



Shirley Park Golf Club – Covid 19: September 2020

From Monday 14 September, competitive and social golf can continue to be played in accordance with our existing 'Play Safe, Stay Safe' guidelines, provided on-course groupings **do not exceed the new legal limit of six people**.

This applies both indoor and outdoor with a limited number of exceptions. Groups of six people may be made up of individuals from different households, both indoor and outdoor.

Clubhouses may continue to accommodate multiple social groups, provided each individual group is no larger than six people. Individual groups should not join up with others to form gatherings of more than six people and everyone must continue to follow government regulations on social distancing and sanitisation.

Social distancing rules (also when golfing) **must be observed at all times** and golfers should be mindful of the increased risk by widening the scope of their social contacts.

Can society bookings still be taken by clubs?

Society bookings can still be taken and can still go ahead.

However, both clubs/ facilities and society members must ensure that congregations are avoided and that no groupings larger than six are formed at any time from Monday 14th September.

Societies should take special care to ensure different groups of up to six people from within their party **do not merge** to form larger groups before, during or after a round. Travel to and from golf venues should continue to be in accordance with government regulations.

Should you wish to play foursomes golf, the following is recommended:

- Each partner should use their own golf ball, which is only handled by that player. For example, the player teeing off from hole 1 is the only one that touches the ball from teeing off through to completion of the hole. The partner teeing off from hole 2 does likewise with their ball. Under the Rules of Golf, a partner is permitted to drop the side's ball in taking relief even if it is not his/her turn to play the next shot. It is also permissible to drop another ball when taking relief.
- When marking and replacing the ball on the putting green this should be conducted by the partner the ball belongs to. Under this situation (or any other where the ball must be replaced) the original ball must be used and must not be substituted by another ball.

Golf clubs are legally obliged from Monday 14 September 2020 to collect details of those entering the clubhouse. These details must be stored, in compliance with GDPR, for 21 days and available should track and trace be required.

As a result we have a 'track and trace' form with a QR code which every visitor will need to scan when he/she enters the clubhouse/golf course (one is in the pro shop and another in the bar area). You may wish to send to your society members prior to the day so that they scan and complete their details beforehand.