



Player and Cart Safety Guidelines

KGC HSE Policy Statement

The Karori Golf Club is committed to providing enjoyable and safe golfing facilities for its members and visitors whilst protecting the health and safety of its employees, contractors and volunteers, and with minimal footprint on the environment.

Club members and visitors play on the course and use the associated club facilities at their own risk. KGC is not liable for any accidents or medical incidents which players or spectators may suffer on the course.

Player Safety Guidelines

These guidelines have been prepared following a hole-by-hole risk assessment of the course, to help club members and visitors prevent injuries to themselves or to fellow course users.

General:

- All players are expected to play safely and to be aware at all times of dangers to themselves and others on the course.
- All players must take care at all times to avoid accidents or injuries to themselves or other players, caddies, spectators, and KGC staff.
- Players using carts must adhere to the cart safety guidelines which are attached to the hire carts and available from the shop for players who bring their own. Carts must not be used when the course has been closed to them.
- Green keeping staff have priority at all times. Players should make sure that green keepers are out of range before playing their shots.
- Players should not strike a golf ball when there is a risk of it hitting another person on their fairway. Similarly, they should not position themselves in front of a playing partner or competitor who is about to play their shot (except on the green).
- If a miss hit shot is heading in the direction of other people, you must shout "FORE!" in a loud voice to alert them of possible danger. If you hear "FORE!" when playing you should take evasive action as required.
- Players should not leave the tee block until all players have driven. Females playing with male companions from forward tee blocks need to stand well aside and watch while their male companions hit their drives.
- Much of the beauty of the course is generated by its natural topography, utilizing valley slopes and creeks to define many of the holes. Special care must be taken on these slopes or in the creek beds, especially in the wet. Cleated shoes are therefore recommended, but note that they can be slippery on wet wooden bridges and on rocks in streams.
- Similarly, care must be taken when crossing bridges, again especially in the wet when some can become slippery. Walk carefully (don't run) and stay on the netted strips of the bridges. Do not pass other players on a bridge, and do not stop on the bridges to look for balls.
- Another key attraction of the course is its tranquillity, despite it being so close to Wellington city and its western suburbs. However, it is also somewhat isolated, and for most of the course, out of cell phone coverage. Extra care therefore needs to be taken if playing or practicing alone, especially in the evenings after work.
- The green keepers will occasionally use fertilisers and other sprays to maintain the course. As a result, don't lick your fingers or golf balls. A spray notification sign will be positioned next to the Placing sign by the compressed air shoe cleaner whenever spraying has been done.
- Do not drink from the creeks and streams that cross the course. A drinking water replenishment tap is situated to the east of the 13th green.
- On course toilets are located adjacent to the tee blocks on the 4th, 10th and 12th holes. Please use the alcohol based hand cleaner after use (none have taps or basins).
- Wild goats from neighbouring valleys sometimes roam the course. They are unlikely to attack you but be mindful of them and avoid being aggressive to them.

- Magpies frequent many of the trees along the fairways. They are unlikely to attack you but if threatened, wave one of your golf clubs above your head.
- Wellington sunshine can be dangerously high in UV rays, especially during summer. Players are recommended to use sun block and wear hats or caps. Sunblock is usually available in the shop or the bathrooms.
- If players get caught in a thunderstorm with a risk of lightning strikes, they should immediately return to the club house via a route that keeps them away from trees or power pylons, and keeping as low as possible:
 - do not use an umbrella
 - take special care to avoid trips, slips or falls, especially when navigating banks or slopes
 - if deemed unsafe to return to the club house, crouch in your nearest low point (but not in a creek bed) and away from your golf bag/clubs
 - do not take shelter in the on course toilets as these may not be earthed
- A first aid kit is kept in the club house kitchen, and a defibrillator and blanket is kept in the downstairs foyer. However, please be aware that the club house has limited opening hours, especially on some mid-week days.
- All accidents or medical incidents should be reported to KGC staff in the shop.
- Players are encouraged to report hazards to KGC staff in the shop.
- The last kilometre of road to the course is quite windy and narrow – please drive slowly and be prepared for cars coming around corners in the opposite direction to you.
- If driving to the course from Karori, note that Makara Hill is a popular route for cyclists, especially in the weekends. Please be mindful of and courteous to them.

Hole by hole hazard identification:

- Hole 1: The valley side slope along the first part of the fairway can be slippery, especially when wet. Be careful if clambering into the creek bed along the right hand side of the second half of the fairway.
- Hole 2: Be careful if clambering into the creek bed to look for a lost ball. Be careful crossing the bridge. The slope up to the green can be slippery when wet.
- Hole 3: Be careful on the creek bridges (note that one of the bridges is not suitable for carts). Be careful if clambering into the creek bed or up the bank on the right hand side of the fairway to look for lost a ball. Be mindful that the left hand side of the second half of the fairway is susceptible to wayward right handed hooks from the tee block on the 4th hole. The slope up to the green can be slippery when wet.
- Hole 4: Be mindful that a right handed hooked tee shot could danger someone playing up the 3rd fairway. If using the toilet at the back of the tee block, be careful on the steps, especially if wet, and use the handrail. Be careful walking down from the tee block.
- Hole 5: Be careful if clambering into the creek bed to look for a lost ball. Be careful on the creek bridges (note that not all of the bridges on the second crossing are suitable for carts).
- Hole 6: Be careful walking up to and down from the elevated tee blocks. Be careful if clambering into the creek bed to look for a lost ball. Although it is often possible to play your ball from the creek gully in front of the green, it is safer to take a drop in the drop zone if you cant get a stable stance (NB a drop is free if your ball is on the wired stones).
- Hole 7: Be careful walking up to the elevated blue tee block. The blue tee block is blind to the white and yellow tee blocks. Be careful walking down to the fairway from the tee blocks.
- Hole 8: The ladies' tee block is quite forward of the men's - mixed foursomes be mindful of each other when teeing off. The slope up to the green can be slippery when wet.
- Hole 9: Be careful walking up to and down from the tee block. Be careful descending down and up the gully in front of the green.
- Hole 10: Tread carefully if your ball ends up un the gully in front of the left hand side of the green.
- Hole 11: Be mindful of nettles if looking for lost balls out of bounds along the right hand side of the fairway. Be careful if clambering into the creek bed to look for a lost ball. The slope up to the green can be slippery when wet.
- Hole 12: The blue tee is blind to the white and yellow tee blocks, and to the first part of the fairway. Check the location of the playing group in front of you before teeing off. Be mindful that a right handed hooked tee shot could danger someone playing up the 14th fairway. Be careful walking down the bumpy track from the tee blocks, and down the slopes to the bridges over the creek.
- Hole 13: Be careful if you have to clamber the small hill southwest of the green.

- Hole 14: The ladies' tee block is quite forward of the men's - mixed foursomes be mindful of each other when teeing off. Be careful if you have to climb down the forested bank to the left of fairway if looking for a lost drive. Only retrieve a ball from the lake if you can see it and reach it with a ball catcher – do not enter the lake. Be mindful as you play up to the green of wayward hooks from the blue tee block on the 12th hole.
 - Hole 15: Be careful walking up to and down from the elevated blue/white tee block. The ladies' tee block is quite forward of the men's - mixed foursomes be mindful of each other when teeing off. Only retrieve a ball from the lake if you can see it and reach it with a ball catcher – do not enter the lake. Take special care if looking for balls in the ravine on the left of the fairway. Do not stand on rocks in the ravine stream when wearing cleated golf shoes.
 - Hole 16: Be careful walking up to and down from the elevated blue/white tee blocks. The ladies' tee block is quite forward of the elevated men's tee blocks - mixed foursomes be mindful of each other when teeing off. Be careful if clambering into the creek bed to look for a lost ball. Be careful crossing the creek (note that one of the bridges is not suitable for carts).
 - Hole 17: Be careful on the slope up to the green which can be slippery when wet.
 - Hole 18: The valley that makes up the second half of the fairway is blind to the tee blocks. Ensure one of your playing group remains at the top of the valley in sight of the tee block until everyone has played out of range of the drives of your following group. Be careful on the valley side slopes and on the slopes around the green.
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Golf Cart Safety Guidelines

- Maximum 2 persons per cart. No shotgun riding on golf bag designated area
- Do not drive on: Tees, Greens, Surrounds* (exception, 10 & 13)
- Stay out of long grass and bunkers at all times
- Stick to paths wherever possible
- Stay 5 metres away from the creeks and the lake at all times, except for when crossing a bridge

On Hole Number:

1. Stick to the path next to the tee.
Do not drive through the long grass (wetland) area on the right hand side of the second half of the hole.
2. Park the cart in front of the white tee; do not drive up to blue tee.
Do not drive up to the green. Park the cart on the gravel path.
3. Do not drive up to the green or up the right hand side of the green. Park by the 4th tee.
4. Keep the cart on the path by the tee.
5. Drive around the right hand side of the creek when you leave the tee, but be mindful of anyone driving off on the 4th.

When crossing the stream as you approach the green, use the bridge on the left hand side of the fairway, not the one in the middle or the one on the top right.

6. Park the cart at the bottom of the tees by the sign for the hole.
Keep left away from the creek after the wooden bridge.

Do not go past the path at the back of the white 7th tee (don't go around the back of the green).

7. Keep the cart on the path by the tees.
Do not drive up to the blue tee.
8. Approach the green from left-hand side of the hole and don't go further than the path.
9. Stay on the path driving up and down from the tee and do not drive up onto the tee.
Do not drive into the dip in front of the green. Stay on the path.
If only playing 9 holes, do not return to the club house down the path to the 18th green if the course is excessively wet. Instead exit carefully via the 18th fairway.
10. Do not drive through the dip in front of the left hand side of the green.
*Allowed on front left hand side of surround.
11. Do not drive up to any of the tees. Stick to the path.
Approach the bridge slowly and after crossing the bridge take a hard left towards the 15th yellow tee to get up the hill.

Park the cart by the 15th tee on the path.
12. Exit the tee area down the path through the long grass heading towards the 14th.
Drive down the track to the left hand bridge only. Do not drive into the dip.
13. Stay out of the rough to the right-hand side of the green during wet periods of the year.
*You may drive on the left hand side of the surround during this period.
14. Drive in front of the green. Do not drive on the mounds at the back of the green.
Stay at least 5 metres away from the lake at all times when possible.
15. Park the cart next to the tee on the path.
Stay at least 5 metres away from the lake at all times.
16. Do not drive up to the blue tee.
Drive up and around the right hand side of the creek or across the tractor bridge in the trees on the left.
17. Stick to the left hand side of the green on the flat.
Take care driving up to the 18th tee
18. Park on the path by the yellow tee, no further.
Stick to the path up from the right hand side of the green.

NB Owners and Hirers use golf carts at their own risk