



# **Ruddington Grange Golf Club**

## **Risk Assessment**

### **Full Edition**

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# General Information

## Introduction

This document assesses the risks associated with Ruddington Grange Golf Course, in order that Ruddington Grange Golf Club Limited complies with its policy to protect its members, employees, franchisee, contractors, members of the public, and the environment. This Risk Assessment does not cover the Clubhouse, and the other buildings on the site, nor the greenkeeping staff's work duties.

## *General Course Topography*

Ruddington Grange Golf Club is set on 110 acres of land. The main A60 road runs alongside the easterly side of the golf course, while Wilford Road runs alongside the west side of the course. There is a new housing development at the back of the golf course, with two houses overlooking the course. There is a private road that runs alongside the 1<sup>st</sup> hole and the practice ground. Three streams run from east to west along the golf course. The first stream runs from the left of the second fairway across to the right of the second green. The next stream is on the 4<sup>th</sup>, past 6<sup>th</sup>, back of the green on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The second stream (brookside) runs from the 5<sup>th</sup>, past the 6<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and through the 17<sup>th</sup>. The level of water is between 300mm & 500mm. There are 2 ponds on the golf course (4<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>) which are no deeper than 1m deep at full depth. Apart from the slope on 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Ruddington is a flat course built on clay.

## *Staff Working on the Course.*

Staff and contractors working on the golf course have priority at all times in terms that players must not play shots which would be in range of the staff and/or contractors and thus endanger them.

## *Use of Trolleys, Electric Trolleys and Motorised Buggies.*

Buggies are allowed on the golf course when the ground conditions permit. Some routes are signposted where it has been deemed necessary. Where buggies are hired from the Club, each buggy will be provided with a briefing note on the use of the buggy. Any visitor who wishes to use their own buggy will also be given a copy of the briefing note and must produce a copy of their insurance certificate providing 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance cover before being allowed to use the buggy on the Golf Course. Members who own their own buggies must provide the Club with a copy of their 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance cover each year on membership renewal.

All buggy drivers must be over the age of 17 years.

## *Reduced Visibility Weather Conditions.*

When foggy conditions prevail, the Estates Manager or Club Professional will stand on the 1st White Tee and if the hump on the left hand side (the old bunker) of the fairway is not in view he will place a sign advising the membership that the course is closed. This will be reviewed over the next couple of hours by the Club Professional or his representative.

## ***Lightning Policy***

In event of lightening or threat of lightening the course will be closed by the Estates Manager or Professional Staff.

The air raid siren will be taken by buggy and sounded at 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> tees to ensure all golfers can hear. For closure of the course, it will be sounded once. A sweep of the course will take place and all players will be told that they must immediately vacate the course; it is not an option to continue at your own risk.

Signs are to be put on 1st and 10th tees stating the course is closed.

The course may be re-opened by Club Official or Professional Staff by the sounding of the air raid siren 3 times, once the risk of lightening has passed. The closure signs will be removed.

## ***Trees***

There are numerous trees around the course. There is a need to be aware of the root systems and overhanging branches of these trees when playing your shot in close proximity to the trees. There is also a risk of branches being blown off when there is a strong wind. During a prolonged dry spell in the summer, "summer limb drop" is possible from any tree. If you hear a loud crack and are under a tree run for open space in case it is an occasion of 'summer limb drop'. Report any loud noises coming from trees to the Club Office/Pro-shop at the earliest opportunity.

## ***Paths***

Where paths are available on the course all golfers whether walking, using a trolley or buggy must use them.

## ***Footwear***

All golfers (members & visitors) must ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate and suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.

## ***Players Insurance***

All golfers (Members & Visitors) are advised to take out adequate 3rd party insurance to provide cover for liability at law for damages payable in respect of:

Death or bodily injury.

Loss of damage to material property.

## ***Responsibilities***

The General Manager is responsible for maintaining this risk assessment.

## **Overview of Risk Assessment Definitions.**

The risk assessment will address the following:

- Generic risks whilst playing golf.

