

Ashbury Hotel –

Health and Safety Information for Golfers.

This information identifies the main hazards that guests, members and visitors to Ashbury Hotel may encounter while playing, practicing or visiting the Hotel and its golf courses. It does not contain a definitive list of hazards, as by the very nature of the game of golf, it is impossible to eliminate risk completely.

All accidents and incidents (including “near misses”) must be reported to the Golf Shop or Reception, so that the appropriate documentation may be completed.

Emergency services – 999 (or 112 from a mobile)

Our Postcode – EX20 4NL

Clubhouse/Hotel Phone – 01837 55453

Clubhouse Grid reference – SX540947

Okehampton Hospital with Minor injuries Unit – 01837 658000

If someone becomes unwell or has an accident please call the Clubhouse and a qualified first aider will attend. **The Hotel has a defibrillator**; this is only used by qualified staff. Even if you call the emergency services direct, please then call the Clubhouse as we can get there first.

As with all Golf Courses there are always dangers associated with animal burrows, uneven ground, ditches, banks and slopes. Persons on the course walk around at their own risk and must not do anything to jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.

All players are expected to adopt golfing etiquette by not playing a shot if there is the remotest chance of injuring someone, or by walking in front of other golfers prior to them playing a shot.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE HOTEL

Please take great care when driving in and out of the hotel. Please be aware of pedestrians and golf buggies. Please abide by the speed limit signage. Please note that vehicles are parked at owners risk.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

FOG/MIST

Fog is generally an early morning problem. The golf shop staff will endeavour to advise you of the conditions of visibility on the courses and suggest a later tee time (not necessarily on the same course). It is our experience that there may be differences in conditions between courses. If upon reaching the first tee you find that visibility is less than 200 yards then please return to the shop where we will endeavour to provide you with a later time, this may not be on the same course and is subject to the weather improving.

If fog and mist comes in after play has started then players must use their own judgement to decide whether to come in or not, as it is recognised that conditions can change from minute to minute. The shop will then rebook tee times later in the day (subject to availability) as conditions improve.

LIGHTNING

In the event of lightning, golfers are advised to cease playing. 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 courses when lightning is about then the following safety considerations are advised.

- 1. If you see a lightning storm approaching then return to the Clubhouse immediately.**
However, if caught in a storm.....
- 2. Keep as low as possible and ideally crouch down in the nearest bunker/hollow.**
- 3. Leave your golf equipment where it is and stand away from it.**
- 4. Do not use a mobile phone**
- 5. Do not under any circumstances put up an umbrella.**

Please be aware that Golf buggies do not offer any protection from lightning as they are not earthed like a car.

ICE AND SNOW.

Icy and snowy conditions may cause the suspension of buggy usage until we can deem the buggy paths safe to use. We will endeavour to clear and grit paths as quickly as possible. Greens will be cleared in a schedule to allow golf to be played as soon as possible.

HEAVY RAIN

During periods of heavy rain pins will be placed on the highest points of all greens. Tees will be reviewed and placed on winter tees where necessary. Golfers are reminded to take special care on any slopes or banks and use the paths provided where possible. The speed of buggies must also be adjusted to match the weather conditions. Drive very slowly and do not brake overly hard at any time.

GREENKEEPERS

The greens staff are regularly working on the courses while 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 playing in their proximity.

BUGGIES

Buggies must be driven with care and attention at all times. All drivers must abide by the rules stipulated on the Buggy Hire Form. One of these forms must be filled in on your first day's golf and a copy kept by golfers to show for subsequent hires. Buggies must remain on the provided tracks at all times.

FOOTWEAR.

We require golf shoes to be used on all the courses. We recommend that golfers inspect the condition of spikes before playing. The shop stocks all types of spikes for most shoes. Spiked shoes can be hired free of charge (small deposit required). We strongly recommend the use of "metal cleat" type spikes. If however, you do have soft spikes fitted then you may need to clean off the base of the shoes much more regularly.

FERTILISERS, INSECTICIDES ETC.

An advisory notice will be displayed on the 1st and 10th holes on the affected courses before spraying commences. Please read carefully. On these courses do not lick balls or fingers. Safety data sheets of all chemicals are held in both the Greenkeepers office and the Clubhouse

ANIMAL HOLES AND UNEVEN GROUND

It is inevitable that there will be rabbit and other animal damage/holes on the courses. The greens staff will endeavour to fill them in as found. Please keep your eyes open as you walk around the course and be careful where you step. If you find any damage please report it to the shop on your return.

INSURANCE

Ashbury Hotel recommends that all golfers ensure that they are adequately covered in respect of the risks involved in playing golf. Please be aware that individual golfers may be held responsible for an injuries caused to third parties.

Please work with us to keep you safe and sound at all times.

Simon Brothers
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