

SPORT ABERDEEN PROTOCOL FOR THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF GOLF



We are delighted to welcome our Golf Aberdeen members back to our courses.

We would however ask all golfers to adhere to the following protocols and general arrangements. These rules will help to keep both Golf Aberdeen staff and golfers safe. Golf Aberdeen staff will be on hand to support you and to monitor adherence with social distancing guidelines.

- Anyone with **any** symptoms of COVID-19 should not play any of the courses and should self-isolate themselves in-line with government guidelines.
- Tee times will be restricted to every 10 minutes to allow for social distancing. Golf Aberdeen and Get Active 5 members will continue to have seven-day book-ahead privileges while 'pay-and-play' customers have three-day book-ahead privileges.
- Tee times must be booked online and paid for in advance. A golf booking made online reserves the selected tee time for four players, but payment is only collected online for the fees of the player making the booking. The second, third and fourth players details must be provided on arrival at the starter box, observing social distancing and their fees paid by contactless card payment.
- A maximum of four golfers may play per tee time. With a maximum of three households can be represented in any one grouping.
- Social distancing rules (remaining two meters / six feet apart at all times) must be observed at all times.
- Toilets and changing facilities will remain closed and off-limits.
- No social gatherings of any size will be permitted at the venue.

Before you play:

- Under no circumstances should you arrive at the venue without booking in advance. No bookings will be taken by the golf starters.
- Ensure that your group size is no greater than four. Caddies will not be permitted unless they are from the same household.
- Ensure that you have enough golf balls, markers and tees. Exchanging equipment with others is not permitted.
- Use the toilet facilities before you leave home and bring your own food and soft drinks to the course. Sharing of food/drink with others is not permitted.
- Wash your hands and your golf equipment before you leave home and bring your own hand sanitiser to the course and use regularly during the round.

- Arrive at the golf course no more than 15 minutes prior to play.
- Travel to the golf course on your own or with members of your own household only and park your car in such a way as to facilitate social distancing.
- Observe social distancing rules at all times following your arrival at the course.

On the course:

- Do not arrive at the starters box more than five minutes before your allotted tee time.
- Following completion of a hole, do not enter the next tee until all members of the group in front have played their shots and exited the tee.
- If you use a golf buggy, it should only be used by you.
- Please do not exchange or share equipment, food or drink with other players during your round nor pick up another players equipment or golf ball.
- If your ball is lost, unplayable, or is in a penalty area please do not take an option under the rules that involves doubling back on your position on the course. Instead, use an option that allows you to keep your position on the course.
- Rakes have been removed from bunkers. Customers are requested to smooth bunkers using their feet or a club. In addition, course litter bins have been removed and bench seating should not be used.
- Please refrain from touching the flag or flagstick. Putt with the flagstick in and remove your own ball from the hole.

After your round:

- Return directly to your car whilst maintaining social distancing.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance.