towards hotel</i></p>	<p><i>Golfers</i></p> <p><i>Golfers</i></p> <p><i>Public</i></p>	<p><i>Give way to golfers already crossing, allow them to fully pass through the crossover before resuming play.</i></p> <p><i>Care must be taken when walking around ponds especially in adverse weather conditions, use ball retriever where possible.</i></p> <p><i>Care should be taken to avoid ball being hit towards the hotel, shout "FORE" in a result of a stray shot.</i></p>	<p><i>Low</i></p> <p><i>Low</i></p> <p><i>Medium</i></p>

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	<b>Hole 15</b>			
	Blind tee shot	Golfer	Ensure it is safe to tee off and the group in front has clear your intended landing zone	Low
	Road	public	Ensure there is no members of the public using the road	Medium
	<b>Hole 16</b>			
	Road	Golfer	Ensure there is no members of the public using the road	Medium
	Slopes	Golfer	Care must be taken when walking especially in adverse weather conditions	Low
	<b>Hole 17</b>			
	Accessing teeing ground	Golfer	Beware of golfers that maybe using the back tee	Low
	Road	Public	Ensure there is no members of the public using the road.	Medium
	Crossing road.	Golfer	Beware when crossing of traffic using the road	Medium
	<b>Hole 18</b>			
	Crossing road.	Public	Check for traffic before crossing.	Medium
	Road.	Public	Ensure there is no members of the public using the road when intending to tee off.	Medium

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The Course may be closed when extreme or adverse weather conditions mean it is dangerous to play or damage to the course would result if play were permitted. Such conditions could cause greens to become waterlogged, the course flooded, covered in snow or poor visibility due to fog. The decision to close the course is made by the Course Manager in consultation with the Professional Shop

The procedure for closing the course will be as follows: The Course Manager will ring the Professional Shop and inform them. The Course Manager will put up 'Course Closed' signs and the Professional Shop will update the web site Course Status.

## FOG AND LOW CLOUD POLICY

The Marker Post to the right of the 1st fairway is clearly visible during normal conditions. In conditions of low cloud or fog when the Marker Post is not visible the Management may close the course. No players should attempt to play in those conditions. If there is a need to stop play due to low cloud or fog the Professional Shop will sound a long blast of the Klaxon. Players should return safely to the Clubhouse. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short blasts on the klaxon.

## LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event of a lightning strike being seen within the vicinity of the Golf Club, the Professional Shop will close the course by sounding a long blast on the Klaxon. When a lightning storm has been seen in the course vicinity, no play is to commence until a period of 15 minutes from the last lightning strike/clap of thunder. Play will resume after two short blasts of the Klaxon. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment of play.



If the Professional Shop is unavailable, it is incumbent upon each Player to assess the risks and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course in the event of Fog or Lightning.

## COMPETITIONS

During a Club competition the Competition Organiser in conjunction with the Professional Shop may close the course if it is considered the course has become unsuitable for play. In the event that the Competition Organiser, or Professional Shop is unavailable it is incumbent upon each Player to assess the risk and ensure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course.

Players should make themselves fully conversant with the rules of the competition in which they are playing. E.g. in some competitions a cessation of play may also mean the abandonment of that particular competition. In other competitions such as Opens or Invitation Days, the competition may be recommenced if and when conditions allow. In such circumstances players must mark the position of their ball in the correct manner, otherwise a penalty or disqualification will result.



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<b>Hazard No.</b>	<b>List What Further Action Is Necessary To Control The Risk</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>

Assessment compiled by:

MIKE BUSH

Date of assessment:

3/11/25

Signature:

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Date to review further actions:

Position:

COURSE MANAGER

Assessment review date:

3/11/26

*Review if necessary due to course changes or incidents. Otherwise annually.*