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OUR PRACTICAL GUIDE TO GOLF ALONGSIDE COVID-19

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1) General Information

This guide has been prepared by your Board of Directors, together with our Head Professional, and in consultation with various Golfing Governing Bodies, to be adopted whenever our government decides to ease COVID-19 restrictions and permit the re-opening of our Golf Course.

The robust measures within this guide are designed to help safeguard our staff, our members and in the future, any guests and visitors to our Club during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The measures and procedures within this guide will be under constant review, updated as advice from government, health authorities and Golf's governing bodies evolves, in line with what we believe will be a gradual lifting and easing of social restrictions.

We cannot yet pencil a date in the diary for our re-opening, but when that day comes, this guide will allow us to have a proper framework and the necessary infrastructure in place, to allow us to do so in an organised and responsible manner and to make it as safe as we possibly can for you all to return to the game we all love so much, and are so passionate about.

When that day comes, members must expect to follow the requirements on social distancing and understand that there will have to be several adaptations to our usual playing etiquette. We know that many members may not like some of the measure that we have been forced to introduce, but we ask you to accept that these have all been done with the safety and welfare of our Members and Staff, foremost in our minds.

Please always accept and adhere to these rules.

ENJOY YOUR GOLF – PLAY SAFE – STAY SAFE



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2) Booking Procedure

2.1 In order to comply with strict social distancing rules and to avoid group gatherings, the Club will have to operate with a strict **Tee Time Booking System**. All members must pre-book required tee times by telephoning the Pro-Shop on **01255 426304** OR book on-line via the **ClubV1 Members Hub App**.

If you book you MUST play.

If you cannot play you MUST ring the Pro-Shop to cancel, so that your tee slot can be offered to another member

Initially our Course will be available to Members Only – Visitor Green Fees, Visiting Societies and Reciprocals will not be permitted to use our course until further notice.

2.2 Booking slots will be available at 10-minute intervals from 07.00 to 19.00 daily until further notice and from the **1st tee ONLY**.

Please DO NOT attempt to play from the 14th or the 10th holes

2.3 Play will be allowed in **2**-balls maximum in accordance with official recommendations. Only social golf/general play will be allowed initially, with Club competitions being introduced once routines return to near normal.

2.4 One player will be allowed to book for up to **1** other **named** player within the same time slot. Single bookings are likely to be made up to **2**-balls by the Pro-Shop in order to maximise numbers able to play

2.5 Tee Time bookings can only be made one day ahead e.g. On Monday you can book for Tuesday, on Tuesday you can book for Wednesday and so on throughout the week.



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2) Booking Procedure continued

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Upon re-opening we do expect to be extremely busy and the Club anticipates that large numbers of members will be eager to get back on the course and particularly at the usual peak times.

In order to create fairness and to enable as many members as possible to obtain bookings each week, a further booking rule will be temporarily applied as follows:

2.6 If you play on one day you cannot book for the following day – e.g. if you have a booked tee time and play on Monday, then you cannot book for Tuesday, and so on throughout the week.

However, if you do want to play on a following day you can ring the Pro-Shop “**on the day**” and take any tee slots that might still be available. This procedure will also operate throughout the entire week.

**IN ORDER TO FULLY COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES:
PLEASE, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES JUST TURN UP AT THE CLUB AND
EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PLAY – YOU MUST ALWAYS BOOK FIRST**

2.6 Our Official Club Sections (Seniors & Ladies) + other regular organised groups & societies within our Club will be catered for as quickly as possible or when restrictions are eased further.

All procedures will be reviewed after a few weeks once a pattern has emerged and the needs of our members have been fully evaluated.



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3) Arrival at the Club and Course Access

3.1 Arrive at the Course no earlier than 20 minutes before your tee time. Park your car and observe social distancing rules.

