

Canons Brook Golf Club

The Continued Framework for Playing Golf at CBGC June 2020 (version 3 01/06/2020)

Further to recent Government announcements and updated guidance from England Golf we have amended our Framework for ALL members and guests as follows:

Please note that some of these measures are temporary and only being used whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in place. As soon as restrictions are lifted, we shall revert to NO tee booking system for Saturday & Sunday mornings before 11:30 and both the 8th tee will be reintroduced as a starting hole. There will then be no starting between 10 am & 11:29 am from either tee.

Pace of Play

It is imperative that you keep up with the group in front and do not hold up any group behind as this will have a knock on effect and interfere with the tee booking system and the social distancing measures currently in place.

Clubhouse and Administration

Access to the office is still strictly prohibited, Sandra Langton continues to manage the day to day functionality of the club, manage all employees, maintain communication with members and visitors, administer finances and renew lapsed memberships. Sandra can be contacted either by email sjl.canonsbrook@btconnect.com or by telephone 01279 421482. Jo Slater is now back to work and can be contacted via email jmjs.canonsbrook@btconnect.com

Lapsed members have now been removed from the Clubs members' mailing list and lost the ability to access the membership version of the BRS booking system

Golf Course

Since Damien has been back working and now with a full quota of personnel the course has improved dramatically since reopening on May 13th. The greens have become quicker, general areas been trimmed and tidied, Bunkers tidied and the overall cutting of both fairways and greens back to the normal scheduling. Works will continue over the summer as per Damien's report of a week ago.

Facilities

The changing/locker rooms

- These will continue to be out of action until there is a further relaxation of social distancing measures.

Clubhouse toilets

- The main clubhouse doors will be kept open between the hours of 06:30 – 18:00 seven days a week, so that access to the toilets is unrestricted. A hand sanitiser unit will be in place in the corridor enabling use both before and after a player uses the toilets.

Putting Green, Practice Nets and Practice Areas

- Chipping / Practise Bunker – To remain closed for practice.
- Practise Area between the 16th & 18th. This is to remain out of use unless in the presence of James Blake the Professional whilst having a lesson or with his permission if it is free with no lessons scheduled.

The following are now back in use but with restrictions:

- Putting Green – Strict social distancing in place and a MAXIMUM of 6 people only using the green at any one time
- Practise Area to the right of the first – A MAXIMUM of 2 people using this at any one time. Own balls to be used and limited to no more than an hour's use per day per member.

- Nets – Own balls to be used, strict social distancing to be adhered to when using and when queuing to use. Refrain from touching the frame of the nets and use the sanitising facility in the clubhouse lobby after use for cleansing your hands

Gardens

- The gardens between the clubhouse and barn continue to be out of use with all furniture removed until there are less restrictions in place.

Pro Shop

- Totally Golf will be reopening on June 15th and we request that all members, visitors and guests adhere to the COVID-19 measures that they put in place upon reopening.

Starter/Course Marshall

This role will continue in its current format to ensure the continued adherence to the clubs measures by members and visitors. This role has been extremely affective in monitoring the clubs measures in place concerning bookings, arrivals, pace of play and the general compliance of members and guests to restrict gatherings.

The Starter/Course Marshall shall be located at the front entrance to the changing rooms. From here they shall:

- Monitor player's arrival / departure
- Ensure that those that have booked a tee time are arriving no more than 15 minutes before their tee time
- Check against the membership list and BRS booking list that those arriving to play have paid the appropriate membership fee/ green fee.
- Release players to the first tee ONLY 5 minutes before their tee time.
- Remind players of the measures they must adhere to whilst on the golf course
- Turn away any players that have not pre-paid either a green fee or that are not on the membership paid list.
- Turn away any 'walk in' players that wish to turn up and 'pay & play'. Advise them that they MUST pre-book and pay either via our website or with the office via telephone by debit/credit card.
- Request that all drivers drive into a space nose first and where possible leave a space either side when parking. The overflow car park to be used when required.
- Advise that toilet facilities are available within the main clubhouse.
- Provide buggies for any persons that have a medical exemption providing these have been pre-booked and paid for ensuring these are suitably cleaned and sanitised prior to and after use. One buggy per person/household.
- Request that all players leave the venue once their round is complete.