- Risks whilst carrying Clubs and using motorised and pull trolleys in dry and wet conditions
- Risks whilst driving motorised buggies in dry conditions.
- Risks whilst driving motorised buggies in wet conditions.

### ***Risk Assessment.***

The Risk Assessment is presented in two categories:

- Generic Risks
- Risks on a hole by hole basis for the 18 hole course

For each hole the type of risk will be graded as detailed below:

- L= Low or Little Risk
- M= Medium Risk
- H = High Risk
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Where there is a Medium or High a possible solution /recommendation to eradicate or reduce the risk will be suggested.

When defining the location of a risk by reference to a particular hole this is ascertained by looking from the Tee towards the Green.

### ***Publication of Risk Assessment***

A copy of the full risk assessment is available in the following locations: -

- Club Website
- General Office
- Professionals Shop
- Men's changing rooms
- Ladies' changing rooms.

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## Generic Risks

<u>Risk Description</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Solution / Recommendation</u>
Being struck by a golf ball hit offline by a golfer playing on another part of the golf course	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All players must remain alert at all times to the behaviour of nearby players.</li> <li>2. Players who have played an offline shot must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck.</li> </ol>
Being struck by a golf ball hit by a playing partner	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Non playing partner (s) must not advance in front of the shot being played.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
Being struck by a golf ball played by a golfer in the following group	Medium	Following golfers must ensure that those in front have advanced further than they can hit their best shot.
Being struck by the swinging club of a playing partner.	Medium	Players must stand at least 2 metres away from the arc of the swinging club
Tripping on uneven, sloping, or slippery ground.	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obvious tripping hazards should be removed by fellow golfers &amp; Greenkeeping staff.</li> <li>2. Sloping areas which become wet and are lacking in thick grass cover should be roped off by Green's staff to prevent entry by players.</li> <li>3. Extra care should be taken by all golfers.</li> </ol>
Tripping over a fellow golfer's playing equipment, trolley, or motorised buggy.	Low	Care should be taken by all golfers on the

		course.
Some of the bunkers on the course are surrounded by steeply sloping sides. These slopes when wet are particularly slippery.	Medium / High	<p>1. When entering/exiting bunkers to play/after playing a shot, entry and exit should be from the shallowest edge of the bunker.</p> <p>2. Trolleys (whether motorised or pull) and motorised buggies must not be taken within 5m of any of these slopes in either wet or dry conditions</p>
Many of the teeing areas are surrounded by steep or medium sloping ground.	Medium / High	Trolleys & motorised buggies are not to be taken on to these slopes in dry or wet conditions.
Throughout the courses 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.	Medium / High	all golfers should ensure they have adequate footwear for the conditions of play. Green staff should close holes 7 or 11 if deemed too dangerous to play
Ponds: There are several ponds on the course. These are mentioned in the hole by hole risk assessment.	High	All players should not walk inside the line of the hazard posts. If entering the sloping area at the pond edge (only on foot and without trolleys) then extreme care must be taken not to slip into the water. A warning notice of deep water to be placed in a clearly visible location at the pond edge. All trolleys/buggies must be left at least 3 metres from the pond

## ***Bridges***

There are several bridges which cross the Fairham Brook and a variety of bridges that cross the ditches, they have been designed and constructed to suit their purpose whether it be safe access and egress of members and visitors or allow for heavy course maintenance equipment use so they are safe for all golfers walking carrying clubs, pushing or pulling a cart as well as electric trolleys and golf buggies. All bridges are clearly wide enough for buggy use and should be used, additionally buggies should keep away from the bridge edges and cross in the centre.

## ***Using Motorised Buggies in Wet Conditions.***

If the Head Greenkeeper considers that the use of motorised buggies on wet ground is likely to endanger drivers, passengers, and other players then he will inform the staff in the Professional's shop that motorised buggies must not be rented out to members and visitors until further notice is given. The Head Greenkeeper will also post notices in the information board and trolley shed outside the Professional's shop which will inform any golfer intending to use a motorised buggy that use on the particular day is forbidden. If the Head Greenkeeper is absent from work then his responsibilities in this respect will pass to the First Assistant Greenkeeper.

