

# Scottish Golf - Procedures for “Golfers”

The following procedures, which have been established to ensure a safe environment for all golfers and all on-site staff, set out the basis on how golfers can return to the fairways in a safe environment as outlined by the Scottish Government’s Phase 1 relaxation of restrictions.

Not only are Golfers expected to comply with the rules they must also observe the government and public health restrictions at [www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus). Both sets of regulations / procedures are subject to change, we would ask all golfers to regularly check with Scottish Golf and their Golf Clubs for regular updates.

**To ensure the safe return to golf in Scotland, golfers should adhere to the guidelines:**

## **In advance of play:**

- Travel to the golf course from your home must be in line with Scottish Government guidelines – in phase 1 local travel is noted as broadly 5 miles from home [Click Here](#)
- If you are in the highest risk (shielding) group outlined by the Government, then you should stay at home.
- If you are ill or have any symptoms of COVID- 19 then stay at home.
- Schedule your tee-time in the manner prescribed by your golf club. Under no circumstances should you arrive at the club without booking in advance.
- Tee group sizes will be determined by the Golf Club.
- Ensure you have enough golf balls, tees etc. as the facilities at the Golf Club may be closed and you should not exchange equipment with other members.
- Aim to arrive at the Club no more than 15 minutes prior to play.
- Park your car in such a way as to facilitate physical distancing.
- Change your shoes in the car park

## **After your round:**

- Return directly to your car, change your shoes, put your equipment in your car and leave. Do not store your equipment in your locker.

## **On the course:**

- Do not arrive at the first tee more than 5 minutes before your allotted tee time.
- Always observe social distancing rules on the course.
- With no rakes allowed on the course, golfers to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet.
- Following play of a hole, do not enter the next teeing area until the all members of the group in front have played their tee- shots and exited the teeing area.
- Do not share equipment, food or drink with other players during your round.
- Do not use on-course water fountains, ball cleaners etc.
- Do not touch the flag or flagstick. Putt with the flagstick in and remove your own ball from the hole. Remember not every putt needs to be holed out in casual golf.

## **In addition, following guidelines should be observed:**

- Use toilet facilities at home before you leave.
- Bring your own hydration / food to the course.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser to the course and use regularly during the round