

St Bees Golf Club



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

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1. Introduction

It is the policy of St Bees Golf Club (SBGC) to ensure that our staff, members, guests, visitors and members of the public and anyone else that visits the Golf Club will not be adversely affected by our activities and that we will do all reasonably practicable to ensure their health safety and welfare.

It is important that all members, guests and visitors understand the Health and Safety Policy of St Bees golf club.

The club will endeavour to demonstrate compliance with all current UK and EU Health and Safety legislation and members, guests, visitors are required to cooperate with the club in assuring compliance with this policy.

2. Covid-19 Precautions

Staff, members, guests, visitors and members of the public and anyone else that visits the Golf Club Staff are reminded to comply with the latest Covid-19 guidelines in force at the golf club details of which are provided on signage at the course and in the Clubhouse and on the club website [Play Safe and Stay Safe](#) page

3. Course Risk Assessment Statement

Members, Guests and Visitors are hereby advised that a comprehensive hole by hole risk assessment has been carried out in terms of the Clubs Health and Safety Policy. See [Section 8](#) of this document.

The risk assessment along with this document are displayed on:

- the clubhouse notice board
- the green fee hut notice board
- the club web site (www.stbeesgolfclub.co.uk)

In this respect, it is your responsibility as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course to ensure that you adhere strictly to the following precautions.

3.1 Steps and steep Inclines

You are advised to use caution when going down or up any steps, steep incline on the course, including paths, bunkers, sides of raised greens and tees.

3.2 Animal scrapings

Care must be taken throughout the course to avoid stepping into holes /scrapings caused by burying animals, particularly rabbit holes, which could result in trips and falls.

3.3 Footwear

Ensure that you are wearing suitable footwear – you have a responsibility to yourself to avoid slipping on slopes and other awkward places.

3.4 Chemicals

You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course (including sand, soil and grass), particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have recently been sprayed on the course; Do not lick golf balls or fingers. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves.

4. Precautions when playing Golf

You are advised to exercise caution when playing to take every precaution to avoid hitting anybody with your golf ball.

Particular care should be taken to ensure that players ahead are out of range and areas where parallel/adjacent fairways are played in opposing directions and members of the public on the coastal footpath.

Never play a shot unless the players ahead and members of public are well out of range.

If a miss hit shot is heading in the direction of other golfers or members of public, you must shout "FORE!" in a loud voice to alert all of possible danger. If "FORE!" is heard when playing, please take evasive action if possible. Golfers must always stand well back behind the player who is playing his shot, both on the tee and on all other areas of the Course. A swinging golf club can be dangerous and can cause damage.

4.1 Blind Tee Shots

Blind Tee shots. Holes 1/10, 3 /12,5 /14.

Other Blind Shots. Holes 1 /10, Approach to green from dip in fairway. Holes 5 /14, Playing over dip in fairway towards green.

4.2 Adjacent Fairways

A deviant ball can carry to adjacent fairways on several holes, particularly holes 3 to 4 and 12 to 13, please shout "FORE!".

4.3 Public Footpath

Public Footpath, along the left side of holes 4/13 and 5/14.

Players must give way to the public using the footpath.

4.4 Inclement Weather

Inclement Weather includes darkness, lightning, rain, fog and ice.

During inclement weather, the fact that the course has not been officially closed does not warrant that it is fit for play.

Therefore, members and visitors should themselves determine whether they consider it safe to play.

Players have a duty of care to behave in such a way that others will not be injured by their actions.

They also have a duty of care to ensure that they do not injure themselves.

5. Insurance

All golfers must ensure that they are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved with the playing of golf.

It is strongly recommended that golfers should be insured against the unlikely event of them being injured or causing injury as a result of an errant shot.

Club members, and visitors who adhere to the green fees payment system are insured under a policy arranged by the club.

Any other players on the course are strongly advised they are not insured.

6. Green Staff

The greens staff are regularly working on the Course when golf is in progress.

Greens staff always have priority on the golf course.

Please be careful and courteous to them and ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence and waved you through prior to playing in their proximity.

7. Buggies

Any ride-on golf buggy operator on the golf course is deemed by so doing, to have the knowledge, understanding and skill to operate the buggy safely and be fully accountable for those actions and consequence's.

Caution must be exercised when reversing and traversing slopes and inclines.

Drive only as fast as terrain allows.

Buggies must not encroach within 5 metres of raised tee's, greens or bunkers.

The buggy operator must have a valid driving licence, be a minimum of 17yrs of age, and have his own 3rd party liability insurance covering use of the buggy.

Permission must be granted by SBGC for the use of a ride-on buggies to all operators on the course.

SBGC accepts no responsibility for incidents as a consequence of ride-on buggies.

8. Feedback and Reporting

All Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to bring to the attention of any member of the committee or greenkeeper, any hazards they feel have not been addressed.

All accidents/incident must be reported as soon as reasonably practicable to any member committee with full details of the accident/incident.

9. Hole by Hole Risk Assessment

9.1 Hole 1 and 10

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Players encroaching in front of first tee area, from car parks or 9/18 th green.	Being hit by golf ball from a miss hit tee shot.	Medium	Players to stand behind or wide of tee area.
Players in game in front in blind spot in dip in fairway.	Being hit by golf ball from players teeing off.	High	Players on tee must wait until all players in front are in sight and out of range of their best shot. Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.
Players on/around green.	Being hit by golf ball from players playing from the dip in fairway towards the green.	High	Players playing to the green must ensure the green is clear before playing their shot. Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.
Players on/around green.	Being hit by golf ball from a miss hit tee shot from 7 th tee.	High	Golfers on 7 th tee must shout "Fore Left" when shots are miss hit towards the 1 st /10th green.
Players leaving the 9 th /18 th green.	Being hit by a golf ball played from the 1 st /10th tee.	Low	Players leaving the 9 th /18 th green must give way to players playing their tee shots from 1 st /10th tee's.
Raised 10 th tee	Falling off side of tee.	Low	Players to approach/leave the tee from front or rear.
Steep slopes on side of green and bunkers.	Slips and falls	Low	Players to approach/leave green and bunkers at / from low point.

9.2 Hole 2 and 11.

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Miss hit tee shots from 7th tee.	Being struck by a ball played from the 7th tee.	High	Take evasive action when hearing the shout of “Fore right”.
Golfers on 3rd tee when playing miss hit shot from 2cd tee.	Hitting golfers on 3rd tee with a golf ball.	Medium	Golfers must shout “Fore Left” when shots are miss hit toward the 3rd tee.

9.3 Hole 3 and 12.

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Players on 3rd tee.	Being hit by golf ball from a miss hit shot from second tee.	Medium.	Player on 2cd tee to shout "Fore left".
Players on 2cd green.	Being hit by golf ball from a miss hit shot from 3rd tee.	Medium.	Player on 3rd tee to shout "Fore". Players on/ approaching 2cd green to stand back until players have played tee shots off 3 rd tee.
Players in game in front on 3 rd fairway.	Blind tee shot. Players on 3 rd fairway being hit by golf ball.	High.	Players on tee must wait until players in front ring bell or wave through. Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.
Players on 4 th fairway.	Being hit by golf ball from a miss hit shot from 3rd tee.	High	Player on 3rd tee to shout "Fore right". Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.
Players playing off 3 rd fairway to 4 th green.	Blind tee shot. Players on 3 rd fairway being hit by golf ball.	High	Players playing towards 4 th green must ensure they are out of range of people playing 3 rd hole.