RISK=High from buggies skidding uncontrollably or overturning, causing injury to drivers, passengers, and walking players.

SOLUTION= Banning the use until conditions are suitable.

## Golf Course Risk Assessment – Hole by Hole

### *1<sup>st</sup> Hole*

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Medium	Generic Risks – Players should be wary of players on the 11 <sup>th</sup> green putting	There is a sign placed on the 1 <sup>st</sup> tee stating right of ways to whereby a waiting policy is in place
Green Approach	Low	Golf balls coming over from the practice ground	Players on the practice ground have to shout FORE for shots going towards the first hole
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks	
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Slight down slope coming off the green	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Medium	To chance of slipping over or getting stuck	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Hole*

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Medium	Generic Risks – Players should be wary of players and staff still on the fairway due to not being able to see down the hill	There is a mirror placed high up which is next to the teeing area for players to see down the fairway. Also, a bell is evident for players to alert the group behind they are out of reach
Green Approach	Low	Generic Risks	Clearly place hazard markers on the flat land on the dikes.
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks	Players to manage entrance and exit of the bunkers to the

			flatter parts
Hole Walk Off	Medium	Generic Risks - Back on the green exit is a steep downslope	Extra care should be taken by the players exiting the back of the green due to a steep slope or divert traffic to the flatter exit at the front of the green.
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low		Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course. Sticking to the left hand side of the fairway until the green is desired

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Hole*

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks – Golf balls may be hit onto the 2 <sup>nd</sup> hole from really wayward tee shot	Players to shout FORE which will alert players on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> hole
Green Approach	Low	Generic Risks	Players to enter the left side of the green where the flat ground is
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks	
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks	Players to follow the same route as they entered the green to exit
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the green and the left hand side path is to be used by trolleys and buggies at all times.

### *4<sup>th</sup> Hole*

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Medium	Generic Risks – Players playing from	There are steps placed along the

		the raised tee not using the steps to enter and exit	raised tee to use for safety to and from the
Green Approach	High	Generic Risks – Pond to the right of the fairway which is has a depth of greater than 1 meter	Players to avoid getting close to the pond. Red hazard markers are clear to outline the perimeter.
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks	Players to use the front of the bunker enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Slight down slope coming off the green	Exiting the right hand side of the green but at weekends be clear from players teeing off the 5 <sup>th</sup>
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Medium	To chance of slipping over or getting stuck	Roping is put out around the greens and keeping to the left side of the hole is recommended

### *5<sup>th</sup> Hole*

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Medium	Generic Risks – Players should be wary of players on the 4 <sup>th</sup> green and 6 <sup>th</sup> fairway	Shouting FORE for wayward shots is desired. A sign on the tee outlining wait for 4 <sup>th</sup> green to clear is evident
Green Approach	Low	Generic Risks – Small dike running in front of the green which has slopes going in from both sides. Also, there is a 1 meter long dike running alongside the boundary fence on the left of the hole	There are two bridges for going over the dike with a sign stating all traffic this way
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks	
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Slight down slope coming off the green	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet	Medium	The chance of slipping over or	Roping is put out around the greens

conditions		getting stuck	and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course
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### 6<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks – Players should be wary of players on the 5 <sup>th</sup> fairway	A shout of FORE from players to warn other golfers
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – Dikes, bridges and bunkers	Hazard markers clearing outlining dikes. Bridges clearly visual with cautious slip signs placed
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks	
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Slight down slope coming off the green	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Medium	The chance of slipping over or getting stuck	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course

### 7<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Medium	Generic Risks – Steep slope on entry and exit of the tee	Players should take extra care leaving the teeing area and have bags placed on the path
Green Approach	Low	Generic Risks	Ropes and signage outlining the best route to the green to avoid slopes
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Depth of greenside bunkers with steep	A purpose flatter edge to promote entry and exit of the

		edges	bunker
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Slight up slope coming off the green	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Medium	To chance of slipping over or getting stuck on the up slopes	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course

