Chatsworth Golf Club Risk Assessment – The Golf Course

1. It is the responsibility of the golfer to ensure that they consider their own and others safety at all times and to adhere to rules and follow advice given by the club's risk assessment. Players have a duty of care to behave in such a way that others may not be injured by their actions.
2. You play this golf course having been made aware that a full risk assessment has been conducted and is available to read on the Club Website and in the Club Changing Room, and that you have taken the time to familiarise yourself with its content. Failure to play by the stated risk criteria is your own responsibility.
3. Greens staff has priority on the golf course at all times and no golf shots should be played if greens staff are within shot range.
4. Warning signs on display (e.g. grass cutting/spraying operations ahead) must be adhered to at all times.
5. All members and guests are requested to advise the Club's Secretary of any hazards they feel have not been addressed or have become apparent since the last assessment was made.
6. **Lightning:** Players must stop playing and leave the course if there is a thunderstorm or imminent threat of a thunderstorm and lightning. Players must use their own judgement as there is no permanent presence or warning facility in place to instruct golfers to stop play and leave the course.

	Significant Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed?	How Is The Risk Controlled?	Risk Factor
Generic Risks				
1.	Typical hazards encountered on a golf course.	Golfers & Greens Staff.	1. Strict adherence to the Rules and Etiquette of Golf and observance of all signs. 2. Awareness of rules concerning cessation of play in dangerous weather or conditions.	Low
2.	Being struck by a golf ball hit offline by a golfer playing on another part of the golf course.	Other golfers on adjacent greens, tees, fairways or paths and Greens Staff.	1. All players must remain alert at all times to the behaviour of nearby players. 2. Players who have played an offline shot must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck.	High
3.	Being struck by a golf ball hit by a playing partner.	Golfers.	1. If in order to progress the game (ready golf) a player advances ahead of their playing partner who is yet to play, both players must always be aware of the risk of being hit by their partner's ball. 2. Players who have played a shot towards a playing partner (s) must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck.	High
4.	Being struck by a golf ball played by a golfer in the following group.	Golfers.	Following golfers must ensure that those in front have advanced further than they can hit their best shot.	Medium
5.	Being struck by the swinging club of a playing partner.	Golfers.	Players must stand at least 2 metres away from the arc of the swinging club.	Medium
6.	Trees and fixed hazards.	Golfers and playing partners.	When playing near trees or fixed hazards beware of balls ricocheting.	Low

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7.	Throughout the course there are steep and medium slopes which must be treated with care particularly during wet conditions. Specific slopes are dealt with as part of the hole by hole assessment.	Golfers.	All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.	Medium/ High
8.	Undulating ground, hollows and hills.	Golfers.	Take care when walking on undulating ground especially when wet or icy. Wear appropriate footwear suitable for ground conditions and weather on the day.	Medium
9.	Many of the teeing areas are surrounded by steep or medium sloping ground. Specific tees are dealt with as part of the hole by hole assessment.	Golfers.	Trolleys & motorised buggies should not be taken on to these slopes in dry or wet conditions.	Medium/ High
10	Use of chemicals by greens staff.	Golfers.	Players not to have oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course (e.g. golf balls) due to use of chemicals.	Med
11.	Wildlife, dead carcasses and biting insects etc. Long grass when playing out of rough.	Golfers.	Avoid coming into contact with any wildlife. Wear appropriate clothing and use protective repellent. Report any dead carcasses to greens secretary.	Low
12	Mole traps.	Golfers.	Avoid and not to touch or move.	Low
13	Rabbit burrows.	Golfers.	Golfers to be aware in long grass or rough areas of the course and report any that are particularly hazardous to green's secretary.	Low
14	Air compressor. Use of for cleaning shoes, trolleys or buggies only.	Golfers	The trigger should only be pulled when the nozzle is pointing towards your shoes, trolley of buggy. Never point it towards you or anyone else's skin or face. When finished hang the gun back onto the respective hooks.	Medium

