



Covid-19 Information for Visiting Golfers

Welcome to Ellesmere Golf Club and we hope you enjoy our course and facilities.

In the current situation there are several procedures and restrictions which we need to bring to your attention before you arrive at the Club, on arrival, during play and after play. These are based on the guidelines issued by the Government, England Golf and our County Union, and it is imperative that you abide by them.

1) Before arrival.

You must have a confirmed tee time booked either on line, or with the professional or Secretary's office.

Check before you leave home that the course is open. This information is updated each day on the website (ellesmeregolfclub.co.uk) before 7:00am.

Ensure that your golf equipment is clean, and that you are dressed to play golf (i.e. jeans, tracksuits, collarless shirts, football type shorts are NOT allowed). There is no access to the locker rooms (but the toilets and wash area are accessible).

Travel on your own, or only with members of your own household (or support bubble).

Arrange to arrive no more than 30 minutes prior to your tee time. We appreciate that this may be difficult if you are travelling from a distance.

Be aware that Ellesmere Golf Club is within Greater Manchester, which is currently subject to additional local restrictions imposed by the Government on 30th July 2020.

2) On arrival.

Park only in the main car park, accessed through the brick entrance from Old Clough Lane.

Change your shoes and prepare your golf equipment in the car park.

If you need to use the toilets or wash area, the entrance for ladies is through the door marked 'Ladies' Locker Room' on the car park side of the clubhouse. The entrance for men is at the opposite end of the clubhouse marked 'Gentlemen's Locker Room'.

There is a one-way system to the professional's shop, practice facilities and first tee, which is signposted along the path to the left of the clubhouse.

Do not go along the path in front of the clubhouse or on the course between the clubhouse and the 18th green.

If you wish to practise on the putting green or the chipping green, only three players are permitted at any one time and social distancing (2 metres) must be maintained.

If you wish to use the practice nets, you need to advise the professional before approaching the net area.

For all practice facilities you must use your own clubs, balls and sanitisation products.

Before play, you must register with the professional, who will require contact details (email and/or phone number) to comply with government 'track and trace' requirements.

Try to arrive at the professional's shop/first tee area no more than 5 minutes before your tee time. If there is a delay, do not stand around in a group. Only six people can congregate outside and social distancing (2 metres) must be maintained.

To enter the professional's shop, you will need to wear a face covering over your mouth and nose, and only four persons (other than staff) may occupy the shop at any one time.

The preferred method of payment for all transactions in the professional's shop is by contactless debit or credit card.

3) During Play

Maintain social distancing (2 metres) at all times.

Do not touch the flagsticks.

Please be mindful of other players on the course at all times, abide by the etiquette and rules of the game and avoid slow play by moving to the next tee if you are playing Stableford or Bogey format and are unable to score any points or register a win or a half on the hole you are playing.

If you go into a bunker, there are no rakes. You may lift and place your ball within 6 inches (not nearer the hole) and try to repair any damage with either your feet or club.

The covered waste bins along with ball washers are not in use. Please take any litter home with you, or place it into open bins only.

Do not touch another player's equipment, or pick up any stray balls.

Buggies are single use only, except for members of the same household or support bubble.

Avoid handshakes, high fives or similar gestures.

4) After Play

On completion of your round, please leave the course by the path to the left directly into the car park. Return your equipment to your car, and change your shoes.

If you are going into the clubhouse there is a one way system in force, and you will again need to register your arrival and subsequent departure to meet the Club's obligations relating to 'track and trace'.

Access to the clubhouse is only available during bar opening hours and must be by entry through the main doorway which is along the path to the right of the clubhouse close to where you left the course. The keypad access code is 8765.

Inside is a wall mounted hand sanitiser and a registration point. Please enter your name, contact details and time of arrival.

Do not enter through the French windows.

The preferred payment method for both bar purchases and food orders is by contactless debit or credit card.

Toilet facilities for both men and women are available from the Main Lounge area.

The floor area is marked out with distinctive tape. To get to the bar, please observe the one-way markers, 2 metre queueing markers and use a contactless card for payment if possible.

If you wish to access the outside terrace area, please use the French window on the right (arrows marked on the floor) and use the other French window to return to the lounge.

To comply with the local restrictions, only 6 persons can congregate outside and must maintain social distancing (2 metres). Inside it is against the law to interact with any person who is not a member of your household or support bubble.

All the furniture is laid out to maximise numbers and comply with social distancing requirements.

Please do not move any furniture, other than to be comfortable in your chair.

On leaving you must use the specified exit, which is in the Ellesmere Lounge. A walkway is indicated by yellow and black tape on the floor. Please keep to the walkway. Please do not leave the premises directly from the outside area or through the French windows, as we will not then know your time of departure.

Please ensure that you register your departure, and note the time. In the event that a Covid-19 positive person is at the Club on the same day as you we will be able to identify if you were in the club at the same time.

We recommend that you use hand sanitisation frequently and wall mounted units are located near the entrance, adjacent to the doorway from the Main Lounge to the Ellesmere Lounge and near the exit.

We recognise that the above procedures and restrictions appear very onerous, but are there to keep you and other persons safe during your visit to our Club. We hope to see you again in the future.

Enjoy your golf!