



# **SALTFORD GOLF CLUB**

## **COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDELINES**

### **“PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE”**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Following the most recent government announcement, England Golf have provided more specific guidelines to be in effect from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The below policy outlines the new guidelines that must be adhered to at all times, based upon the advice from the governing bodies.

*The document will be continuously reviewed and revised in accordance with any changes in the government's advice. (Last Updated 09.04.21)*

- 1. Groups are limited to 4 balls at 8 minute intervals**
- 2. All members must pre-book their tee time using the Intelligent Golf system to allow full control of the 1<sup>st</sup> tee**
- 3. Do not come to the club if you are showing any Covid symptoms**
- 4. Do not come to the club if you are required to self-isolate or quarantine in accordance with government regulations and guidance, including**
  - Testing positive for Covid-19**
  - Returning from a foreign country that requires 14-day quarantine on return**
- 5. Please maintain appropriate social distancing when arriving, playing and leaving the course – a sanitizing station is available at the starters hut**

We thank you for your cooperation!

## **FACILITIES:**

### **PRO-SHOP**

- Face covering must be worn when entering the shop
- Maximum of 3 people in the shop at one time
- Only 1 junior in the shop at one time
- Use provided hand sanitiser upon entry
- Credit/Debit Card payments whenever possible
- Follow the one-way arrow system
- Keep 2m apart at all times
- Buggies are available for hire and are cleaned and sanitised after every use (1 person per buggy)

### **LOCKER ROOMS**

- The locker rooms are open for use
- Face coverings must be worn
- Maintain social distancing at all times
- The facilities can be used for changing and showers, however please avoid using this facility if possible by turning up ready to play and showering at home.
- Minimise the time spent in the locker rooms as much as possible, avoid loitering or gathering in groups.
- Toilet facilities remain open.

### **CLUBHOUSE**

- The patio areas will be open for outside service only
- Access around the side of the clubhouse
- Wait to be seated by a member of staff. You will be asked to provide your contact details for track and trace purposes (government requirement)
- Outside table service only
- Maximum groups of 6
- No access inside the clubhouse.

## **BEFORE THE ROUND:**

### **TEE TIME BOOKING**

- All players must book a tee time in advance of play through Intelligent Golf
- The tee sheet will allow 4 ball play (unless specifically altered for a competition).
- 8 minute intervals between tee times.
- Bookings will be available 13 days in advance at 7.15pm.
- All golfers must sign in at the designated station before play.

- We ask those that are not working to restrict their play to weekdays to allow those that are still working availability on weekends
- For the 1<sup>st</sup> 7 days of reopening no members guests or visitors will be accepted

### **WAITING TO PLAY**

- A 3 zone system is in operation:
  - Zone 1 = 1<sup>st</sup> Tee
  - Zone 2 = Putting Green
  - Zone 3 = Turning circle in the car park
- Arrive in the car park no more than 20 minutes before your tee time (unless using the practice facilities)
- When arriving in the car park, please leave a space between cars if possible
- From your car proceed to the designated station to sign in. This is mandatory in order to comply with track and trace regulations
- Then proceed to zone 3 with all your equipment
- Move through the zones as the group ahead moves forward
- Hand sanitizer is available at the starters hut
- Please observe social distancing rules at all times

### **ON THE COURSE:**

#### **GENERAL**

- All golfers should ensure a 2-metre distance is maintained at all times from others on the course
- Speed of play is critical to help maintain social distancing, we expect all our members to play ready golf and keep up with the group in front
- Please keep ball searching to a minimum. This is critical to avoid bunching and maintaining social distancing
- Only pick up your own golf ball, leave any other golf balls that are found
- Ring the bells on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> holes using your golf club

#### **BUNKERS**

- Rakes have been removed from bunkers, please just smooth the sand with your club or foot

#### **ON THE GREEN**

- Putt with the flag in, and do not touch the flag when retrieving your ball
- The holes will be adapted so the ball does not drop to the bottom of the cup to make it safer to collect your ball
- Avoid the usual courtesies of the game such as handshakes and embraces

## **HALFWAY HOUSE**

- Open for takeaway drinks and snack from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

## **AFTER YOUR ROUND:**

- The shoe cleaning machine is not in use.

## **PRACTICE FACILITIES:**

### **DRIVING RANGE**

- One person per bay
- If possible, please bring your own bag to dispense the balls into to reduce the use of the provided baskets
- It will operate a one-way system:
  - Enter through the left-hand doorway (the door has been removed)
  - Sanitise hands upon entry using the provided gel
  - Collect your balls using your members card from the machine
  - If all the bays are being used, please form an orderly queue following the 2m distancing markers to maintain social distancing
  - Exit through the main doors onto the gravel car park
- Balls can only be purchased using your members card at the machine
- Members cards can be topped up at the designated station in person or over the phone

### **PUTTING GREEN**

- Please maintain social distancing and avoid bunching around the starter's hut
- If practicing please give priority to those using the zone system to the first tee

### **PRACTICE AREA**

- 1 person per tee position = maximum of 4 people using the area at one time
- Maintain 2 metre distance from others at all times

### **NEW CHIPPING GREEN**

- Access only through the gate opening
- Maximum of 4 flags = 4 people
- Always play from within the beech hedge perimeter
- No full swings
- Only one bunker will be in operation at one time (play to the red flag)
- Be aware of your usage time during busy periods if others are waiting
- Repair pitch marks and divots
- Maintain 2m distance from others at all times

### **PRACTICE NETS:**

- 1 person at a time

- Use your own golf balls
- If using the nets, please give priority to anyone waiting to warm up before play

**OTHER NOTES:**

- Members from your household may walk the course with you, but must not play (please ensure appropriate footwear is worn as not to damage the course)
- Under no circumstances should groups join up and play together once out on the course.
- A great way of maintaining group competitions through this time is to use the Golf Game Book app. This allows group competitions to run electronically.
- Members should observe government and England Golf guidance at all times.

**THUNDER AND LIGHTNING PROCEDURE:**

- The klaxon will be sounded
- If you hear the klaxon please exit the course immediately
- As there is currently no clubhouse facility, please return to your cars and leave the premises
- If there are no staff on site, 2 committee members will attend to ensure the course has been cleared.