



RESTARTING GOLF AT THE LEICESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB

TLGC General Committee recognises that many members want to restart playing golf, but this must be done safely and minimising risk to Members and Staff. England Golf (EG) has published guidance to golf clubs as part of a policy of 'Play Safe, Stay Safe' (www.EnglandGolf.org).

This guidance has taken into account the EG advice and the Prime Minister's statement of 10th May which permits golf to restart as of 13th May. Play will resume using the protocols proposed by England Golf and the advice in the government's '**Our plan to rebuild**' document which limits play to with members of the same household or one other person only. This guidance may be modified according to any further national recommendations issued in the next few days.

Respect the by line - **#playsafestaysafe**

GENERAL

- Members who wish to contact the General Manager (the office) are asked to do so by telephone or email. If a personal visit is necessary, members are asked to request this in advance
- Members with symptoms of Covid 19 infection (i.e. fever or persistent new cough) must not come to the club but self-isolate and follow NHS advice
- All members are recommended to carry hand sanitiser in their car and golf bag and sanitise their hands thoroughly on arrival and before leaving the course
- Government advice on social distancing is that the proper degree of separation is at least 2 metres between one person and another
- Members **MUST** observe the guidance on social distancing when on site
- Members must leave the club immediately upon the reaching the end of their round
- Members in the extremely vulnerable groups with specific underlying health issues who received a letter from the NHS (i.e. the 'shielding' group) are still recommended to 'stay at home'
- To maximise golfing access for members, no visitors or societies will be permitted until an assessment is made of any spare capacity
- 50% of the greens staff have been furloughed since the 1st April, so members should make allowance for this
- Members should be alert to the presence of the public on the course and exercise caution when playing golf and diplomacy if the public have strayed from the footpaths
- Initially, a volunteer starter/marshal will be available to meet golfers with booked tee times and ensure all these precautions are being followed

CLUBHOUSE & CAR PARK

- The barrier will work as normal
- Where possible, members are asked to leave a one spaced gap between cars when parking
- Please change shoes in the car park
- The first floor of the clubhouse will remain closed completely
- Front door of the club will be locked
- Access to toilet facilities can be gained via the patio door entrance



- The locker room will remain open, but for access to toilets ONLY. MEN – please turn right upon entering locker room. When leaving, please leave via the elevated part of the locker room (anti-clockwise thoroughfare) LADIES – please adhere to the social distancing guidelines
- The hand dryers have been decommissioned – please use hand towels provided
- It is recommended that members take their clubs and belongings home and do not leave them at the club, thus reducing locker room traffic.
- All members should ensure valuables are NOT left in the locker room
- The showers will remain closed
- All doors will be propped open where possible and safe to do so. Doors not propped open will have handles and touch points cleaned regularly
- Trolley shed will remain open. **Only ONE person allowed in the trolley shed at any one time. 'One out/one in' system**

PROFESSIONAL SHOP

- Only one member to enter the shop at a time – 'one out/one in' system
- Please adhere to the markings on the floor outside the professional shop whilst queuing to enter
- Members are only permitted to enter pro shop to make a purchase
- Members to maintain 2 metre distance from till area
- Card payments only, **strictly no cash transactions**
- Buggy hire permitted but strictly only one person per buggy. Buggies will be sanitised after use
- Trolley hire permitted. Trollies will be sanitised after use
- A clear screen will be on the counter for the staff and members' protection

GOLF COACHING & CLUB FITTINGS

- At present coaching and club fittings will not be available

ON THE COURSE

Only social golf will be played in the first instance. It will be essential to maintain social distancing before, during and after golf. It is anticipated there will be a significant demand and in order to give access to golf for as many members as possible, the following process will apply:-

- Only members who have paid their 2020/21 subscriptions or have indicated desire to pay by instalments will be permitted to play
- Play is to take place in two balls only; this limit is set even for members of the same household to maintain the pace of play in fairness for all members
- All golf played must be booked through BRS; no turn up and play
- The BRS booking system has been amended so that tee times will be at 10 minutes intervals
- Although golf will restart from 07:00 on Wednesday morning, the general booking protocol will allow Members to book a tee time up to 3 days in advance
- Play will be from the first tee only to minimise the number of members arriving at the club at any one time



- To allow all members fair access to the golf course, it is recommended that members limit themselves to two games per week; this will be informally monitored until demand and capacity can be judged to determine if more restrictions (e.g. 9 holes only; limit bookings per person) are required
- The tee sheet on Monday mornings (07:00 – 12:00) will be designated for the over 70's and other vulnerable members, with every second tee time blocked out to maximise social distancing. Members who are not in this vulnerable category should not visit the club during these times
- All players are asked to putt out leaving the flagstick in situ. Flagsticks are not to be touched for any reason.
- Hole cups have been adjusted to make retrieval of balls from the hole easier in order to minimise contact with the cups
- Rakes have been removed from bunkers. Members are asked to smooth bunkers as best they can, using their feet and/or club
- Ball washers have been taken out of commission
- Bins have been taken out of commission. Please ensure you dispose of rubbish after your round
- The compressed air cleaner for shoes and trollies has been disconnected
- Players are requested not to touch another player's golf ball or equipment

DRIVING RANGE/PUTTING GREEN

- The current protocol for the driving range is too complicated to operate safely (tokens exchanged, handed out, touching of buckets etc). Balls will be periodically topped up and ready to hit on the driving range. **If you wish to use this facility, we ask members to pay in the pro shop**
- Players must not congregate with other members on the practice green or driving range
- Only players with an imminent tee time are permitted on the driving range and putting green
- There will only be two holes cut on the putting green and two stations on the driving range
- The practice area at the bottom of the driving range will remain closed

COMPETITIVE GOLF/ KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS

- Competitions will restart as soon as practically possible depending on national advice and the success of the above measures
- At present the intention is that all knock out competitions will be played as planned. They are currently under review and the current 'play by dates' are no longer applicable

OTHER FORMS OF GOLF

- All club matches are cancelled until further notice
- Open competitions will be postponed for May and June and will then be reviewed