



SALT FORD 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 allow golf to resume from Wednesday 2nd December. 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 30.11.2020)

Tier 2

(Government Review on Wednesday 16th December 2020)

- 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 1st 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

- Proshop will be open from Wednesday 2nd December
- Face covering must be worn when entering the shop
- Maximum of 2 people in the shop at one time – do not loiter, perform your transaction then leave the shop
- 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

LOCKER ROOMS

- Locker rooms are open for storing and retrieving equipment only
- Do not change shoe or clothes in the locker rooms
- Do not congregate in groups
- Showers remain closed

CLUBHOUSE

- The clubhouse is closed whilst we remain in tier 2.

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 8 days in advance
- A maximum of 2 rounds in any 7 day period
- Unused tee times can be booked from midday the day before the tee time without counting towards the 2 rounds in 7 days. These times must be booked manually through the proshop
- All golfers must sign in at the proshop before play
- Seniors and Ladies priority and competitions have been suspended.
- 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 1st 7 days of reopening no members guests or visitors will be accepted
- Regular reviews of the tee booking restrictions will occur

WAITING TO PLAY

- A 3 zone system is in operation:
 - Zone 1 = 1st 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
- When arriving in the car park, please leave a space between cars if possible
- From your car proceed to the proshop via the alley way to sign in. The alley way is one way, enter from the back entrance by the buggies and exit towards the first tee.
- 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 3rd and 16th 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

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 que 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 through the proshop 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

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. Details on this link <https://www.EnglandGolf.org/download/golf-lockdown-tier-infographic/>

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.