



## The Association of Kent Veteran Golfers

### Policy for Risk Assessments of our Golf Venues

All members of the Association of Kent Veteran Golfers are expected to adopt golfing etiquette by not playing a golf shot if there is the remotest chance of injuring someone, or by walking in front of a fellow competitor or partner prior to them playing a shot.

#### **Course Risk Assessment:**

Each Safe Golf Accredited golf club that hosts one of our tournaments will have carried out a Hole-by-Hole Risk Assessment and will require all golfers to adhere to the following:

- exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where there is a potential risk of hitting another golfer or being hit by another golfer's errant shot, Particular care should also be taken on holes where the landing area of your shot is not clearly visible.
- If you hear the shout of **"FORE"** always take evasive action by facing the opposite direction of the shout and crouch and protect your head with your hands. Never face the direction of the shout to see where an errant golf ball is coming from.
- always shout **"FORE"** to alert members of the public who may be walking on Public Footpaths adjacent to or on part of the golf course.
- observe all Health and Safety Instructions around the course.

The following information identifies the main hazards that members of the Association of Kent Veteran Golfers may encounter while playing, practising or walking a golf course. 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 entirely.

- Accident/emergency procedures and reporting
- First-Aid assistance



- Mobile phones
- Arriving and leaving the club
- Wildlife
- Catering
- Prohibited areas bounding the course
- Adverse weather procedures (lightning, fog etc)
- Buggies
- Chemical and fertiliser applications
- Footwear
- Personal insurance
- Practising
- Steep banks and steps
- Ditches
- Bridges
- Public rights of way

Each Safe Golf Accredited golf club that hosts one of our tournaments will have documented details for each of these main hazards. When the Association of Kent Veteran Golfers organises a tournament at a Safe Golf Accredited golf club we undertake:

- a) to notify our members that our policy on Health & Safety Information and Risk Assessments, which is set out in (b) and (c) below, is published and freely available on the association's website: [akvg.com](http://akvg.com).
- b) our policy is to require to see the Risk Assessments carried out for its own members by each Safe Golf Accredited golf club that hosts one of our tournaments.
- c) our policy is to adopt and comply with the Risk Assessments carried out for its own members by each Safe Golf Accredited golf club that hosts one of our tournaments. As an example: Crail Golfing Society's website displays their Risk Assessment for members at <https://crailgolfingsociety.co.uk/health-and-safety>

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