### *8<sup>th</sup> Hole*

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks – Players off the competition tee have a small raised tee to enter and exit	Players to leave golf equipment on the flat area and manage the slope with care
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – The bowl shaped green has slopes which can promote players slipping in wet conditions	Players to walk off and on to the green from the back whereby the slope is less of a gradient
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Steep up slope coming off the green	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green, using the back of the green is desired which is next to the 9 <sup>th</sup> tee
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course. No trolleys or buggies are allowed close to the bowl shaped green

## 9<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	High	Generic Risks – Players teeing off with longer clubs can reach the practice ground whereby people maybe on there	Sign on the tee to which players have to wait for the green to clear if they are wanting to drive the green. A shout of FORE also if the ball is heading towards the practice ground
Green Approach	High	Generic Risks – An overhit shot may go over the fence into the car park	Players shout FORE and report the incident to the professional shop staff with all details included for follow on if needed
Bunkers	Medium	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Down slope coming off the right hand side of the green	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green, using the left side is desired where the path is
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course. Using the left side of the hole is the desired route for trolleys and buggies

## 10<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks – Players using the front tee have a ledge in front of them which drops down steeply by 1 meter	Roping areas for players to leaving bags, trolleys or buggies are apparent for entry and exit of the teeing area

Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – Players approaching the greens are in risk on golfer’s tee shots from the 11 <sup>th</sup>	Players must be aware of the 11 <sup>th</sup> tee to see if there’s tee shots being played
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Steep down slope at the back of the green before the dike	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green, using the left side towards the 11 <sup>th</sup> tee
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course. No trolleys or buggies are allowed close to green and should always be on the left side of the hole from 150 yards in.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Medium	Generic Risks – Players teeing off maybe in danger of a wayward shot from the 10 <sup>th</sup> fairway	Players to shout FORE from the 10 <sup>th</sup> fairway if shot is coming their way
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – Ball coming from the 10 <sup>th</sup> tee is probable. Approaching the green players teeing off the 1 <sup>st</sup> can hit towards the 11 <sup>th</sup> green	The 1 <sup>st</sup> tee is visible from 150 yards in to allow 11 <sup>th</sup> hole players chance to either carry on playing the hole or stopping to allow the 1 <sup>st</sup> hole players to tee off
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Greenside bunker steep edges	Players to enter and exit via the steps at the front of the bunker
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks -	Golf bags, trolleys

			and buggies to be left at the right of the green which is next to the 12 <sup>th</sup> tee area
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks	Purpose built path to accommodate all players and equipment. An anti-slip material has been placed down with signage of slight step from path works apparent
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – Potential risk of golf balls coming from the 1 <sup>st</sup> hole	Players from the first hole to shout FORE if they hit a wayward shot towards the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks – The right side of the green has a steep slope exiting to the next tee and where bags, trolleys or buggies are placed	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green.
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course. Equipment should be placed close to the 13 <sup>th</sup> tee whereby ground level is flat

## 13<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks –	Players to leave golf equipment on the flat area and walk down the purpose made AstroTurf path
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – Balls coming over from the 11 <sup>th</sup> tee	Players to keep an eye on who is on the 11 <sup>th</sup> tee once around the 13 <sup>th</sup> corner to see if there's danger from being hit from a wayward tee shot
Bunkers	Medium	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Steep up slope coming off the green	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green. Bags, trolleys and buggies should be left next to the 14 <sup>th</sup> tee for quick and flat exit
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks – If not on the teeing area path players may slip on the down slope in wet conditions or buggies slid and turn without drivers' control	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course. No trolleys or buggies are allowed off the path until it ends

## 14<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks –	Players to leave golf equipment on the stone path to avoid slippage
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – The hole presents two ditches which cross the hole from left to right. Both are deep	Red hazard markers are placed in clear areas to outline the dike but assure safety.

