

# COVID-19 'Return to Golf'

**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE GOLF CLUB IF YOU ARE SUFFERING ANY COVID19 SYMPTOMS OR HAVE BEEN SELF ISOLATING WITH ANY SUFFERERS**

## Objectives:

- ✓ Return to golf at clubs with safety and wellbeing of golfers and club staff as a priority. Only golfers will be permitted on the golf course. Non-golfers of the same household will not be permitted to exercise.

## Timesheet:

- ✓ Online booking options allow 4 golfers (see item b for full details)

**The booking of a start time for you and for your playing partner is deemed as acceptance of the conditions detailed in this policy document. If you do not agree with some/any of the terms then please refrain from booking a time.**

## Check-In in the Pro-Shop:

- ✓ Please follow the instructions clearly displayed as you approach the shop. Only 2 customers at a time allowed in. Please respect the requests by the staff regardless of your own feelings.

## a. Course Set Up

- On-Course Items
  - All rakes and squeegee's have been removed.
  - Ball washers, drinking fountains and hand rails have been Isolated.
  - Benches & bin lids have been removed.

- All other removable items have been removed, except that stakes defining areas of the course are immovable obstructions and therefore need not be touched.
- **Hole and Flagstick**
  - Players **must not** touch flagsticks. They are clearly marked as a reminder whilst playing.
  - Holes have been modified meaning the ball will sit higher in the hole once holed and can be easily retrieved by handling the ball only
- **Practice Areas**
  - The practice areas left of 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & the short game area are open. Please use your own balls. Only 1 person per area and you are required to log in and out in the pro-shop prior to using them.
  - The practice nets & putting green are OPEN. Please use your own golf balls and remove them when you have finished.

#### **b. Before the Round**

- ALL tee times must be booked in advance using the online tee booking system giving the names of all actual players who will be playing. Alternatively tee times may be booked by contacting the Pro with names of who will be playing, on 01332 518662 or 07539 482251 (call, text or WhatsApp). Turning up to play without booking will not be allowed.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be open between 0700hrs & 2000hrs daily and the tee booking sheet will reflect these times. Play before or after these times will not be permitted.
- There is to be a minimum of 9-minute intervals between tee times, but longer intervals may be more appropriate.
- Groups may not be 'locked' with players/guests who are NOT playing.
- Players will be required to 'check-in' at pro-shop prior to play. This is a requirement for all golfers
- **Arrival and Waiting to Play**
  - ⊖ The clubhouse and locker room facilities will allow limited essential access to use the toilets or collect golf equipment, using a one way in and out system.

- Please do not arrive too early to play and do not leave your car until 20 mins before your tee time. You may practice during this time.
- There will be a clear route for all golfer to access the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and to exit the 18<sup>th</sup> green to the carpark. Please follow instructions before and after play.

### **c. During the Round**

Golfers should keep at least 2 metres apart during the round.

- **Teeing Areas**

- We remind golfers to keep 2 metres apart at teeing areas due to the normal close proximity of golfers to one another when tee shots are being played.

- **General**

- We remind golfers to stay more than 2 metres apart when walking to the ball, searching for a ball and playing shots.
- We remind golfers not to touch stray balls.
- Players should not play more than 1 ball during their round for ANY reason or practice or strike multiple balls on the golf course

- **Bunkers**

- With no rakes allowed on the course, remind golfers to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet. Until rakes are returned to bunkers a local rule is in place to allow players to lift & place their ball in a bunker, within 6" of its original spot not nearer the hole. The bunker cannot be smoothed prior to placing the ball

- **Greens & Course Staff**

- Please keep the required 2 metres from all staff working on the golf course and continue to give a priority to the staff when playing.

### **d. After the Round**

- Golfers are reminded that social distancing is as important after a round as it is during the round, so when the round is over you must leave the course and the club immediately and follow the route towards the garage at the rear of the pro-shop.
- Gatherings around the clubhouse area are not permitted.
- The last group of golfers should leave the club carpark by 2100hrs latest.