



# RE-OPENING OF GOLF

Please note that these guidelines are for the safety of you and of our staff. Failure to follow these rules may end up with negative consequences, including closure of the golf course. All members will play at their own risk and are responsible for their personal health.

Weymouth Golf Club has carefully considered how to ensure the safe management of our return to golf in preparation for when Government COVID-19 restrictions are eased. These guidelines are in line with the support provided by key stakeholders in the golf industry, with a view to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of golfers and members of staff alike. As time moves on and Government guidelines and advice change, we will adapt these guidelines accordingly.

The guidance in this document is split into several areas:

- Booking a tee time
- Golf Course preparation
- Upon arrival to the Club
- Safe golf
- After play
- PGA Professional services
- Rules of golf related matters

## BOOKING

- ✓ The BRS Tee Booking System will operate from 06:00 – 20:00 every day
- ✓ The first tee will remain closed outside of these hours
- ✓ Some tee times have been reserved throughout the day to allow Green staff to complete important maintenance tasks and assist with flow on the course
- ✓ Until further notice members will only be able to book tee times one week in advance
- ✓ Tee time intervals have now been set at 10 minutes
- ✓ Members may book one tee time for themselves and a playing partner(s)
- ✓ All block bookings will cease until further notice
- ✓ All players must be named on the tee booking system if they wish to play
- ✓ Please play at the time you have booked and with those named on the tee booking system

- ✓ Only members of Weymouth Golf Club will be permitted to book and play until further notice
- ✓ If you are unable to play, please cancel your booking direct or inform the Professional
- ✓ Please do not tee off earlier than your allotted time, even if the tee appears free

## **GOLF COURSE PREPARATION**

### **On-course Items:**

- ✓ All rakes and ball-retrievers to be removed
- ✓ Ball washers and drinking fountains to be covered up
- ✓ Benches, bins, shoe brushes and any other course furniture that would otherwise be touched to be removed, covered or sign-posted in such a way that players do not touch them
- ✓ All other removable items to be removed, except stakes defining areas of the course can be treated as immovable obstructions and full relief may be taken

### **Hole and Flagstick:**

- ✓ Flagsticks to be retained but must not be touched or removed
- ✓ Hole inserts to be used to ensure the ball does not fall below the surface of the putting green and can be easily retrieved by handling the ball only

### **Practice Range:**

- ✓ Range to be closed initially but will be reviewed in latter stages of 'return to golf'

### **Practice Areas:**

- ✓ Putting green, chipping green, and short game area, including practice net, to be closed until further notice

### **Buggy Hire:**

- ✓ Will be offered to members based on one person only hire, with strict sanitisation which will be carried out by the Professional in between hires

## **ARRIVAL TO THE CLUB**

- Aim to arrive at the Club 15 minutes prior to your booked tee reservation
- If you do arrive earlier, please remain in your car until 15 minutes before your tee time
- Park your car in every other available space
- Golfers must change into their shoes in the car park
- Keep to the recommended social distancing of 2 metres, always

- Changing rooms will be open for locker access and toilets only, with no access to the first floor
- Opening hours;
  - Professional Shop and Office 08:00 – 16:00
  - Changing Rooms 08:00 – 20:00
- Golfers to observe, follow and adhere to, all signage and floor markings to allow for safe social distancing

## **SAFE PLAY**

- Hand sanitiser stations to be placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, on-course toilets, and 18<sup>th</sup> green, all players to clean their hands prior to teeing off
- Be punctual for your tee time, do not tee off early or late
- Do not touch any other players equipment
- Golfers to keep 2 metres apart at teeing areas due the normal proximity of golfers to one another when tee shots are being played
- Golfers to stay more than 2 metres apart when walking to the ball, searching for a ball, and playing shots
- Do not touch stray golf balls
- With no rakes allowed on the course, golfers to make their absolute best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet
- Golfers to keep 2 metres apart on the putting greens and are required not to touch the flagstick whatsoever
- All litter must be taken home – no bins
- Professional Staff and Course Marshalls to monitor the 1<sup>st</sup> tee activity, pace of play and to remind golfers of the guidance if necessary

## **AFTER PLAY**

- Do not shake hands and keep to the recommended social distancing of 2 metres
- All players to clean their hands at the hand sanitiser station as they leave the 18<sup>th</sup> green before entering the car park
- Once you have changed your shoes and stored your clubs, golfers must leave the Club immediately so that there are no gatherings around the Clubhouse area

## **PGA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

- Entrance into the Shop via internal door and exit via external door
- Golfers must observe and adhere to, all clear signage to ensure safe social distancing
- A maximum of 2 golfers will be allowed in the shop at any one time
- Hand sanitiser will be positioned at the entrance to the Shop and all customers must sanitise before entering
- Follow arrows on the floor which will direct customers to the till area and then back out of the Shop
- All transactions will be made by customer account or card only
- Electric and push rental trolleys will be available and will be sanitised between each use
- Coaching and Club Fittings will remain available to members in a controlled environment and by appointment only, a 2 metre distance will always be kept

## **RULES OF GOLF RELATED MATTERS**

### **General:**

- Preferred lies on closely mown areas to be in operation
- You may lift and place in all bunkers within one club-length of the original spot and not nearer to the hole than that spot

### **Forms of Play and Scoring:**

- Social golf only
- No competitive stroke play matches or competitions within groups to be played
- A method of scoring needs to be used that does not require any handling or exchanging of scorecards
- No supplementary cards will be accepted for handicap purposes until further notice

### **Hole and Holed:**

- A ball is considered holed if any part of it is below the surface of the putting green
- To minimise any contact with the hole and the need to lift the ball from the hole, the ball will be considered holed if the next stroke is within 12 inches of the hole (which is just over the length of a standard putter grip)