



WHEN WE RETURN

PLAY SAFE

STAY SAFE

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Life after lock down is looking quite different to before with many restrictions and safety guidance in place. Whilst returning to play the priority for the Management Committee of Newbury & Crookham remains the safety and well being of its staff, members and customers. With this in mind please follow the guidelines below.

The guidelines below have been set out into 5 different areas;

1. Course Access
2. Before the round
3. During the round
4. After the round
5. Rules of Golf Related Matters

1. Course Access

The golf course is now open to Members, Members' guests and non-members with the maximum group size being 4 players.

To access the course, a player must;

- Be an active member, guest of a member or green fee payer.
- Not have been out of the country for over 14 days
- Not be in self isolation
- Not be displaying COVID-19 symptoms
- Have a pre-reserved tee time

2. **Course Set Up**

On Course Items

- All rakes will be removed from bunkers
- Ball washers and drinking fountains have been removed or covered up
- Benches and bins have been either covered, removed or sign posted in such a way so that players don't touch them
- All other removeable items have been removed, except that stakes defining areas of the course will be treated as immovable obstructions

Hole and Flagstick

- Flagsticks will remain in place but must NOT be touched.
- The hole cup has been inserted upside down so that the ball can be retrieved by handling the ball only.

Practice Areas

- The practice putting green, practice nets and practice chipping green (near 14th tee) can be used but on a limited use basis. Both practice greens limited to 3 players maximum and one practice net will be closed. Golf balls to be easily identifiable and not shared between players.

3. Before the round – Booking and Arrival

Bookings

- All golf **MUST** be pre booked through the BRS Golf booking system
- Arrival at the course no more than 20 minutes prior to reserved tee time
- Report straight to the Pro-Shop upon arrival to check-in
- Golf equipment should be washed before a player leaves home
- Observe social distancing always and resist the temptation to mingle
- Locker rooms will be open for use of the toilet facilities and to obtain the contents of lockers only and on a limited basis with the maximum of two people permitted entry at one time. A one way system will operate once inside. Please observe social distancing
- Golf shoes must be changed in the car park
- The minimum number of minutes between tee times will be 10.
- The maximum number of players per group will be 4.

4. Check-in and Pro Shop Protocol

- Mandatory check in at Pro Shop or with starter for all golfers
- Two-metre queue markers at Pro Shop entry point
- Essential golfing items will be available to purchase, gathered by staff on request
- Card payment only, no cash accepted at the till
- Buggies will be sanitised before use and will be single use only. Fees have been adjusted accordingly
- Hire trolleys will be sanitised before and after use

5. Clubhouse Facilities

- The Clubhouse access is limited to the toilets
- Toilets will be cleaned regularly and have anti bacterial spray available
- Restaurant and bar, notice board corridor are closed
- Players to arrive in golf attire and change shoes at the car

6. To the First Tee

- Putting green and chipping greens are open, limited to 3 players. Players practicing must observe social distancing. One practice net will be closed leaving one for use. Own golf balls must be used and taken with you when you leave
- Arrive at tee no more than 5 minutes prior to the reserved time and after the preceding group has passed the three cross bunkers. Approach first tee directly from the front as guided to the right hand side of the conifers
- Any player(s) not following directions will be asked to leave the course
- Tee off times to be strictly observed to ensure minimum 10 minute intervals

7. On the Course

- Physical distancing observed throughout, particularly on tees and greens
- Rubbish bins and divot bags have all been removed
- Ball washers, water fountains and benches are removed or covered over
- Bunker rakes removed, players may smooth sand with feet prior to shot
- All stakes defining areas of the course will be immovable obstructions and are not to be touched
- Par 3 holes and the 2nd hole are compulsory 'call up' holes to avoid player congestion
- Flagsticks remain in the hole and must not be touched
- Hole cups are inverted for simple, contact free ball retrieval
- Once a hole is completed, the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next hole
- Do not double back to play again if a ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area
- Equipment, food, and drink must not be exchanged between players
- Players must not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball
- Please refrain from handshakes, high fives and touching elbows
- All players must leave the 18th green via the tarmac pathway to the car park, proceed straight to their car, change shoes and leave as soon as golf is finished
- Stray balls must be left where they are, own equipment to be used only

8. After play

- Post round players must return straight to their cars
- Restaurant and bars will remain closed
- Hands may be washed and sanitised in the wash rooms
- Ensure clubs and equipment are cleaned thoroughly after use
- Players must call or e-mail the golf club with any post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity