



— THE HALIFAX GOLF CLUB —

PRACTICAL GOLF

GUIDE DURING Covid-19

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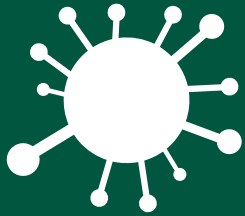
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THANK YOU

The Board of Directors acknowledge the support of the Members of Halifax Golf Club during the enforced period of closure, we also understand the desire of every Member to get back on to the golf course as soon as possible.

Covid-19 is by no means defeated, and until a vaccine is freely available, it is the responsibility of every Member to conform to Government advice wherever possible.

This set of guidelines has been produced to ensure that we can all resume playing the sport we love, whilst doing so responsibly, and without placing any individual (staff or golfer) under any unnecessary risk.

Members should remember that during lockdown the Greens Staff have been limited to performing essential maintenance on the course inline with directives from BIGGA. The golf course may not therefore be in its 'normal' condition for a week or two, whilst the Greens Staff work to get it back in to shape.

This guidance is under constant review and will be updated by the Directors as the advice from Government and golf's governing bodies evolves.



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INTRODUCTION

In the first phase of re-opening, the course will only be open to Staff and Club Members. After this initial phase, we will assess course usage and may allow guests of a Member. In due course, and inline with clearance being given by England Golf, visitors will be welcome to play without a Member.

The following restrictions will apply to everyone playing the golf course –

- Must not have been out of the country in the previous 14 days
- Must not be in self-isolation or in the “shielded” category
- Must not be showing symptoms of COVID-19
- Must have a pre-booked tee time
- Only privately owned buggies, with a single occupant, will be allowed on the course

Members should be aware that the Electric Trolley Store opposite the door into the 19th Lounge, and the garage, will be closed and locked with effect from Monday 18th May. Any equipment in these areas should be removed by this date. The Pro will provide access to these areas up to the cut-off date for Members to retrieve their equipment.

Note – *as a voluntary courtesy, would those Members who are able to play golf from Monday to Friday please give weekend preference to those Members who are unable to play during the working week. We hope that this period of disruption will be over soon, and anything we can do to work together as a Club for the benefit of all should be embraced.*



BOOKING AND ARRIVAL

- Whilst the Greens Staff restore the golf course to its usual standard, they have priority at all times. To assist the Green Staff in attaining this goal, for an initial short period, players will be unable to book weekday tee-times prior to 09:00. Weekend tee-times will be available from 07:00.
- All tee times must be booked in advance on the BRS system – online or by calling the PGA Pro (01422 240047).
- Players booking a tee time, accept that they have read, and will abide by, these guidelines.
- Play will only be allowed in singles or two-balls at ten minute intervals. Players not from within the same household must observe social distancing guidelines and remain two metres apart.
- Members may only book a round up to seven days in advance.
- Members not showing up for a booked tee-time on two occasions within a ten day period will be suspended from making further bookings for a period of seven days.
- All Members must provide a phone number and, where available, an email address.
- All Members must read these guidelines before commencing play.
- Social distancing must be respected in the car park. The Visitors car park should be used when necessary.
- Golfers must arrive at the Club no more than 15 minutes prior to play.
- Gentlemen may use the toilets in the 19th lounge, however all other facilities in the 19th will be unavailable. We ask that the door to the 19th remains wedged open.
- The door to the Ladies Toilet Facility will be wedged open.
- The Clubhouse (with the exception of the toilets in the 19th Lounge) will remain closed.
- Under no circumstances should players mingle or consume alcohol on the premises.



CHECK-IN

- The two-metre queue markers outside the Pro Shop must be respected.
- The Pro Shop door will be wedged open whenever possible.
- Golfers must check in with the Pro no later than 10 minutes prior to play.
- A maximum of two players may be in the Pro Shop at any one time.
- Hand sanitizing gel will be available in the Pro Shop.
- A one-way system will operate in the Pro Shop, and the social distancing markers on the floor must be respected.
- Scorecards will only be available directly from the Pro, alternatively Scorecards can be downloaded from the Halifax Golf Club website
- Golf will be played on a social basis only. There will be no competition golf in the initial phase.



PREPARING TO PLAY

- The putting green will be open, but holes will be covered or filled in. Players should use their own tee pegs (or similar) as targets.
- No more than two golfers may be on the putting green at any one time. Players waiting to use the facility must observe social distancing guidelines.
- All practice grounds, the practice net, and the practice tee will remain closed.
- To avoid congestion at the narrow bridge, players going out to play must use the steps by the practice green down to the narrow bridge. Players leaving the course should use the wider buggy bridge leading to the Visitors Car Park.
- Golfers must be at the 1st tee and ready to play at the booked time.
- Golfers must remain two metres from the next tee until the group in front has left the tee.
- Caddies are not allowed.

The car park, practice facilities, and course will be patrolled by volunteer Course Marshalls. Anyone not following these guidelines will be reminded of the requirements by the Course Marshalls. Persistent infringement could lead to the player being asked to leave the course.



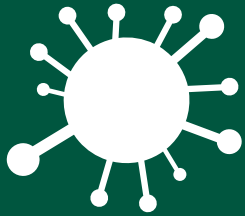
ON THE COURSE

- Players must observe social distancing measure, at all times on the course.
- Litter bins have been removed from the golf course. All litter must be disposed of at home.
- All benches have either been removed or marked with tape to prevent use. These will be reinstated following direction from England Golf.
- Bunker rakes have been removed. Players are asked to smooth the sand with their shoe or a club after playing from the bunker.
- Flagsticks must remain in the hole, and must not be touched.
- A device has been placed in each cup to make ball retrieval easier.
- The Hut on the 12th will not be open.
- If a ball is thought to be lost or out of bounds, provisional balls must be played to prevent Golfers returning to where the previous shot was played from.
- Golfers should not pick up balls found on the course, other than their own.
- Members should be courteous when addressing walkers on the course. The Course Marshall should be advised of any members of the public on the course other than on the designated



AFTER THE ROUND

- Golfers leaving the course should use the wider buggy bridge leading to the Visitors Car Park.
- Players must return to their cars and depart immediately. Players should not congregate or mingle in the car park.
- Any player suffering any COVID-19 symptoms following their round should advise the Club by phone or by email as soon as possible.



TO CONCLUDE

The Board of Directors of The Halifax Golf Club are confident that the guidelines outlined will lead to a safe resumption of golf at our fine and historic Club. Please help us to help the NHS and save lives by following the guidelines.

Above all enjoy your golf, and welcome back!!



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