

Reopening Rules and Guidelines

Over the past week we have worked closely with golf's governing bodies to look at ways in which we can ensure Colne Valley Golf Club can operate in a safe and responsible manner. The following guidelines have been put in place to protect you, other golfers, and our staff and to enable us to continue to play the game. We will continually review these guidelines and change them as and when we are advised by the Government and England Golf. The following guidelines must be adhered to by all golfers playing at Colne Valley Golf Club. Anyone not abiding to the guidelines will be asked to leave the premises.

Fully paid up members have first chance to use tee times. Unused tee times will be available for general public after our members have had time to book.

Tee Times

- The online tee book will be open to Members who will be able to book a maximum of 5 days in advance
- Unused tee times will be sold on the open market 3 days prior to the play day
- All tee times and names of all players are to be entered when booking tee times
- Tee times can be booked via the IgMember App or the www.colnevalleygolfclub.co.uk website
- The tee sheets will be available for booking from midday on Wednesday, 13th May 2020 with our first tee being available at 10.30am on Thursday, 14th May 2020
- Golfers under 18 must play with an Adult member
- The course will be closed every Monday, except Bank Holiday Monday. (When the course is open on a Bank Holiday Monday, the course will be closed on the subsequent Wednesday).
- Tee times will be available to book from 9.00am until 4.00pm each weekday and 8.00am until 4.00pm at weekends - these will be set at 8-minute intervals from the 1st Tee only. Players are not permitted to tee off before or after these times although we will look to extend these times in the coming weeks if it is deemed safe to do so
- There will only be yellow and red tees available to play from with a mixture of tee lengths
- Members may book individually, in a 2-ball comprising of members from the same household or individuals from different households or, after 1.00pm 2, 3 or 4 balls with members from the same household
- One player from each group will be required to check in with the staff member on duty. This player will be required to provide the name(s) of their playing partner(s)
- Due to the increase in tee time spacing, there will be a reduced amount of tee times available for booking. Members are therefore asked to be considerate to other golfers and only book a tee time if you are absolutely certain you can play. In addition, if you book a time and then suddenly become unable to play, we ask that you remove your booking as soon as possible so that it can be used by other players
- Tee times will be continually monitored to ensure all golfers arrive for their booked tee times
- Vouchers, SmartGolfer and discounts codes will not be accepted

Arriving at the Club and Checking In

- Golfers must not come to the club unless they have booked a tee time in advance and must not arrive early with the intention of gathering/socialising at the club
- Golfers must arrive at the club no more than 20 minutes before their tee time and, upon leaving their car, must adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times
- The Golf Shop will remain closed during the initial reopening
- Please **enter** the Clubhouse using the new Green Door at the top of the steps by the changing rooms. Toilet facilities only will be available, no changing room. Please **leave** via the spike bar door where you can pick up takeaway items and golfing essentials from the bar. This is on a strict one-in-one-out basis
- There will be social distancing markings on the ground from the entrance and around the clubhouse for members who are wanting to use the clubhouse facilities, or to check in
- Anti-bacterial hand gel will be available near the entrance for those members who wish to use it
- Scorecards will not be available for use. Please use the online app or our webpage
- A course marshal may be introduced to ensure that social distancing is being adhered to and that only players who have booked are on the course

Practice Facilities

- The practice nets and putting greens will be open and if golfers wish to practice their putting before they play, they should make their way to the putting green no more than 10 minutes before their scheduled tee time and leave promptly.
- The putting green holes have an insert so that the ball is not allowed to drop into the hole
- If the Pro has a lesson, the putting green will be split so half will be available for the public and half for the lesson

On the Course

Prior to the lockdown we had already made some changes on the golf course to limit the amount of non-essential contact. All Golfers to continue with the following:

- Players are always to remain a minimum of 2 metres away from each other
- The flagstick is always to remain in the hole and members **must not** touch the flagstick under any circumstances
- The pin has been adapted to retrieve the ball from the hole with the club
- All rakes have been removed from the bunkers and bunkers are GUR until June 2020. The green staff will endeavour to get the bunkers back in play
- All ball cleaners, benches and bins have been removed from the course
- Please ensure you take your litter home with you

Golfers are reminded that due to the reduced staffing levels during the lockdown period the golf course will not be at the standard you are used to playing. Things you are likely to notice will include:

- *The greens will be slower than normal. This is due to them having a reduced number of cuts over the past 7 weeks*
- *The bunkers have not been maintained for 7 weeks. We have now begun work on them, but unfortunately many will be far from perfect*
- *The rough is beginning to get thick in places and will be cut slowly*
- *Some tees have been reseeded and will be out of play for a few more weeks. As with the bunkers, work has begun, but will take us some time*

After Your Round

- Once you have completed your round, members **must** go straight to their cars and leave the golf club immediately
- Golfers must not gather around the clubhouse or in the car park. This includes sitting in your car and waiting for other players to finish. If players are seen to be gathering/waiting they will be asked to leave the club by the member of staff on duty
- Anti-bacterial hand gel will be available for golfers who wish to use it
- The shoe cleaner will continue to be out of action until further notice

**Colne Valley Golf Club Staff are tasked with ensuring these guidelines
are followed by ALL members and visitors to the club.**

Please follow and respect any instructions given.

**Any form of abuse directed towards any member of staff
will result in your membership being revoked.**