

# **THE STAFFORDSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS LIMITED HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Officers of the Staffordshire Union of Golf Clubs Limited regard the promotion of Health and Safety as a mutual objective for all Officers, Executive Committee Members, Coaches and any player selected for County activities.

The County Union seeks the co-operation of all clubs affiliated to the Union in order to achieve our objectives.

It is County Union policy to do all that is reasonable

- to prevent personal injury and damage to property
- to protect all players and officials from foreseeable hazards
- to protect the general public insofar as they come into contact with the County Union

whilst pursuing activities associated with County golf.

In particular the County Union has a responsibility to :

- Endeavour to provide and maintain safe playing conditions when organising an event at a host venue, taking account of statutory requirements.
- Provide instructions to all County personnel to ensure that players conform to safety procedures.
- Make available necessary safety equipment to reduce the risk of accident to players and officials whilst participating or officiating at an event.
- Maintain a constant and continuing interest in Health and Safety matters pertinent to the Union's activities and relevant to Officers, Officials, players and parents of juniors whenever applicable.

**Players and parents have a duty to co-operate with the Union in the operation of this policy by :**

- Completing Parental Consent Forms, Player Profile Forms, and observing Codes of Conduct.
- Playing and practising safely when participating in County activities.
- Co-operating and complying immediately with instructions given or received from an official using safety communication equipment.
- Reporting incidents that have led or may have led to injury or damage.
- Adhering to official procedures for Health and Safety.
- Assisting in the investigation of accidents or incidents.

**Selection is dependent on compliance with the above.**

## **CHAMPIONSHIPS, MATCHES AND COACHING**

The person with overall responsibility for Health and Safety and Child Protection issues will be the County Secretary.

The County Secretary will make himself aware of the availability of courses on Health and Safety and Child Protection, will advise County personnel of appropriate training courses and will keep records of courses attended.

The person responsible for ensuring that the Health and Safety arrangements at County Championships are fit for purpose shall be the Chairman of the Championship Committee who will normally be the County Secretary or someone appointed by him, except for the County Seniors Tournaments which are run by the Seniors' Committee.

The person responsible for ensuring that the Health and Safety arrangements at home matches are fit for purpose will normally be the County Secretary.

The person responsible for ensuring that the Health and Safety arrangements for coaching are fit for purpose shall be the person arranging the coaching who may delegate the responsibility to the County Secretary.

The person/s responsible for ensuring that the Child Protection Policy is implemented at junior events shall be the County Junior Delegate, assisted by the County Junior Committee.

### **General Arrangements**

Prior to each competition, home match or sequence of coaching the County Secretary will carry out an inspection of the host venue to identify hazards requiring risk assessment and any special arrangements that might be needed. These may include busy road crossings, steep slopes, pools surrounded by steep sides etc.

The County Secretary will have identified personnel trained in First Aid.  
The County Secretary will have a buggy in place for emergency purposes whenever available.

Players will be told the emergency phone number through Health and Safety advisory sheets issued prior to play.

The Chairman of the event must make himself familiar with the host club's arrangements for discontinuing play in adverse weather conditions.

County officials assigned to oversee events for players under the age of 18 should be familiar with the County Child Protection Policy and Procedures.

All accidents and incidents must be reported to the County Secretary on the appropriate recording form and the County Secretary will write it up in the County Accident / Incident Book.

The County Welfare Officer will advise the Executive Committee of all Health and Safety initiatives deriving from the E.G.U, E.W.G.A. or N.S.P.C.C. and any new government legislation.

