

England Golf Covid-19 update



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**Playing the game**: From Monday 14 September, competitive and social golf can continue to be played in accordance with our existing 'Play Safe, Stay Safe' guidelines provided on-course groupings do not exceed the new legal limit of six people.

**Clubhouses** may continue to accommodate multiple social groups provided each individual group is no larger than six people. *Individual groups should not join up with others to form gatherings of more than six people and everyone must continue to follow government regulations on social distancing and sanitisation.* 

NB – Society and team event organisers should take special care to ensure different groups of up to six people from within their party do not merge to form larger groups before, during or after a round. Travel to and from golf venues should continue to be in accordance with government regulations.

We are awaiting further clarification on how the new rulings affect coaching groups and will provide an update when available.

## Contactless Ball Extractor



I am sure you will have noticed that all hole flags have been fitted with a Contactless Ball Extractor (CBE) which enables the ball to be removal without the need to touch the flag stick and hole cup.

- Use your putter to lift the device upwards, the golf ball will roll automatically onto the green.

 Long term advantages, speeds up regular play and reduces the need for bending.

## Tee Booking System



It has come to the attention of the Club Management that some members are making tee bookings in advance, but not turning up to play.

This denies other members the chance to play at that time and is also discourteous to the other members who are part of the tee booking.

Please make sure that you cancel your tee booking if not needed.

## Golf Course Etiquette



Etiquette is an integral part of the game, defining golf's core values . It describes the manner in which the game of golf should be played to ensure all players gain maximum enjoyment.

In short, it's about "respect":

Respect for the course – leave the course as you would like to find it by repairing pitch-marks, replacing divots and smoothing over bunker footmarks. Respect for your fellow players – be sportsmanlike and polite, stay by the green to watch them hole out, and avoid distracting them Respect for the game – by knowing the Rules and

etiquette of golf

The player who has the "honour" should be allowed to

tee-off first and should do so without delay, scoring their own card later. You should not talk, stand close or otherwise distract fellow players while they are taking their shots.

Don't play until the group in front of you is out of range.

If you lose a ball and it is obvious that it will not be found easily, signal the group behind to play through. Do not wait the five minutes allowed under the "Rules of Golf" for ball searching, before doing so. (If you believe a ball may be lost immediately after you have hit it, play a provisional ball.)

When completing a hole, move off the green immediately. Leave the marking of scorecards, etc. until you are well clear.

Please avoid the use of mobile telephones on the course, consider others and switch ring tones off.

Keep moving as quickly as you are able whilst walking between shots.

No sharing of clubs, bags or trolleys because this slows play.

Always leave your bag in a position which will assist your speedy exit from the green.

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