Playing Golf

- There will be NO club matches played against other clubs
- There will be NO internal section block bookings, such as Thorbrook, Pieman, Canons or Ladies.
- Changing/Locker rooms will be locked and out of action.
- All players MUST pre book a tee time in advance **including Saturday & Sunday mornings:**
- All play will commence from the 1st hole (The 8th will NOT be a starting hole)
- Play on Saturday and Sunday mornings will commence from the 1st hole with the first tee time being 06:30 (tee times between 06:30 – 11:20 will continue to be reserved for 7 day fully paid up members only)
- Tee times will be at 10 minute intervals starting from Thursday 11th June
- The maximum group for any tee time will be a 4 ball
- **When booking a tee time, ALL players that intend to play in the group MUST be added/named from the drop down members list.**

- Any tee booking for a weekend not booked as a 4 ball the club reserve the right for any other member/s to fill the booking.
- Members are allowed to book tee times from 14 days in advance (reduced from 28) (the club will monitor abuse of the system if tee bookings are not taken up on the day).
- Buggies will only be available for those members with a valid medical exemption. These MUST be pre-booked and paid for in advance. Only 1 buggy per person/household.
- Players should NOT arrive any earlier than 15 minutes before their tee time.
- Upon arrival players must book in with the Starter located at the club entrance.
- Players will be allowed to walk to the first tee no earlier than 5 minutes before their tee time, taking measures to be at least 2 metres from each other whilst doing so and taking additional care whilst using the tunnel
- Whilst on the course, keep at least 2 metres from each other at all times and other groups taking additional care between the 8th / 13th greens and 9th Tee.
- Take extra care when searching for a ball and playing shots
- Stray golf balls not from your playing group should not be touched
- Allow groups heading to the 1st tee priority when using the tunnel after leaving the 14th green.
- Do not shake hands at the start or end of matches
- Do not touch other players equipment, including when conceding a putt
- Have minimum contact with the flagstick
- The flagstick to remain in place throughout play
- Avoid contact with the hole liner when taking the ball out of the hole
- For social golf it is recommended to allow 12 inch gimmies
- Bunkers, with no rakes on the course please ensure every effort is made to smooth the sand after playing your shot using your club/feet.
- Upon completion of the round, players are requested to leave the venue as soon as possible to restrict gatherings around the clubhouse area.

Rules of Golf-Related Matters

Forms of Play and Scoring

We have reintroduced the app Golf Hubber, this assists with scoring and has other benefits for recording your stats etc. The Committee are currently considering using this for recording of completion scores and handicapping purposes. Digital recording of scores has the approval of the R&A, England Golf and Essex Golf Union. The Competitions Committee are currently reviewing the golfing calendar with an update to be published shortly.

Hole and Holed – The hole cup will be set in such a way so that the ball may not fall to the bottom of the cup enabling it to be retrieved by a player without the player touching the hole liner or flagstick. The ball will be considered 'holed' if any part of it is below the surface of the putting green when stationary.

Flagstick – Players are required to leave the flagstick in the hole at all times and NOT to touch it.

Bunkers

Due to the lack of rakes on the course and the potential of unfairness if players have not taken care when smoothing bunkers, the Committee have introduced the following:

Temporary Local Rule:

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area.

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.**
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:**

c) **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**

- **Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and**
- **Must be in the bunker.**

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. The area cannot be smoothed **before** placing the ball.

Visitors and Guests of Members

All visitors and guests are required to adhere to ALL the measures the club has put in place as outlined above. The only differences are as follows:

- Guests of a member paying a guests green fee cannot play before 11:30 at the weekend. A member can only sign in upto 3 guests per tee booking and MUST play with all the guests signed in.
- All tee bookings will need to be pre-booked and paid for in advance via the clubs website or by contacting the office on 01279 421482. **There will be no casual 'walk in' 'pay & play' green fees accepted.**
- Casual Visitors are allowed to book tee times from 7 days in advance.
- Casual Visitors are allowed to book tee reservations for after 1pm weekdays and from 3pm at the weekends.