3.2 Resist the temptation to mingle.

3.3 The Clubhouse and all locker rooms will remain closed – arrange your golfing attire and change shoes at your car.

3.4 There will be NO access to lockers for collection and storage of golf clubs

3.5 There will be access to the Trolley Store

3.6 Stay with your vehicle until 10 minutes before your tee time.

3.7 You MUST report straight to the Pro-Shop to check-in.

3.8 DO NOT attempt to go straight to the 1st TEE

3.9 The Practice Field will be open for a maximum of 3 people at any one time and for up to 1 hour's practice at a time. To use the Practice Field always report to the Pro-Shop in the first instance. It is advisable to telephone the Pro-Shop to check on space availability.



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4) Check-in and Pro-Shop Protocol

4.1 Mandatory check-in at the Pro-Shop for ALL golfers

4.2 Social distancing queuing markers will be in place inside and outside the Pro- Shop

4.3 A maximum of only 2 golfers at a time will be permitted inside the Pro-Shop

4.4 There will be a 2-metre exclusion zone at the service desk

4.5 Essential golfing items & take-away snacks and drinks will be on sale

4.6 Sanitised trollies and buggies will be available for hire – single person use ONLY



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5) To the First Tee

5.1 Practice putting greens will be open but with no flags in any holes, but shallow or inverted hole cups will be in place for contact-free ball retrieval

5.2 The shoe cleaning station will be closed

5.3 The practice nets will be open

5.4 Social spacing signage will be in place identifying a 1st tee waiting area, including instructions when to proceed to the teeing area

5.5 Arrive at the 1st tee no earlier than 5 minutes prior to your tee time

5.6 Groups will be restricted to **2**-balls

5.7 PLEASE OBEY STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES FROM THE 1ST TEE AND THROUGHOUT THE REST OF YOUR ROUND



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6) Clubhouse and Half-Way House Facilities

6.1 The Clubhouse Lounge area, Bar and Restaurant and Stud Bar will remain closed until restrictions are eased or lifted, as will Both Ladies & Men's Locker Rooms

6.2 Toilets/Washroom facilities will be available within the main Clubhouse building – Ladies will be able to use their usual toilet facility and Men can use the Disabled Toilet. Showers will NOT be available. Access will be through the rear clubhouse entrance door.

6.3 Hand dryers will be disabled, and paper towels will be available

6.4 Toilets will be cleaned and sanitised regularly

6.5 Members are asked to respect social distancing rules by not mingling or gathering within the lobby area

6.6 The Half-Way House will be open at certain times for the usual drinks & snacks Take-Away service. Please avoid congregating in groups at this station.

6.7 Toilets at this location will be available and will be cleaned and sanitised regularly



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7) On the Course during your round

7.1 Observe social distancing measures on the tee and green on every hole

7.2 After teeing off and walking on, or whilst searching for lost balls, remember to keep 2 metres apart

7.3 DO NOT pick-up or touch stray balls

7.4 There will be NO rakes in bunkers, players should use their club or feet to smooth sand where possible

7.5 On the putting greens players are reminded to keep 2 metres apart.
DO NOT touch the flagsticks. Flagsticks must always remain in the hole.
Shallow or inverted hole cups will be in place for contact-free ball retrieval

7.6 Once a hole is completed, the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next hole

7.7 Do not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball

7.8 Ball washers will not be in use or will be covered over

7.9 Some seating around the course will be removed or deemed out of use for the protection of all golfers

7.10 Avoid using and exchanging scorecards with other players. During this early period of social golf, only Matchplay is recommended as the best way of not requiring the use of scorecards

7.11 At the end of your round do not shake hands, touch or embrace other players



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8) After your round

8.1 Remember, after your round, that social distancing is just as important as it is during the round

8.2 Hands may be washed and sanitised in the available toilets

8.3 The Restaurant, Bars and patio area will remain closed

8.4 Lockers cannot be accessed, and all golf clubs and golfing attire must be taken home in your vehicle

8.5 Trolleys can be returned to the trolley store

8.6 Post-round, players must return straight to their vehicles and leave the course facility so that there are no gatherings around the Clubhouse