**Phase 3 – Casual Golf & Competitions.**

**Course Access**:

From June 29th 2020 access to the courses is open to our staff, club members, guests and visitors.

To access the course, a player must:

1. Be a member of the club
2. Be a Member’s Guest booked on BRS to play with the member.
3. Be a Visitor playing on one of our Open Competitions, paying Green Fees or as part of a Golf Society (including Classics). All Visitors MUST be booked on our BRS System.
4. (Irish Residents) must not have been out of the country within the previous 14 days.
5. (Visitors from abroad) must have complied with Irish Government regulations and currently that means they must self- isolate for 14 days upon arrival in Ireland.
6. Not have a cold or any Covid 19 symptoms.
7. Make themselves aware of the current HSE National Covid Regulations on the day they play. It is very important that our Staff, Members and all Visitors take personal responsibility for these regulations.
8. Not be in self-isolation
9. Have a pre-reserved tee time

Car Park Entrance Time is 20 minutes prior to the first tee time each day.

The Car Park Gates will close at 10pm sharp.

**Booking & Arrival:**

1. Booking a tee time in advance is **compulsory** for Competition & Casual Golf, please use our BRS System.
2. In general, play will be in three balls, however we may allow play in fourballs at certain times during our Open Tuesdays.
3. We may schedule Fourball competitions on certain dates.
4. Play without a BRS booking cannot be permitted.
5. The Club is required to retain copies of Time Sheets for six weeks to facilitate contact tracing.
6. All golfers should be aware of our procedures prior to their visit.
7. Golf equipment should be washed before a player leaves home
8. Golfers should travel to the club alone, or with a member of the same household
9. Ample car parking spaces are available to ensure social distancing
10. Our Car Park and that of the Driving Range will be available.
11. Arrive at the course no more than 20 minutes prior to reserved tee time
12. Observe social distancing always and resist the temptation to mingle.
13. Arrange golf attire and change footwear at the car
14. A ‘Social Distancing Marshal’ will be on duty to ensure player adherence to protocol and help avoid group gatherings.
15. Please respect our Marshal as he/she is only trying to look after the best interests of you and the club.

**Clubhouse Facilities – General**:

1. Clubhouse entrance is limited to the Main Door for toilet access and you must exit the Clubhouse through the Locker Room.
2. Toilets will have open entrance doors and are cleaned regularly
3. Please use the disposable paper towels provided
4. The defibrillator will remain in the clubhouse corridor, immediately past the Computer Room.
5. Locker rooms can be used as normal and please remember they are also used as an Exit Station.
6. Those members who store their clubs in a Locker are asked to sanitise their Locker Door after use with sanitising product provided by the club. Please dispose in the bin provided.
7. The Restaurant will reopen in Phase 3 – Caterer responsible for his Guidelines document.
8. Sanitised trollies and buggies are available for hire, single person use only, unless shared by members of the same household to comply with current Covid 19 guidelines.
9. Players to arrive in golf attire and change shoes at the car.

**To the First Tee**

1. The Entrance Gate to the 1st Teeing Area will be opened by Course Staff only.
2. Groups restricted to 3-balls at nine minutes intervals, in accordance with the Protocol document received from the GUI / ILGU.
3. Play is restricted to 18 holes per player per day at maximum.
4. The Putting green will be available for use on Competition Days during Phase 3, however you must putt to a tee peg as holes will not be cut and only 3 players at a time are permitted on the putting green.
5. Arrive at the 1st tee no more than 5 minutes prior to the reserved tee time and observe the Social Distance Markers
6. Players may ONLY commence their game from the 1st Tee unless the Committee say otherwise.
7. A ‘Social Distancing Marshal’ will be on duty to ensure player adherence to protocol and help avoid group gatherings.
8. Social spacing signage identifies the 1st tee waiting areas
9. Any player(s) not following protocol will be asked to leave the course in the best interests of the health of our members & staff.
10. Tee off times strictly observed to ensure group spacing
11. Divot bags removed from circulation
12. Caddies are not allowed on the course.

