



# Workington Golf Club

## COVID-19 Policy

(updated 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020)



On the course, golf can continue to be played in accordance with existing 'Play Safe, Stay Safe' guidance. Groupings must not consist of more than six people.

Off the course, clubhouses can continue to cater for multiple groups each containing a maximum of six people from different households, however people from one group must avoid merging with another group to create a single gathering in excess of six people.

As from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 all pubs, clubs and restaurants are required by law to close at 10pm each evening. This applies to all golf clubs as well.

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#### Who is allowed to play?

- Play is no longer restricted to members only;
  - Individuals playing golf on their own
  - Members of the same household
  - 2-balls comprising of individuals from different households
  - 3-balls comprising of individuals from different households
  - 4-balls comprising of individuals from different households
- Visitors and guests can now access the course as per above.
- People who are not required to self-isolate or who are not "shielding" as per government guidelines can attend the course
- People who are not displaying COVID-19 symptoms can attend the course

#### Essential Booking

- The same booking criteria still applies as in previous phases.
- It is essential that all members pre-book a tee time using the BRS system whether it be for social golf or competitions.
- For competition booking please refer to the **Competitions Policy** distributed to members on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- Tee times can be booked via the club website or BRS app.
- Tee bookings will be permitted from 7.00am, 8 days in advance as normal.
- Tee times have now reverted to the original 8 minute intervals.
- Members booking must select a named playing partner(s) when booking. This is essential to aid with the tracking and tracing under COVID-19 government guidelines.
- Members are not allowed to turn up and play without a booking.
- Single player bookings **CANNOT** have other players added unless done so by the original booking member or after discussing it with the booking originator prior to adding your name. Please refrain from adding your name to existing bookings and respect other members preference to play alone.

- The above rule also applies to competition bookings. Members cannot add their name to an existing competition booking without first seeking the approval of the originator. The member who made the original booking should then add that person to their booking.

### **Visitors**

- Visitors are not allowed to turn up and play without a booking so it is essential that all visitors pre-book a tee before arriving at the course.
- Tee times must be booked via the club website as the Club Shop is no longer in operation.
- Visitor tee bookings will be limited on specific days at the discretion of the WGC Board, to allow block bookings for club members competitions.
- Members can sign in up to 3 guests at any one time at the usual reduced green fee rate. This must be done via the Club website or BRS app in the first instance or by contacting the Club Secretary if he is available.
- There are no restrictions on the size of visiting parties however, regardless of the size of party, visitors must adhere to the same policy guidelines as Club members. Refer to '**Arrival at the Club**', below.

### **Arrival at the Club**

- All visitors, members and guests must observe the safety notices and signage in place in and around the golf club.
- Do not gather in groups of more than six people and observe the social distancing rules within any area of the golf club.
- Players should arrive in golf attire and change footwear in the car park.
- Go to the practice putting green no more than 10 minutes before tee off.
- A maximum of six people are permitted on the practice putting green at any one time with adherence to the preferred 2 metre social distancing rule where practical to do so or at the minimum requirement of 1 metre plus.
- Go to the first tee no more than 5 minutes before your tee off time.

**Spot checks will be carried out by Club Staff and Board Members around the 1st tee area to ensure safety measures are being adhered to.**

All golfers must uphold the mandatory social distancing measures at all times before, during and after attending the club.

### **Practice Facilities**

All practice facilities will be available to Members, guests and visitors. A comprehensive Risk Assessment has been carried out and made available to all Members.

## Clubhouse

- The Clubhouse will be open for members, guests and visitors.
- Numbers within the clubhouse will be limited and subject to weekly reviews by the Board of Directors. This number may, at the discretion of the Board, increase or decrease depending on feasibility. Any amendments will be communicated to the members prior to implementation.
- Strict COVID-19 safety guidelines will be enforced within the Clubhouse at all times. Members, guests and visitors must refer to the safety instructions displayed in and around the Clubhouse. Some of which are;
  - Face masks **MUST** be worn when moving around the clubhouse. Face masks can only be removed once seated at your table when drinking or eating.
  - Table service only – wait to be seated and do not approach the bar.
  - Sign in or out of the clubhouse either with the NHS COVID-19 smartphone app or the paper signature sheet.
  - No groups larger than six people.
  - Adhere to the designated entry and exit points.
- The male and female locker rooms and trolley store are now available for use, however the locker room toilets remain out of service and only the toilets within the main clubhouse are to be used.

## Club Shop

The Club Shop is no longer in operation.

## Trolleys and Buggies

Trolleys and buggies are available for hire and will be fully sanitised before and after use.

## On the course

- Social distancing must be observed throughout, particularly on tees and greens.
- Golfers must not approach the next tee until the group in front have teed off and moved a safe distance away.
- All tees are now available, with the white tees reserved for men's competitions only.
- Please keep to a good pace of play.
- Any ball that goes beyond the boundary of the course (OOB) cannot be retrieved.
- Ball washers are not to be used.
- There are a limited number of bins on the course. **PLEASE USE THEM!**
- All water fountains are not currently in use.
- On-course bells have been cordoned off and are not to be used.
- The on-course Porta-Loo adjacent to the 11<sup>th</sup> tee will not be open and should not be used.
- Play must commence only from the 1st tee and in line with a confirmed booking.
- Cutting in at any point on the course is not permitted.
- Bunker rakes have been removed, please smooth sand with feet or club after you have taken your shot.

- Flagsticks will be in place and are not to be removed. Please do not touch the flagsticks.
- Hole cups will have mechanical ball retrieval devices fitted to support contact free ball retrieval.
- Equipment, food or drink should not be exchanged between players.
- All golfers must play one ball only.
- All golfers must walk in 30 minutes prior to sun set.
- Please do not approach the greens staff during your round. If your ball lies near to where a member of the greens staff is working please wait until they have moved away.

#### **On completion of your round**

- The one-way system along the path behind the 18<sup>th</sup> green is no longer in force. Players and staff must maintain social distancing measures when passing along the path.
- Unless entering the Clubhouse, once your round is completed return to your vehicle and leave the club premises at the earliest opportunity. **DO NOT LOITER ON THE PREMISES UNNECESSARILY.**
- Please be mindful of people arriving at the club and observe the social distancing protocols.
- Ensure all golfing equipment is taken home and cleaned at home. The pneumatic shoe cleaners have been turned off and will not be operational at this time.

**ANYONE FOUND TO BE IN CONTRAVENTION OF THIS NOTICE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE COURSE IMMEDIATELY.**

The policy will be closely monitored and updated following advice from Government, EGU and The R&A. When the policy has been amended this will be distributed utilising the website and emails. This policy will remain in place until the government and England Golf provide updated guidance.

We hope that by observing the policy set out by the club following government guidelines you will be able to access our course and Clubhouse in a safe manner.

'Play safe, Stay safe'

WGC Board of Directors

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020