



Rules for the re-introduction of golf at Peterculter Golf Club

Introduction

The following rules for members of PGC have been prepared by the Management Committee taking into account current Scottish Government and Golfing authorities guidance.

The aims are to ensure that golf can be played safely during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

DEMAND AND EXPECTATIONS

Demand for golf will be high when re-open, the club will put into place restrictions to tee-times and number of players as per government advice.

There undoubtedly will be issues that will arise as we get back to playing, we will attempt to respond as quickly as we can as they arise.

Members should be aware of the following:

- There may be a limited basis on which you have an opportunity to play in the initial weeks.
- We ask that members do not book more than 2 games of golf in advance each week, if a tee slot is available on the day for booking that can be taken up.
- The committee will get a weekly report on who has booked tees and when it was booked.
- If you can play through the week, please leave weekend times for members who can only play at weekend. If a tee time is available on the day at weekends it is ok to book
- While essential maintenance has continued, we have had limited staff available and expectations of quality need to be tempered by this reality
- When we get playing again please bear in mind that greenkeeping working practices have had to change, more working time needs to be spent on sanitising machinery and equipment at end of each day, resulting in less hours being worked on the course

RULES FOR GOLF

- Members with colds or symptoms of COVID-19 should stay away from Golf Course
- Social distancing rules are to be observed (2m) by all members in carpark, pro-shop area, pro-shop and golf course at all times
- Where possible leave a space between cars in car park
- Play is restricted to:
 - Members & Members guests only
 - Social golf only, No club competitions
- Tee times are to be booked in advance online or on the telephone. Players/caddies names must be recorded on the booking in case of CONTACT TRACING should the need arise.
- Tee times are available every 10 minutes.
- Maximum 4 people per tee time and ensuring only 2 households are represented in the group inclusive of any caddies
- Singles can play on their own
- 2 or 3 balls must ensure only 2 households represented
- If you cannot play please remove name from booking sheet, or phone the proshop with as much notice as you can. This may enable someone else to use the time
- If you are late for any reason phone the proshop before leaving your car
- The Clubhouse will remain closed as will the locker rooms.
- There are to be no social gatherings of any size at the facility
- Hire trolleys, Electric and Pull trolleys will be sanitised prior to use. There is no guarantee a trolley will be available
- Electric Buggies will be sanitized before use. There is no guarantee a Buggy will be available. Please book ahead.
- Electric buggies are for one person only or with another person from same household
- Use of practice area requires booking through pro-shop
- Juniors over 12 years with a handicap can book tee-times
- Juniors under 12 or without a handicap must be accompanied by an adult, can be a non-playing adult

IN ADVANCE OF PLAY

- Under no circumstance arrive at the club without booking ahead
- Ensure you have sufficient golf balls, markers, tees to avoid exchanging equipment with others
- Travel to golf course on your own or with members of your household
- Park your car in such a way to facilitate social distancing where possible
- Observe social distancing at all times following your arrival at club
- Arrive 20 minutes prior to tee time

- 15 minutes prior to tee time get equipment and golf clothing shoes ready
- 10 minutes to tee time proceed to holding area
- Putting green will be open with no flags, only for use by those next on tee
- If accessing pro shop follow rules and distancing as instructed by Golf Pro
- Use toilet facilities before you leave home
- Bring your own hand sanitiser and use regularly during the round
- Trolley store will be open, use the provided hand sanitiser before and after use

ON THE COURSE

- Proceed to first tee at your allotted time and when tee is clear, unless instructed by the Golf Pro or assistant
- Observe social distancing at all times on course
- Following play on a hole, do not enter teeing area until all members of the group in front have played their tee shots and exited the teeing area.
- Do not exchange or share equipment, food or drink with other players
- There are no bins on the course, take any empty bottles or food packages back with you home. Greenkeepers will not pick up waste.
- All ball washers are covered up and benches removed
- Members are instructed not to touch flag or flagstick
- Rakes are removed from the course. Players are asked to smooth bunkers using their feet or club. Please be considerate of members following on and make best endeavor to smooth bunkers
- If your ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area don't take an option under the rules that involve doubling back on your position on the course, use an option that allows you to keep position on the course. (Remember it is social golf).
- Please minimise time spent looking for golf balls, we may have a large number of single players playing course
- Do not pick up another players equipment or golf ball
- Do not approach greenkeepers, stay well away.
- Do not use steps at 17th tee
- Presently the only working Defibrillator is in the clubhouse. Defibrillator between 9th& 10th is out of commission

TOILET FACILITIES

- The disabled toilet in the clubhouse will be a Unisex toilet open during pro- shop working hours.
- Ladies Dormy House toilet will be a unisex facility and will be open from 09:00 – 19:00

LOCAL RULES

- The following local rules are applicable until further notice and will continue during any future competition play
- **Code of Conduct: Rule 1.2b**
The Flagstick must not be touched or removed from the hole, any player doing so shall incur a penalty.
Strokeplay: One Shot
Matchplay: Loss of Hole
- **Committee Procedures, Local Rule E-3**
When a players ball lies within a bunker the player may take a preferred lie and place the ball within 6” of the original ball position. The preferred lie should not be closer to the hole than the original position and must be in the general area, i.e in the bunker.
The area for the preferred lie must not be smoothed prior to placing.
Players are requested to smooth footprints etc as best possible with club or feet.

Social Golf only

- The R & A have suggested rather than remove red and yellow stakes if they interfere with your play you should take a free drop. At present this has not been confirmed for competition play.
Note: White stakes should not be removed: see rules of golf

AFTER YOUR ROUND

- Return directly to your car, change your shoes, put your equipment in your car and leave facility

While everyone may have an opinion on what should be done, compliance by golf clubs and golf members with these measures will minimise the risk of reintroduction of lockdown measures.

We all want to get back to normal as soon as possible, but this will be a gradual process and will depend on Government and Golfing authorities advice. Your cooperation in adhering to the above rules and procedures is required. We will be doing compliance checks as required by the authorities.