

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY CLASS GOLF RISKS

### SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC, AND EVEN FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY SPORT OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The vast majority of participants in physical education and sport activity participate safely by following certain safety guidelines such as those described in this document.

Fitness and fun are common outcomes in physical activity, but there also is physiological stress on the participant. IF YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONDITION WHICH LIMITS YOUR PARTICIPATION, CHECK WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN BEFORE BEGINNING THIS CLASS.

All movement activities contain RISKS FOR THE PARTICIPANT INCLUDING, but not limited to: sprain, fracture, and/or ligament damage; falling or other contact resulting in brain damage; paralysis; even death.

SOME OTHER RISKS SPECIFIC TO, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, **GOLF** AND SUGGESTIONS FOR REDUCING THESE RISKS ARE IDENTIFIED HERE:

Cardiovascular risk. Vigorous physical activity places stress on body systems, especially heart and lungs. Begin and continue vigorous activity by following guidelines suggested by the course instructor. If any symptoms of cardiovascular difficulty appear, stop activity immediately and seek appropriate help. Begin your program gradually and increase the work done only gradually.

Injury to head, trunk, and limbs may result from use of sport equipment, facilities, or from contact with another person. Use equipment and the facilities only in the way they are designed to be. Maintain a safe distance from others during all activity.

Exhaustion or dehydration. Fatigue is common with vigorous activity. Take appropriate rest breaks and rehydrate as needed. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for each activity. Be especially careful under hot conditions.

Overuse injuries from repetitious activity. Vary your activities and wear appropriate footwear.

Being stuck by a golf club or ball. Eye, head, or other injuries can result from being struck by a club or by a **golf** ball. During practice, VIA INSTRUCTOR'S DIRECTIONS, **golfers** should: maintain good spacing from others hitting; wait until all are through hitting to retrieve golf balls; take practice swings only with sufficient spacing; do not hit when others are within range of any shot.

Errant shots. If an errant shot is hit, shout, "FORE"; duck and cover if you hear this word called out. Be aware that a ball may hit an object, such as a tree, and rebound toward someone. Maintain reasonable playing distances between groups at all times.

Heat-related illness. Under hot conditions, wear light clothing and wear a broad-brimmed hat or cap. Drink plenty of liquids. End heat exposure under severe conditions or if heat-illness symptoms occur.

Lightning, rain, snow or other hazardous weather conditions. If lightning arises or hazardous weather conditions occur, get into clubhouse or other nearby shelter, or into a depression. Stay away from trees. Keep clubs in the bag.

Other conditions and safety procedures. ADHERE TO ANY OTHER WARNINGS AND SAFE PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTION AS GIVEN BY THE INSTRUCTOR DURING THIS COURSE.

Do you have questions about safe play or risks associated with **GOLF**? Ask the course instructor.

**NOTE: You must read, sign, and date the "Physical Education Assumption of Risk and Release" for this class and return it to your instructor to: Participate, attend, be given attendance points, and/or remain enrolled in this course.**