

# Pine Ridge Golf Club

## Course Risk Assessment



**PINE RIDGE**  
GOLF CLUB

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<b>General Overview of Course Risks</b>				
1.	<b>Typical hazards encountered on a Golf Course.</b>	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
2.	<b>Teeing Off</b>  <b>Miss hit Tee shot to right or left</b>	Other Golfers on adjacent greens, fairways, or paths	<p>Don't tee off until you are sure that the group in front are out of range. Don't tee off if any of your playing partners are standing forward of you. Don't tee off if anyone is walking toward the tee from any adjacent holes. Don't stand forward of a player teeing off. Don't walk towards a tee when someone is preparing to drive</p> <p>Pay attention when playing a shot and shout fore if ball drifts left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.</p>	Medium
3.	<b>Rights of way</b>	Members of public and dog walkers on paths or fairways	Pay attention when playing a shot and shout fore if ball drifts to left or right and there is any likelihood of hitting someone.	Medium
4.	<b>Fairway to Green</b>	Other Golfers	Don't take a shot until you are sure that the group in front are out of range. Don't take a shot if your playing partners are in front of you and in range. Stand in a safe position when a playing partner is taking a shot	Medium
5.	<b>Miss hit approach shot to green</b>	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
6.	<b>Streams, Riverbeds, Ponds Lakes</b>	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. Don't step onto frozen water. Use ball retrievers whenever possible. This applies to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> hole, lake and stream on approach.	Medium

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7.	<b>Hidden Greens</b>	Other Golfers, Greens Staff	Don't 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 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Low
8.	<b>Trees and other fixed hazards</b>	Golfers and Playing partners	When playing near trees beware of balls ricocheting.	Low
9.	<b>Undulating ground, hollows, hills. This includes all raised teeing gro</b>	All Golfers	Take care when walking over undulating ground especially when wet or icy. Appropriate to holes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 & 17.	Medium
10.	<b>Driving Buggies</b>	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
10.	<b>Sleepers on tees</b>	All golfers/ staff members	Sleepers are well maintained, cleaned of moss (as to remove the slip factor) and are a light unvarnished colour to be easily recognisable from the maintained turf on the tees. This sleeper rule applies to all tees apart from 9 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Medium

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<b>Specific Risks Hole by Hole</b>				
	<b>Hole #</b>	<b>Who it may harm</b>	<b>What is in place to reduce the risk</b>	<b>Risk level.</b>
	<b>Hole 1</b> Driving Range errant shots	Golfers	All guest are reminded by driving range reception and signage along the range to shout FORE if they hit one anywhere near the first hole. The driving range is to the left of the 1 <sup>st</sup> hole.	Medium
	<b>Hole 2</b> Pond, stream and bridge.	Golfers	Pond; signage is up to make golfers aware of the pond and the hazard, life ring and red stakes are also in place. Bridge; sides of the bridge are well maintained and there is gravel and stones on the bridge to provide extra traction during wet months.	Medium
	<b>Hole 3</b> Buggy Track; the buggy path and walkway to the 4 <sup>th</sup> tee from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> green have a lot of exposed roots.	Golfers	Continued maintenance on buggy paths, mainly during winter months.	Low
	<b>Hole 4</b> Reservoir	Golfers, Walkers, Staff	All fenced off, buoys in place. Ladders are present as well as signs explaining the dangers.	Low
	<b>Hole 5</b> Drop at the back of the tee.	Golfers	Tee placement is always at the front of the tee. Sleepers in place that are well maintained and offer visual contrast to make golfers aware of the danger.	Low
	<b>Hole 6</b> GUR by tee, very wet area by tee that is a slip factor. (winter and wet months only)	Golfers	Staked and roped off making golfers avoid the area.	Low
	The hole is a middle ground for danger to the 7 <sup>th</sup> tee, 8 <sup>th</sup> green and 9 <sup>th</sup> tee.	Golfers	Outlined in the general overview of golf course risks, follow course etiquette and shout FORE if ball is heading towards another hole, regardless if they can see other golfers or not.	Medium


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	<b>Hole 7</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<b>Hole 8</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<b>Hole 9</b> Drop off the back of the tee	Golfers	Tees are always placed at the front of the tee ground to eliminate golfers going to the back of the tee ground.	Low
	<b>Hole 10</b> Drop off the back of the tee.	Golfers	Tees are always placed at the front of the tee ground to eliminate golfers going to the back of the tee ground.	Low
	In between 10 <sup>th</sup> green and 11 <sup>th</sup> tee.	Golfers, Walkers	Frimley Fuel Allotments own the land; however, we assist in maintaining the stream to reduce the risk of flooding in the winter.	Low
	<b>Hole 11</b> Steps up to the tee.	Golfers	Sleepers are well maintained as well as gravel in between to minimise the slip factor	Low
	<b>Hole 12</b> Uneven buggy path and steep slope.	Golfers	Winter project to even the path and add gravel to decrease the chance of slipping.	Low/Medium
	Multi-level tee ground.	Golfers	Rough in between teeing ground to enhance the visual difference of the slope & a pathway that runs from the top tier to the bottom which golfers should be following.	Low
	<b>Hole 13</b> Large, steep slope leading up to the green.	Golfers, Staff	Buggy path on the right-hand side of the hole is gravelled to allow extra grip to buggies and trolleys during the wet months.	Low
	<b>Hole 14</b> Steps to the green.	Golfers, Staff	All GUR currently, winter job to replace the steps leading up to the tee ground.	Low

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	Drop off the back of the tee ground.	Golfers, Staff	Tee block are placed at the front of the tee to stop people going to the back of the tee ground.	Low
	<b>Hole 15</b> Drop off to the left of the tee block.	Golfers, Staff	Golfers to remain to the right side of the tee (14 <sup>th</sup> Green side)	Medium
	Blind tee shot.	Golfers, Staff	Bell at the bottom of the slope to make golfers aware that it's safe to tee off.	Low
	<b>Hole 16</b> Cross over.	Golfers, General Public, Staff	Green keeping team to keep an eye on hazards, public walking through the public footpath and dog running around.	Low
	<b>Hole 17</b> Buggy paths.	Golfers, Staff	The gradient of the path is more severe than other paths buggies or green keeping machinery should be driven slowly.	Low
	<b>Hole 18</b> Approach into the 18 <sup>th</sup> green.	Clubhouse Members	Pin is on the front of green for the majority of the time.	Low

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*Review If necessary due to course changes or incidents. Otherwise, 1 November 2023*

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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 **General Manager** and/or the **Professional Shop**

The procedure for closing the course will be as follows: The **Course Manager** will ring the **General Manager** and/or **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 Large tree to the left hand side of the first fairway 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 **General Manager** or 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 **General Manager** or 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 **General Manager** or 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, General Manager** 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.

*The cease play signal is a long blast, and players should mark their ball and find somewhere safe to shelter. The all-clear signal is two short blasts, and if it sounds then play can resume. If this has not been sounded within ½ hour then play must be abandoned. Three long blasts indicate complete abandonment.*