

ROYSTON GOLF CLUB

Health and Safety on our Course

Playing golf at Royston is a special experience because of its rolling heath land setting with its natural undulations which give rise to very steep slopes in places and in addition we have rabbits and moles digging holes to trip the unwary. We attempt to control their activities and we have, over the years, constructed paths and steps around the course to improve access as well as to ease the wear on the Heath in critical areas.

However, golf by its very nature can be a dangerous game, we therefore draw your attention to the following:

PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED AT ALL TIMES TO BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS TO OTHERS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THEMSELVES

To help our golfers safely enjoy this unique course we make the following suggestions:

1. **FOOTWEAR** When it is wet, and particularly in winter, we recommend you wear metal spiked golf shoes. Please check and replace worn spikes regularly.
2. **PATHS** When using constructed paths please take care as they are uneven in places.
3. **STEPS** Our Greens staff do all that is reasonable to keep steps clear of mud, but they can still become slippery in wet or frosty conditions and care should be taken at all times when using them.
4. **SLOPES** In addition to natural slopes, artificial slopes have been constructed around most tees and some greens to provide a flat surface to putt on or to play tee shots from. These slopes can be slippery even in dry weather so please take special care and always consider using a longer route with a gentler slope when negotiating them.
5. **BUNKERS** Most of our bunkers are fairly easy to get in and out of. The direct route to your bunkered ball is not always the easiest. Please enter and leave bunkers at the shallowest point.
6. **BELL** There is a safety bell on the left hand side of the 7th fairway near the walnut tree. Please ring this when you pass to indicate to those behind you that they may play their tee shots.
7. **FOG** In thick fog the course will be closed. At other times in fog we have a strict rule that you must not hit a golf ball unless the area in which it will land is clearly visible.
8. **FROST** In very heavy frost the course will be closed, but we pride ourselves at Royston in having a course which is playable virtually all year round, albeit occasionally on temporary greens. Please take special care in frosty conditions.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC Be tolerant of non-golfers who use the Heath. Ramblers and dog walkers enjoy the freedom of the Heath. Most of these avoid the fairways and should not cause any disruption to your game. Please be patient and only hit the ball when you know they are safe and not within range including the shot which may go astray.

10. ELECTRIC FENCES There are sometimes sheep on the Heath, which require fencing to restrict their movement. Please take care as the fence is electrified. Should you need to cross it, please use the gates where provided, so no damage is caused to you or the fence.

11. ROAD CROSSINGS Please take the usual care when crossing the road which divides our course and also note the wire meshing which is on the wooden sleepers. This is to reduce the risk of slipping.

12. THUNDER & LIGHTNING If players believe there is a danger from lightning they should stop playing immediately. Do not put your umbrella up, shelter under trees or use your mobile phone.

ALL ACCIDENTS/INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE CLUB MANAGER OR CLUB OFFICIAL ON DUTY

We hope that this advice will help you have a safe and enjoyable round.

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