

Club & Playing Procedures during COVID-19

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Updated Government guidelines

The government is removing remaining domestic restrictions in England. There are still steps you can take to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19:

- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and stay at home if positive

Off the course

- Shower facilities are currently 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 has been 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.
- 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 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.

All QR codes have now been removed as per the Government guidance.

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

Play safe and stay safe and enjoy your golf!