		but have steep edges. The four bridges on the hole are all the only ways to get across the dikes	Bridges are clearly visible and have signs on them outlining slippery surface be cautious when wet
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Flat edged fairway bunker but the two greenside bunkers have raised lips facing the green	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks – Players to leave all bags, trolleys and buggies at the back of the 15 <sup>th</sup> tee area whereby avoiding any uneven ground	A stone path has been provided to level equipment and use as a level and safe walkway to and from the green
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course. Trolleys or buggies are allowed over bridges as these have been made to support the width and weight

### 15<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks – Players off the competition tee have a small bridge to stand by whilst players are teeing off	Signage of the bridge presence and not placing the tee markers close to the dike
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – Players are in danger from golf balls from the 14 <sup>th</sup> tee. There is a small but 1m depth dike two yards from the back of the green. The bridge in front on the tee.	Players to shout FORE from the 14 <sup>th</sup> tee to warn players on the 16 <sup>th</sup> green approach. Red hazards stakes clearly visible to players that there is a dike. The bridge is clearly visible with signage

			of warning in slippery conditions
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks -	Players to leave all equipment on the right hand side of 15 <sup>th</sup> green towards the 16 <sup>th</sup> tee walkway.
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks –	Players to leave golf equipment on the path
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – There is two bridges a pond and dike which runs from east to west.	Clear red hazard markers outlining the dike and pond. Both bridges are secured and have correct signage to alert golfers
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - small down slope coming off the green	Extra care should be taken by the player when leaving the green, using the back right of the green is desired which closest to the stone path towards the 17 <sup>th</sup> tee
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks –	Players to leave golf equipment on the flat area and stick to the path with care
Green Approach	Medium	Generic Risks – There are two dikes running across the 17 <sup>th</sup> hole both will steep edges into the water. Bridges over the dikes are wooden and stone based.	Red hazard markers clearly outline dikes for players to see. All bridges plus walkways are clearly visible and maintained to avoid risks
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks - Steep up slope coming off the green	Players are directed left of the green to the 18 <sup>th</sup> tee area whereby the land is flat but also takes them away from the 10 <sup>th</sup> hole fairway
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Hole

<u>Playing Areas</u>	<u>Grade of Risk</u>	<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Teeing Area	Low	Generic Risks – If the tee markers are placed at the front of the tee a large valley is a risk which measures 4 meters deep	Players to leave golf equipment on the path. Tee markers will be at least 10 feet back from the valley to avoid risks
Green Approach	High	Generic Risks – Players walking up the 18 <sup>th</sup> fairway are in risk of getting hit by a wayward tee shot from the 10 <sup>th</sup>	Players teeing off the 10 <sup>th</sup> will shout FORE if they hit a ball towards the 18 <sup>th</sup> fairway. The walkway around the valley is

			clearing visible and managed by the greenkeepers
Bunkers	Low	Generic Risks – Steep edges	Players to find flatter points of the bunker edges to enter and exit
Hole Walk Off	Low	Generic Risks -	Purpose built path on the right of the 18 <sup>th</sup> green is where players leave equipment to entry the green and return of the same route
Use of Trolley and Buggies in wet conditions	Low	Generic Risks	Roping is put out around the greens and wet grounds to avoid slippage and risk of damaging the golf course. Trolleys or buggies are advised to go up the right hand side of the hole.

## Appendix A – Precise version of risk assessment.

### RUDDINGTON GRANGE GOLF CLUB

#### **18 HOLE COURSE ON COURSE RISK HIGHLIGHTER**

THE CLUB'S COMPREHENSIVE UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT IS AVAILABLE IN THE CLUBHOUSE AND ON THE CLUBS WEB SITE.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL MEMBERS READ THE COMPREHENSIVE VERSION.

IF ANY DOUBT EXISTS AS TO ANY ASSESSED RISK AND SOLUTIONS TO IDENTIFIED RISKS THEN THESE ARE TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CLUB OFFICE FOR CLARIFICATION.

