



PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS UNDER COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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In line with the guidance and protocols published by the R & A (*Playing Golf in the UK under COVID-19 Restrictions*) and Scottish Golf (links below), Granttown on Spey Golf Club have a number of arrangements in place for the return of golf.

The safety of staff and members is the primary concern at all times.

GOLF COURSE SET-UP

- All rakes and ball retrievers, bins, etc have been removed. Ball washers covered up. Benches, seated areas, some steps and hand rails are cordoned off and not to be used. Water fountain (9th) is turned off.
- Locker rooms are closed. If you need to remove your clubs, contact Lewis.
- Disabled toilet in the clubhouse available for emergency use only. Toilets at the halfway house are closed.
- Flagsticks retained but DO NOT TOUCH.
- Hole liners are inserted so the ball does not fall below the playing surface and can be easily retrieved.
- Practice areas are open. Maximum two people at the same time. Please observe social distancing rules.

BEFORE YOUR ROUND

- If you have Covid-19 symptoms or are feeling ill, stay at home.
- **Tee times must be booked in advance** and will be at 10 minute intervals. Groups are restricted to **single players or 2-balls only**. Telephone Lewis for tee times on 01479 872079 between 0900 - 1600. Under no circumstances should you arrive at the club without booking.
- Members who have paid their 2020 subscriptions **and members' guests can now be signed on at the guest fee of £13**. No other visitors at the moment.
- **Junior golfers with an official handicap can play as other members (see above) although those without a handicap should continue to be** accompanied by a parent or other person approved by GGC Child Protection Officer.
- Make sure you have sufficient numbers of golf balls, markers, tees to avoid having to exchange equipment with others. There are a limited number of buggies available – be sure to enquire when booking your tee time.
- Bring your own drinks and snacks to the course.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser to the course and use regularly during the round.
- Arrive at the club no more than 15 minutes prior to your tee time.
- Observe social distancing rules at all times following your arrival at the club. Some spaces in the car park have been coned-off to facilitate this.
- Change your shoes in the car park. Check-in with Lewis in the shop.

ON THE GOLF COURSE

- Do not arrive at the first tee more than 5 minutes before your allotted tee time. Maintain a good pace of play. Social golf only, there will be no competitions for now.
- Observe physical distancing at all times on the course. Following play of a hole, do not enter the next teeing ground until all members of the group in front have played their tee-shots and exited the tee.
- Do not exchange or share equipment, food or drink with other players during your round.
- If your ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area, then you should drop a ball. Do not touch any golf ball you find that doesn't belong to you.
- Do not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball. Do not touch the flag or flagstick. With no rakes on the course, make your best efforts to smooth the sand using a club and/or your feet.

AFTER YOUR ROUND

- Return directly to your car, change your shoes, put your equipment in your car and leave. Do not enter the clubhouse. The locker rooms are locked and not available to store equipment.

This document is intended to cover the initial return to golf. We will keep you updated as the situation evolves or telephone the club for further information.

Please abide by these rules to ensure we all continue to play safely.

Stay safe and enjoy getting back to golf.

Allan Thom & committee
Grantown on Spey Golf Club, 5th June 2020

Further information:

<https://www.randa.org/News/2020/04/Golf-in-the-UK-under-COVID-19-restrictions>

<https://scottishgolf.org/guidance-for-golf-clubs-and-golfers-on-returning-to-golf-in-scotland/>