**On the Course**:

1. Physical distancing observed throughout, particularly on tees and greens
2. A ‘Social Distancing Marshal’ will patrol the course to ensure player adherence to protocol.
3. Social spacing signage identifies waiting areas on Par 3 tee box approaches, on all other holes please maintain social distance
4. Please respect the course by replacing your Divot and repairing your Pitch Marks.
5. Rubbish bins and divot bins all removed – please dispose of the rubbish at home.
6. Ball washers removed or covered over
7. The on- course toilets will not be in use, nor will the water tap nearby.
8. Bunker rakes removed, players to smooth sand with feet after their shot
9. During play Flagsticks are to remain in the hole and must not be touched
10. Hole inserts are in situ for simple, contact-free ball retrieval during play.
11. Once a hole is completed, the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next tee
12. When you play from a tee and if there is any doubt about your ball please play a Provisional as we do not want players returning to the Tee.
13. Food, and drink must not be exchanged between players
14. Players must not pick up another player’s equipment or golf ball
15. If you find a ball on the course, please leave it behind you.
16. Players must refrain from handshakes and high fives
17. Players must bring their own hand sanitising products with them and use it regularly please.
18. Please check the Notices regarding the time you must exit the course to ensure you can leave the car park prior to locking up time.

**The G.O.M.S & Golden Girls**:

1. Wednesday will continue to be their day and they too must book their times on our BRS System.
2. *Draws for play will be discontinued during the pandemic.*
3. Seniors playing golf must adhere to the general regulations and they should only arrive within 20 minutes of their Tee Time and leave the Course / Club immediately upon completion of their round.
4. The BRS Booking sheet will be blocked off for the times the Seniors play.
5. Players must only commence their round from the 1st tee, unless authorised by the Committee to commence from the 10th tee..

**Junior Golf Course Activity (Under 18’s)**:

1. Casual and Competition Golf for Juniors and Cubs is now allowed.
2. They may play together on the course without adult supervision but they must at all times adhere to the club protocols
3. Juniors playing Casual & Competition Golf must adhere to the general regulations and they should only arrive within 20 minutes of their Tee Time and leave the Course / Club immediately upon completion of your round.
4. Play is restricted to 18 holes per player per day at maximum and remember you Must leave the Club when you complete your round.
5. Junior Golfers eligible to play in competitions run by the Men’s & Ladies Club may do so.

**Junior Golf Off Course Activity (Under 18’s)**:

1. They should be organised into small groups with designated supervisors / leaders. The recommended ration is one adult per eight Under 12’s, one in ten for Over 12’s. It is also recommended that the supervisors do not switch groups to ensure juniors will only have contact with one adult.
2. A log of all juniors must be kept for Contact Tracing purposes, this must include the name of the adult that accompanied them to the club.
3. Communication with parents / guardians and children is very important and they should all be given a copy of Appendix 3 (2 pages).
4. The Junior Co-ordinators and Supervisors must all be aware of the procedures on how to manage their role and especially in how to deal with a junior or adult displaying or complaining of Covid 19 related symptom – Appendix 3.

**After your Game:**

1. Post-round, we recommend that players return straight to their cars
2. Please remember that you must respect the Social Distance guidelines.
3. The Restaurant is open but the bar will remain closed in accordance with Phase 3 Guidelines.
4. Hands may be washed and sanitised in the toilets, please try to ensure only one person is in the toilet at any one time.
5. Ensure clubs and equipment are cleaned thoroughly after use when you return home.
6. Players must call or email the golf club with any post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity

**Protect our Staff**:

1. Kathleen will be working in the Office from 9.15am to 5pm on all weekdays, except Thursday.
2. Please only call to her if necessary, to pay a subscription or seek her assistance with a Booking or the setting up of a Golfnet Card for new members.
3. The Office door may be open but please do not pass the Barrier Table.
4. Audrone will be working at the club on the days of competition play arranged by The Men’s Club.
5. Audrone will assist with the collection of Competition Fees and she will also sell items from the Golf Shop.
6. Gavin and his team may be on the course when you play, we ask that you allow them to carry on their excellent work without interruption.
7. Staff provided with PPE masks, and gloves to wear on-site
8. Staff comprehensively trained in importance of hand hygiene and cough etiquette
9. All work areas and contact points will be cleaned and sanitised regularly