

COVID-19 'Return to Golf' – *CASUAL GOLF: Phase 1*

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE GOLF CLUB IF YOU ARE SUFFERING ANY COVID19 SYMPTOMS OR HAVE BEEN SELF ISOLATING WITH ANY SUFFERERS

Objectives:

- ✓ Return to golf at clubs with safety and wellbeing of golfers and club staff as a priority. Only golfers will be permitted on the golf course. Non-golfers of the same household will not be permitted to exercise.

Timesheet:

- ✓ Online booking options allow 2 golfers (see item b for full details)
 - Members will be informed when competitions are planned to resume.
 - Casual bookings only

The booking of a start time for you and for your playing partner is deemed as acceptance of the conditions detailed in this policy document. If you do not agree with some/any of the terms then please refrain from booking a time.

Marshalls & Starter:

- ✓ A team of Marshalls (including Starter) will be responsible for the safety of all golfers. Please listen to requirements & guidelines on your visit. Please respect the requests by the Marshalls regardless of your own feelings.

a. Course Set Up

- On-Course Items
 - All rakes have been removed.

- All bells, ball washers and drinking fountains have been Isolated.
- Benches & bin lids have been removed.
- All other removable items have been removed, except that stakes defining areas of the course are immovable obstructions and therefore need not be touched.
- **Hole and Flagstick**
 - Flagsticks will be removed.
 - Holes have been inverted meaning the ball will sit higher in the hole once holed and can be easily retrieved by handling the ball only
 - Putts within a putter's grip length should be conceded.
- **Practice Areas**
 - All practice areas, including practice nets & putting greens, will be CLOSED in phase 1

b. Before the Round

- **Bookings:** Members ONLY for initial 7 days. Review after 7 days.
 - ALL tee times must be booked in advance using the online tee booking system giving the names of all actual players who will be playing. Alternatively tee times may be booked by contacting the Pro with names of who will be playing, on 07539 482251 (call, text or WhatsApp). Turning up to play without booking will not be allowed.
 - Initially the online booking system & tee-sheet window will be reduced from 14 days and will now be available to book tee times 7 days & 4 hours in advance.
 - The 1st tee will be open between 0700hrs & 1800hrs daily and the tee booking sheet will reflect these times. Play before or after these times will not be permitted.
 - There is to be a minimum of 10-minute intervals between tee times, but longer intervals may be more appropriate.
 - Groups may not be 'locked' with players/guests who are NOT playing.
 - Players will be required to 'check-in' at pro-shop (holding area) prior to play. This is for the safety of ALL.

- **Arrival and Waiting to Play**

- The clubhouse and locker room facilities will allow limited essential access to use the toilets or collect golf equipment, using a one way “one in, one out” system controlled by Marshalls.
- Please do not arrive too early to play and do not leave your car until 10 mins before your tee time. You will then be shown to the ‘Holding Area’ (see fig1) in advancement of your start time by the carpark Marshall.
- There will be a clear route for all golfer to access the 1st tee, from the holding area, and to exit the 18th green to the carpark. Please follow instructions before and after play.
- No scorecards will be issued.
- No buggies, trolleys or carts or other items will be available for hire



fig 1

c. During the Round

Golfers should keep at least 2 metres apart during the round.

- **Teeing Areas**

- We remind golfers to keep 2 metres apart at teeing areas due to the normal close proximity of golfers to one another when tee shots are being played.

- **General**

- We remind golfers to stay more than 2 metres apart when walking to the ball, searching for a ball and playing shots.
- We remind golfers not to touch stray balls.
- Players should not play more than 1 ball during their round for ANY reason or practice or strike multiple balls on the golf course
- Players should not wave through a group behind whilst searching for a ball and players behind a slower group should not expect to be waived through, for any reason. It is important to retain your position on the course.

- **Bunkers**

- With no rakes allowed on the course, remind golfers to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet.

- **Greens & Course Staff**

- Please keep the required 2 metres from all staff working on the golf course and continue to give a priority to the staff when playing.

- **10th Tee Catering Service**

- A limited take-away service may be offered at certain times. This will be decided once play has started. Hot drinks and a limited selection of snacks may be available. The seating area will be removed, and players will be expected to keep play continuous.

d. After the Round

- Golfers are reminded that social distancing is as important after a round as it is during the round, so when the round is over you must leave the course and the club immediately and follow the route towards the garage at the rear of the pro-shop.
- Gatherings around the clubhouse area are not permitted.
- The last group of golfers should leave the club carpark by 2100hrs latest.

e. Rules of Golf Related Matters: Competition Play

- Competition guidelines will be issued when competition play is permitted.