1. Be aware of the behaviour of other golfers and their place on the course. Do not play a shot until you are sure there is little risk of your ball hitting any other person particularly if you are hitting towards an area hidden from your view. Always shout "FORE" if you hit a wayward shot.
2. In foggy conditions do not attempt to play if restriction notices are placed on the 1st tee.
3. Many bunkers have steeply sloping sides. The risk of slipping on these slopes is high. Always enter and leave from the lowest point and never take trolleys on to these slopes.
4. Some tees and greens have sloping sides. To avoid risk of slipping and skidding do not take trolleys on to slopes surrounding tees and use purpose built paths.
5. In wet conditions many slopes are very slippery. It is essential that footwear designed for golf is worn at all times. In addition, slopes considered to be particularly risky and to be avoided are e.g. Back right hand side of the 2<sup>nd</sup> green/front and back of the 5<sup>th</sup> green/the perimeter bowl shaped green on the 8<sup>th</sup>/the walk towards the fairway on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
6. There are two ponds containing water approx. 1m deep (4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> holes) and eleven dikes a varied depth of water. All have steeply sloping sides and are designated as water hazards by red posts. Entry to the areas on the pond side of the red posts

should be made only in extreme circumstances and with great care. No trolleys or buggies are to be taken on the pond side of the red posts.

7. Directional notices are in place on the course, Deviation from indicated directions will be at the entire risk and responsibility on the individual.

8. The Estates Manager is responsible for deciding if buggies can be used on the course if conditions are wet. His decision will be relayed to the Professional's shop.

9. Any accidents occurring on the course are to be reported immediately to the Club Office or if the office is not attended, to the Professional shop which the accident book will be used for a full report of the incident.

## **Appendix B – Policy for the use of motorised buggies over the winter months**

For the purposes of this document the winter period is generally regarded as being November to April. This is a new approach and as yet to be tried and tested so it will be monitored regularly and can be overridden at any time by the Head Greenkeeper who has the right to ban all buggy users if deemed necessary. During the period above there will be times when all wheeled traffic will be banned and only golfers carrying clubs or those players with medical exemption or registered disabled will be allowed. The Head Greenkeeper in conjunction with the Club Professional and Club General Manager or their deputies will make the decision jointly. The club web site, and a notice on the first tee will all be updated with any restrictions.

Members with Personal Buggies used for health reasons which meet “Ruddington Grange Golf Club Policy” (Member Designated) will be allowed on the course but may be restricted to specific routes detailed in the hole-by-hole risk assessment and additionally may only be allowed to play to certain holes depending on the course conditions at the time. No other use of buggies will be allowed. The Head Greenkeeper bases any decisions on several factors, the main ones are; Whether or not there is a high or unacceptable increase in the risk to the health and safety of players using the buggies. Whether there is likely to be lasting damage caused to the course and whether repair of this damage is likely to result in excessive expenditure or detract from the appearance and playing condition of the course. As the Head Greenkeeper is the most experienced member of staff in these matters, then they, in conjunction with the Club Professional and Club General Manager as above, should remain responsible for this function. They have to make the same judgement when deciding whether to deploy course machinery and whether it is safe to risk the health and safety of his trained and experienced staff when they drive the machinery on the course. Situations will arise when conditions are marginal. The Head Greenkeeper should then consider whether a part of the course could be made available to those players who provide medical certification that states that they will not be able to play

if the use of motorised buggies is temporarily suspended. If these conditions are met and the Club General Manager is satisfied that those members comply with the medical conditions, then a route will be specified for buggy users by reference to the course Risk Assessment and the prevailing ground conditions. This route will not include any holes where the Head Greenkeeper considers the risk to be unacceptable. "Member Designated" buggy drivers will also be expected to drive only on specified parts of These holes i.e. in the rough (see hole by hole risk assessment). It is likely that the numbers of members wishing to avail themselves of this facility will be few. It should be the responsibility of the Club General Manager / Pro-shop to ensure they are fully briefed on what is expected of them.