

Blackwater Golf Centre
Phase 1 Reopening Policies & Procedures



- As one of the first sports to be allowed to resume, there is a major responsibility on golf clubs and golfers to ensure that our sport is conducted in a safe and responsible manner. Full adherence to the provisions of our policies and procedure is absolutely essential.
- Below we set out the basis by which golf can be played in a safe manner during Phase 1 of the Government's Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. These policies and procedures are subject to change and you should check them regularly.
- **1 Primary Consideration**
- Golfers are expected to observe the underlying public health guidance set out by the Government and England Golf. These guidelines are subject to change and golfers are asked to check regularly for updates
- To ensure that you, other golfers and our staff remain safe whilst at the club you must observe our policies and procedures as detailed below: -

- **2 In advance of play:**

- If you are ill or have symptoms, stay at home. If, in our opinion, you are exhibiting symptoms of Covid19 you will not be permitted to play
- Tee time bookings can only be made by telephone to 01252 874725. We are investigating the cost benefit of an on- line system however this is unlikely to be available for a month or so.
- Members may book one tee time per day up to 7 days in advance. Non members may book one day in advance of play.
- Maximum two players per tee time (this includes players from the same household).
- All players must, prior to playing, report to our golf reception.
- Score cards are available but are for your information only and should not be shared or exchanged. Social Golf Only!
- Ensure that you have a sufficient number of golf balls, markers and tees to avoid having to exchange equipment with others.
- Wash your hands and your golf equipment before you leave home.
- Aim to arrive at the club no more than 15 minutes prior to play.
- Travel to the golf course on your own or with members of your own household only.
- Park your car in such a way as to facilitate physical distancing.
- Observe physical distancing rules at all times following your arrival at the club.
- Change your shoes in the car park.
- Use the toilet facilities before you leave home.
- Bring your own hydration/food to the course.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser to the course & use regularly during the round.
- The clubhouse will remain closed. This includes the outside patio areas.

- **3 After Check In and On The Course**

- Warm-up alone. Observe physical distancing rules on practice range and on the practice putting green.

- Avoid holeing out on practice putting green, putt to a tee-peg instead.
 - Do not arrive at the first tee more than 5 minutes before your allotted tee time.
 - Observe physical distancing at all times on the course.
 - Following play of a hole, do not enter the next teeing area until all members of the group in front have played their tee-shots and exited the teeing area.
 - Do not exchange or share equipment, food or drink with other players during your round.
 - If your ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area, don't 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.
 - Do not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball.
 - Do not use on-course ball cleaners, benches etc.
 - All rakes have been removed from the bunkers.
 - After playing a shot from a bunker, golfers should smooth the sand as much as possible using a golf club or foot. Should your ball land in a footprint, you can pick and drop within one club length within the bunker, not nearer the hole, without penalty.
 - Do not touch the flagstick or the flag. Putt with the flagstick in and remove your own ball from the hole.
 - Do not pick up other golf balls other than your own – This includes "found balls".
- **4 On The Range**
 - You do not need to pre book to use the range.
 - Range baskets are only available from reception and should be returned after use please. Only use baskets provided by reception or purchased at the Centre.
 - All other relevant guidelines outlined above relate to the range.
- **5 After your round:**
 - Return directly to your car, change your shoes, put your equipment in your car and leave.
 - Don't forget to book another round soon!

Thank you so much for your help and understanding whilst we navigate through these uncharted waters

