

Risk Assessment – Golf Session

Area of Operation: golf (driving range / 9 and 18 hole) and other golf course activities

Who is at risk?

- Staff
- Students
- Members of the public

Hazards	Risks	Safety Measures to Control Risks
Struck by Ball, Frisbee, or Other Equipment	Risk of injury from flying balls, frisbees, or swinging clubs	○ Staff ensure students understand safety rules, including standing clear of others during swings or throws. ○ Staff monitor spacing between participants to reduce the risk of collisions or errant balls/frisbees. and instruct them to watch out for incoming balls or frisbees. ○ Brief students on warning calls like "Fore!" in golf.
Trips, Slips, and Falls	Risk of injury from uneven ground, wet grass, or slopes	○ Ensure students wear appropriate footwear for the terrain (e.g., trainers or golf shoes). ○ Provide guidance on staying on paths where applicable.
Behavioural Issues	Risk of disruptive behaviour leading to unsafe actions	○ Set clear behavioural expectations, including no throwing or misuse of equipment outside designated play. ○ Maintain a high staff-to-child ratio to provide supervision and intervene promptly if needed. ○ Use positive reinforcement to encourage safe and cooperative play.
Inappropriate use of Equipment	Risk of injury from misuse of golf clubs, footballs, or frisbees	○ Staff demonstrate proper use of equipment, emphasising the need to swing golf clubs away from others and throw frisbees responsibly. ○ Closely monitor equipment use, ensuring students follow instructions. ○ Carry a first aid kit for any minor injuries.
Interaction with Other Users (Public Areas)	Risk of collision or interference with other players or members of the public	○ Staff remind students to be aware of their surroundings and respect other players or public users. ○ Supervise students to ensure they stay within designated areas and avoid interfering with others' games.
Sun Exposure	Risk of sunburn, dehydration, or heat exhaustion	○ Staff ensure students wear sunscreen, hats, and UV-protective clothing if needed. ○ Encourage regular water breaks and monitor for signs of sunburn or overheating. ○ Provide shaded areas for rest if available.

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Weather Conditions (Rain/Wind)	Risk of slipping on wet surfaces or difficulty playing in windy conditions	- Staff check weather forecasts in advance and adjust activity plans accordingly. - Ensure students wear waterproof clothing or jackets if necessary. - Monitor ground conditions and suspend play if surfaces become too slippery or unsafe.
Inappropriate footwear	Risk of slips, reduced stability, or discomfort	- Ensure students wear appropriate footwear, such as trainers, to improve grip and reduce the risk of slipping. - Provide reminders to check laces and avoid open-toe shoes
Flying Debris (Frisbee Golf)	Risk of injury from errant frisbees striking people or objects	- Staff ensure students practice throwing techniques in open areas away from others. - Remind students to wait for their turn and avoid walking into another player's line of throw.
Lost or Straying Participants	Risk of students becoming separated from the group, particularly in large or open courses	- Staff implement a buddy system and perform regular headcounts. - Brief students on boundaries and designate clear meeting points. - Position staff strategically to observe all participants and quickly respond if anyone strays.
Struck by Moving Football (Football Golf)	Risk of injury if hit by a kicked football	- Staff ensure students wait until the course ahead is clear before kicking their football. - Remind participants to remain behind the kicker and stand in safe zones.
Emergency Situations	Risk of confusion or delayed response in an emergency	- Staff review the course's emergency procedures, identifying the nearest first aid station and emergency exits. - Carry a mobile phone and first aid kit for immediate response. - Brief students on what to do in case of an emergency, including identifying a meeting point.

To be read in conjunction with the following:

- Student's Risk Assessments
- Participant Consent / Medical Information
- Emergency Action Plan Flow-Chart
- Golf Course / Complex Specific Rules and Regulations



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