9.4 Hole 4 and 13

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Players on 3 rd fairway and green.	Hit by golf ball. Miss hit shot to right from 4 th tee.	High	Players on 4 th tee shout “Fore right”. Payers playing 3 rd green to stand back until all 4 th tee shots taken.
People on Public footpath.	Hit by golf ball. Miss hit shot to left from 4 th tee. Struck by golf club held by player taking a practice swing or tee shot on 4 th tee.	Medium.	Players teeing off from 4 th tee must be aware of people walking on public footpath and must not play shot if people are in range of shot. Players to give way to people on footpath immediately adjacent to teeing area. Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.
Players on 4 th tee/fairway.	Miss hit shot from 3 rd fairway.	High.	Take evasive action on hearing the shout of “Fore”.
Raised tee.	Falling off side of tee.	Low	Only approach/leave yellow tee from front.

9.5 Hole 5 and 14.

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
People on Public footpath.	Hit by golf ball. Miss hit shot to left from 5 th tee or fairway.	Medium.	<p>Players teeing off from 5th tee and subsequent shots towards green must be aware of people walking on public footpath.</p> <p>Players to give way to people on footpath if in range of errant shot.</p> <p>Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.</p>
Players in game in front in. landing area of tee shot or in blind spot in dip in fairway.	Being hit by golf ball from. players tee shot or subsequent shot towards green.	High.	<p>Players on tee must wait until players in front have rang bell or for subsequent shots are in sight and out of range of their best shot.</p> <p>Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.</p>
Raised 5 th /14 th tee.	Falling off side of tee.	Low.	Players to approach/leave the tee from front.

9.6 Hole 6 and 15.

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Wayward tee shot from players playing from 9 th tee.	Being hit by golf ball from tee shot.	Low	Stand back from tee until players have left 9 th tee or have waved you onto 6 th / 15 th tee.
Players playing 8 th hole.	Being hit by golf ball from tee shot.	Low.	Do not tee off until players on 8 th green have moved to side. Do not play tee shot if people playing 5 th or 8 th holes are on the 6 th fairway and in range of your shot. Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.
Raised 6 th /15 th tee.	Falling off side of tee.	Low.	Players to approach/leave the tee from front.

9.7 Hole 7 and 16.

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Raised 7th/16thth tee.	Falling off side of tee.	Low.	Players to approach/leave the tee from front.
Players on 2cd / 11th tee.	Being hit by golf ball from 7th tee shot.	Low.	Shout "Fore right" if wayward tee shot could hit golfers on 2cd / 11th tee. Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.
Players on 1st /10th green.	Being hit by golf ball from 7th tee shot.	Low.	Shout "Fore left" if wayward tee shot could hit golfers on 1st / 10th green. Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.

9.8 Hole 8 and 17

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Raised 8 th /17 th tee	Falling off side / rear of tee.	Low.	Players to approach/leave the tee using the access steps.
Players on 6 th / 15 th fairway.	Being hit by golf ball from wayward tee shot.	Low	Shout "Fore left". Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.

9.9 Hole 9 and 18.

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Raised 9 th /18 th tee.	Falling off front of tee.	Low.	Players to approach/leave the tee via foot path only.
Players on 8 th / 17 th green.	Being hit by golf ball from wayward tee shot.	Low.	Shout "Fore left. Warning sign warning of hazard to be permanently posted at prominent position near tee.
Players on 6 th / 15 th tee.	Being hit by golf ball from wayward tee shot from 9 th tee.	Low.	Do not play tee shot if players are on 6 th / 15 th tee or have stood aside and waved you on.
Steep path up to tee and down to green. Rabbit scrapings on path.	Slip and trip hazard.	Low.	Use golf foot ware. Be aware of slippery slopes particularly in adverse weather conditions.
Steep slopes off green and into deep bunkers.	Falling off left side and back of green. Falling into bunkers.	Med.	Access and exit green from front and right side. Enter and exit bunkers from low side only.

9.10 Practice Areas

Risk to all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Multi tee areas on practice pitching area.	Being hit by golf ball from different direction practice tee's.	Low.	Beware of others practicing to same area.
Deep Water.	Drowning.	Low.	Beware of sloping banks on side of pond. Warning signs posted at sides of pond. Lifesaving ring stationed at side of pond.