

We have now been given the go ahead to return to play golf but understandably with strict guidelines. Thus, we have produced a 3-stage plan that complies with the Play Safe Stay Safe policy from England Golf and the recent Government guidelines.

Stage 1 Preparing the facility is happening now

Stage 2 Retrieving equipment: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May between 9am and 6pm unless otherwise arranged.

Stage 3 Return to play: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

We hope that members will take these on board and abide by them as they are for everyone's benefit and ongoing health. **If the guidelines are broken, then the club could be closed again.**

At the present time, there will be no competitions or matches- social golf only as single players or in 2 balls. The Club knockout competitions have been cancelled for this year. Entry money will be returned to members as soon as is practically possible.

A daily booking sheet will be set up on Howdidido, with sheets for one week in advance available. Eg will appear on Monday at 8am for the following Monday etc. These are for 2 balls only, with 10 minutes between tee times. Tee times are available for any time appropriate to your category of membership providing the appropriate membership fee has been paid. If you wish to pay your membership fee, please contact Pete Fox on 07759 558372, David Rowley on 07754 910094 or Stuart Watson on 07716 664993

To ensure that those members who are working are able to play at the weekends, the first day of bookings for Saturdays and Sundays will be for working members only. If you are a working member then you may book to play with someone who is not working if you so wish.

ie Saturday booking for working members only for the following Saturday and then open to all from the Sunday and likewise, Sunday booking for working members only for the following Sunday, then open to all from the Monday.

Other than this, there are no specific tee times for different groups. Please do not book tee times on a "just in case I decide to play" basis. Only book the tee times you are going to use. Members are asked to consider other players and book no more than 3 tee times in advance per week. If you wish to play more and there are free tee times on the day then you may book them.

If you have problems accessing the Howdidido App or do not have internet access, please contact a member of the handicap committee whose details are shown at the end of this letter. They will be able to assist you with the booking.

1. Only book for yourself +/- your playing partner. You should not arrange to try and make block bookings for groups to play together. **THERE MUST BE NO ROLL-UPS OR SCHOOLS ORGANISED.**
2. To comply with Stage 3 of the plan, you should aim to arrive at the Golf Club in time to prepare your equipment, preferably 15 minutes before but longer if required, then wait in your car until it is time to move to position 1 or 2.
  - a. **Position 1:** The disabled toilet will be open for the use of the toilet and for handwashing facilities between 8am and 6pm - 15 minutes before your tee time
  - b. **Position 2:** You should be at the line at the corner of the clubhouse 10 minutes before your tee time. If position 3 is free, you may move forward.
  - c. **Position 3:** You should be at the line at the end of the proshop 5 minutes before your tee time. Proceed to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee when it is clear
3. Always maintain a distance of at least 2m between you and anybody else.
4. Do not touch the flagsticks - they should remain in situ at all times
5. All rakes have been removed. Please smooth the bunker out as best as you can. Placing within one club length in the bunker is allowed.
6. Do not touch/pick up any ball other than your own.
7. Do not start on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole. Play must only begin from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee.
8. At the end of your round please leave the course and the Club straight away. There must be no gathering of groups after play.

**RESTRICTED**

9. Do not turn up at the course “on spec” you must book a tee time. The 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be deemed to be closed after the last tee time at 8pm.

Please note, **at the present time, all practice areas will be closed** and buggy hire will not be available.

The greenkeepers have done an excellent job with essential maintenance on the course in compliance with England Golf instructions. This has meant that some areas of the course such as the bunkers and ditches have not been able to be maintained. Please be aware of this and as usual, give the greenkeepers right of way while they continue to work on the course.

This system and these rules have been developed with the best of intentions to make things fair to everyone. This is a rapidly changing situation and we do not pretend to think that we have got everything right. There will undoubtedly be changes as we progress which will be communicated to the members as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding at this time.

If you are feeling unwell or you have been advised to self isolate then you should not attend the Golf Club.

If you do not abide by the rules laid down by the Club, England Golf and the Government then disciplinary action will be taken.

Players must acknowledge the rules and risks but if they decide to play then we wish them good golf. Members should bring their own anti bacterial wipes etc with them.

Kind regards

Match and Handicap Committee

Handicap Committee:

Barbara Brown	07976 963335	01482 887472
Tim Fox	07927 342601	01377 272650
Graham Wood	07586 409402	013770255300
Donna Pratt	07904 505536	01377 252252
Brian Muir	07855 731835	01377 241377
Trevor Robinson	07976 691428	01482 868008
Ken Green	07802 408563	01377 252452

RESTRICTED