



CORONAVIRUS – RETURN TO GOLF ACTION PLAN

As a Club we must take appropriate steps to make sure we minimise the risk of infection from the COVID-19 virus and provide a safe environment for members, staff and visitors.

The risk to players, who are of good health and not classed in a vulnerable age category, is smaller than most other sports provided the expert advice is followed.

The vast majority of golfers can continue to play at South Cliff Golf Club.

However, we are mindful of the older age profile of our membership and understand that it is only prudent to implement sensible policies to limit the potential spread of any outbreak.

Members or visitors suffering from or showing symptoms of the COVID-19 infection must self-isolate and stay away from the golf club. The length of time spent in self-isolation should be in line with government recommendations.

The management of the Club will ask any member or visitor to leave the club's property if they are showing clear symptoms.

General Rules

- Follow Government advice and 'Stay Alert'
- Follow social distancing rules
- Strictly no spitting on the course

General advice

- Indoor, social aspects of golf club life will be curtailed based on expert advice on social gatherings
- Golfers suffering from or showing symptoms of the COVID-19 infection must self-isolate and stay away from the golf club. The length of time spent in self-isolation should be in line with government recommendations
- Vulnerable groups or those with underlying health issues should heed government advice to self-isolate
- To minimise social contact in locker rooms golfers we would prefer you to change shoes in the car park, access to the locker room will be limited to 4 members at any one time
- Where possible doors should be left ajar
- On the course, you should try to maintain a minimum distance of two metres between yourself and your playing partners. Take care to adhere to this on teeing grounds and greens
- You must leave the flagstick in the hole at all times, we have removed rakes from the course to limit the risk of infection spreading from hand to hand.
- You should only use your own trolley and clean it after every round
- Common courtesies – handshakes and embraces in accordance with the accepted etiquette of the game – are to be avoided. Offering a thumbs up or some other form of friendly greeting should be used as an alternative

Tee Bookings

In line with England Golf guidance, the following must be adhered to.

- All tee bookings must be made online, please do not turn up without a booking.
- 1 tee time per person can be booked per day, times can be booked 8 days in advance
- Bookings can be made as an individual player, 2, 3 or 4 balls
- Tee times will be available from 6am – 6pm
- Times can be booked 8 days in advance, the tee sheet will go live at 8.00am daily for bookings.

The Course

- To avoid cross contamination from touching course furniture the following measures have been taken;
 - a – Bunkers are in play using Local Rule E-3 "When a player's ball lies in a bunker the player may take free relief once by placing the ball within 6 inches, not nearer the hole and still within the bunker" Bunker rakes have been removed, please smooth the sand with your shoe on exiting the bunker.
 - b – The water fountain on the 1st hole has been turned off
 - c – All ball washers have been removed from the course
 - d – All benches have been removed
 - e – All course bins have been removed.
 - f – The flag must not be attended or removed.
 - g – Try to avoid touching hand rails or at least use a gloved hand or bag towel to maintain contact.
 - h – Play will be from the Yellow or Red tees only.

The Practice Ground and Putting Green.

- The practice ground will be open to a maximum of 5 members at one time, practice must be from the marked bays.
- All balls hit on the practice ground must be picked up
- 2 practice nets will be available to use.
- The putting green will be open but limited to 2 members at any one time

Clubhouse

- In line with Government recommendations, areas of the clubhouse that attract gatherings of members or visitors, ie lounge, 19th dining room and swing studio will be closed.
- Access to the locker room will be available for club collection only and limited to 4 members at any one time. Where possible please retrieve clubs from lockers and take them home. This is both to reduce the risk of contamination. In order to reduce the amount of time people are in the locker room the use of the shower facilities is prohibited.
- Where possible doors will be left ajar with key fob entry pads disabled.

Trolley Shed

- The Trolley shed will remain open but where possible please retrieve trollies from the shed and take them home to reduce the risk of contamination.

Golf

- We are adopting a "Car Park" golf policy. Where possible change and prepare for your game in the car park and only approach the 1st tee 2 minutes before your booked tee time.
- We advise that only 1 player be on a teeing area at any one time and that clubs are left at least 2m away from playing partners and their equipment.
- Players must not touch other players golf equipment, including golf balls, trollies, clubs etc

The Golf Shop

- The Golf Shop will be closed, equipment can be ordered by emailing or telephoning Shaun.
- Scorecards will be available to pick up from the bench outside the Golf Shop.

Social events

- All planned social events are cancelled until further notice.