



Club & Playing Procedures during COVID-19

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Although restrictions are being lifted, it is important to note the risk that comes with this next step, and we hope that you will remain vigilant for your own safety and the safety of others.

We will continue to keep as many measures as possible in place to make members, customers and employees feel comfortable and safe and to ensure the club can remain open and you can continue to enjoy your golf.

Off the course

- All employees will still be wearing masks. Whilst this is no longer law, we politely ask our members and visitors to wear a mask while walking around the clubhouse/until seated.
- We will now provide service from the bar, and again politely ask you to wear a mask while ordering and collecting your drink and only remove your mask when seated/outside.
- We also politely ask you to wear a mask while being served at reception (e.g. checking in for golf, purchasing range balls/coffee/drinks/golf accessories/entering competitions/collecting a scorecard etc.).
- If you find yourselves in a queue at any time, please remember to leave space between the group in front of and behind you.
- Shower facilities will remain closed.

In order to help reduce risk, we will continue with extra cleaning and providing hand sanitiser and letting fresh air into the main clubhouse. [Please note this is not possible in the changing rooms.](#)

Course set up

- All golf course furniture will be returned for normal use, including the touching/removal of flagsticks, standard hole cups, bunker rakes and ball washers
- Per Congu: Flagsticks may be removed and the hole must conform to the Rules of Golf such that the definition of a Ball Holed is once more enforced (noting the exception in Rule 13.2 – Ball Resting Against Flagstick).
- [However, please note that hand sanitiser will not be provided on the course, so please ensure you have your personal supply and make use of it.](#)

Before your round

- The tee booking system will remain in place, so please continue to book your tee time via the BRS app for full 7 day and 5 day members, and visitors and the Playmoregolf app for flexible members and visitors.

During your round

- No restrictions regarding social distancing/sharing of equipment/touching golf balls/course furniture. [However, as noted on Gov.uk: “you should limit the close contact you have with those you do not usually live with, and increase close contact gradually. This includes minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts”](#)
- Maximum 4 balls

Score keeping

- As per Congu: “Rule 3.3b is reinstated fully and a return to a ‘normal’ method of attestation must be used for physical scorecards.”
- This means, the use of scorecards will revert to the pre-covid method.

Marker's responsibility: Entering and Certifying Hole Scores on Scorecard

- The player's score is kept on his or her scorecard by the marker (a member of Theale or another club)
- After each hole, the marker should confirm with the player the number of strokes on that hole (including strokes made and penalty strokes) and enter that gross score on the scorecard.
- When the round has ended, the marker must sign the card to certify the hole scores on the scorecard.

Player's Responsibility: Certifying Hole Scores and Returning Scorecard

- During the round, the player should keep track of his or her scores for each hole.
- When the round has ended, the player:
 - Should carefully check the hole scores entered by the marker and raise any issues with the Committee,
 - Must make sure that the marker certifies the hole scores on the scorecard, by signing the card,
 - Must not change a hole score entered by the marker except with the marker's agreement or the Committee's approval,
 - Must sign the card to certify the hole scores on the scorecard
 - Must enter the scores via the Howdidido app (or online form if you do not yet have a handicap) and
 - Must return the card to the Committee*, after which the player must not change the scorecard.

*For casual rounds, please submit your card in the scorecard box in the hall. For competition play, please submit your card in the competition scorecard box in the clubhouse.

[We recommend that you continue to use hand sanitiser when swapping/handling scorecards used by others.](#)

After your round

The shoe cleaner is in use. Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

For purchases

Please use contactless payment where possible.

We will continue to display QR codes/collect contact details for those wishing to support [NHS Test and Trace](#), however this will no longer be a legal requirement.

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, [self-isolate](#) immediately and get a PCR test, even if your symptoms are mild. You must also self-isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace. This remains the law, regardless of your vaccination status. Please see www.gov.uk for more details.

Remember to [wash your hands](#) with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day. Regular hand washing is an effective way to reduce your risk of catching illnesses, including COVID-19.

It is particularly important to wash your hands; after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose; before you eat or handle food; after coming into contact with surfaces touched by many others, such as handles, handrails and light switches; after coming into contact with shared areas such as kitchens and bathrooms; when you return home.

All procedures will be continued to be reviewed and we welcome your feedback.

Play safe and stay safe and enjoy your golf!

Read on if you require more help with the submission of scores...

Submission of scores

If you have an active handicap - Use Howdidido app/web browser

Go to "Today's Golf" for competitions and casual rounds

Complete your "Sign in" before your round and complete your "Score Entry" after your round

Players are required to:

- Enter their marker by typing the surname of their marker and selecting the markers name from the drop-down list
- Enter their GROSS score for each hole
- Sign for the submission of their score
- For casual rounds, please submit your card in the scorecard box in the hall. For competition play, please submit your card in the competition scorecard box in the clubhouse.

If you do not yet have an active handicap - Use ClubV1 app/web browser

Before your round:

- Signify your intention to submit a card:
Click on the 3 stacked lines at the top right and click on "Club Docs" > "Cards for handicap" > "Signify your intention to submit a card", Click "View", click on the link in the document and complete the form

After your round:

- Enter your score:
Click on the 3 stacked lines at the top right and click on "Club Docs" > "Cards for handicap" > Select the Red, White or Yellow tees "Scorecard Entry", Click "View", click on the link in the document and complete the form
- Players are required to enter the name of their marker and their GROSS score for each hole
- For cards for handicap, please submit your card in the scorecard box in the hall.

You can also use the links below:

Signify your intention to submit a card: <https://forms.gle/DeqTmZAtqbCXQKtbA>

Enter score for Red Tees: <https://forms.gle/dieCKe3Gby6DfwXx8>

Enter score for Yellow Tees: <https://forms.gle/9cWpfBcKT4t1o2Ki7>

Enter score for White Tees: <https://forms.gle/BUcqDZMR1MAhVZMu8>