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SPECIFIC RISKS HOLE BY HOLE				
Hole 1 & 10				
15	When driving from the 1st tee, be mindful of the 2nd and 11th tee over hill and out of sight to right.	Golfers.	If played an offline shot towards the 2nd and 11th tee, to immediately shout "FORE".	Low
16	With particular reminder to note 7, steep down slope right to left in centre of fairway.	Golfers.	All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play. Trolleys & motorised buggies should not be used on the slope in dry or wet conditions.	Med
17	Steep uphill slope towards green on left side of fairway.	Golfers.	All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play. Care should be taken when ascending the hill with trolleys & motorised buggies.	Med
18	Players ahead.	Golfers.	Players must not play a shot towards the green until they are satisfied that the game ahead has left the green and players are walking safely towards the 2nd or 11th tees and out of your line of shot.	Med
Hole 2 & 11				
19	Players on 12th fairway.	Golfers.	Out of bounds to left. If played an offline shot towards 12th fairway, to immediately shout "FORE".	Med
20	Drain at back of 2nd/11th green.	Golfers.	Player's made aware of possible trip / fall hazard.	Low

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Hole 3				
21	Wooden steps up to tee.	Golfers.	Slip hazard. Care should be taken when ascending/descending steps. All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.	Med
22	Players on 4th / 13th tee.	Golfers.	Players should not drive off until the 4th and 13th tees are clear of players ahead. There is a warning sign on the 3rd tee informing players of rule.	Med
Hole 4 & 13				
23	Players ahead.	Golfers.	Due to sharp right turn on fairway ahead, players should not tee off until players ahead are out of sight and are considered to have advanced further than the player on the tee can hit their best shot.	Low
24	Ditch	Golfers.	Players should take care when retrieving a ball from the ditch. All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.	Med
25	Green keeper's compound. Machinery and loosely stacked materials.	Golfers.	If a player has hit an offline shot and the ball has gone out of bounds into the green keeper's compound, players should take particular care if searching for their ball.	Med
26	Green out of sight over brow of hill.	Golfers.	Player's should not play a shot over the brow of the hill towards the green until the bell has been sounded or they are aware that there is no group playing immediately ahead.	Low

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Hole 5 & 14				
27	Player's ahead.	Golfers.	Player's should not play a shot towards the green until the players ahead have safely left the green and are on the next tee. If a shot is long then immediately shout "FORE".	Low
28	Raised 14th tee with high drop on front and right side.	Golfers.	Players are to take particular care when using this tee.	Low
Hole 6 & 15				
29	Players ahead.	Golfers.	Players must not drive off from the tee until the bell (6th) or klaxon (15th) has been sounded by the group ahead unless they are aware and confident that there is no group playing immediately ahead. If in doubt then player must immediately shout "FORE". There are warning signs on the tees informing players of rule.	Low
30	Players on 7th / 16th green.	Golfers	If a player has hit an offline shot to the right and towards the 7th / 16th green, then immediately shout "FORE".	Low
Hole 7 & 16				
31	With particular reminder to note 7, steep slopes at front and back of green.	Golfers	All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.	Low
Hole 8 & 17				
32	With particular reminder to note 7, very steep slopes to all tees, especially the men's.	Golfers	All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play. Avoid descending the slope separating the 17th and 8th men's tees.	Med
33	Players ahead.	Golfers	If playing a wayward long shot over the green, be aware of players ahead in the area of the 9th tee. Shout "FORE" if necessary.	Low

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Hole 9				
34	Players in or around the 18th tee.	Golfers	Players on the either of the 9th tee's must not tee off if there are players in or around the joint 18th tee located to the left of the 9th fairway.	Med
Hole 9 & 18				
35	Public highway to right.	Members of the public.	Particularly when driving off from men's 9th tee, players must take particular care and are encouraged to drive in the general direction of the 18th tee or centre of fairway to avoid an offline shot to right and towards road. Care should be taken at all times when playing off either the 9th or 18th tee or towards the green, to avoid playing a ball that may be long or offline towards the road.	Med
Practice area between 1st/10th and 6th/15th greens				
36	When using.	Golfers & Greens Staff.	Be aware of golfers and greens staff on the 4th/13th, and 6th/15th fairways. Shout "Fore" if hitting a wayward shot. Priority must be given to those golfers playing the course.	Med