

Rules and Guidelines with effect from 2nd December 2020

We continue to display our QR Code for the NHS Test and Trace Service and we strongly recommend that you download the free NHS COVID-19 App to enable you to 'check-in' at our venue when you arrive. The app tracks the spread of the virus but does not track people. It provides important alert features to help you manage risk and allow you to take appropriate action.

ALL visitors and staff must wear a face covering in the Clubhouse. All offices are out of use for non-members of staff. Please ask at the Bar or Pro Shop if you wish to see a member of office staff.

All Society groups will be temperature tested before entering the Clubhouse and members will be randomly checked.

Depending on the Government Tier that is currently in place in our area, different restrictions will need to be adhered to. Please refer to this link for more information <http://www.englandgolf.org/playsafe/>.

Tee Times

- The online tee book will be open to Members and Visitors who will be able to book in advance
- Names of all players together with contact details are to be entered when booking tee times
- The tee sheets will be available for booking from 8:00am (7:30am at weekends) until 1½ hours before sunset
- Please do not tee off before your tee time
- General play will be from the yellow and red tees. White tees are for competition use only
- Tee times will be continually monitored to ensure all golfers arrive for their booked tee times
- Members and visitors are asked **not to arrive at the club more than 20 minutes before their tee time** because rules restrict congregation in the clubhouse

Arriving at the Club and Checking In

- Golfers must register in the Spike Bar
- Golfers must arrive at the club and register before their tee time and, upon leaving their car, must adhere to social distancing Tier guidelines at all times
- Please **enter** the Clubhouse using the Green Door at the top of the steps by the changing rooms. Face masks must be worn. 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.
- Our outside covered area and patio are available for takeaway refreshments. Government Tier restrictions must be adhered to
- 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 – we encourage members and visitors to use it
- Scorecards are available, although other methods of scoring are also offered

Practice Facilities

- The practice nets and putting greens will be open and if golfers wish to practice their putting before they play, please observe social distancing and be fair with time management
- 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 should remain a minimum of 2 metres away from each other
- The flagstick is always to remain in the hole and golfers **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 all bunkers are GUR until April 2021
- All ball cleaners have been removed from the course

Competitions

These rules must be followed when playing golf competitions at Colne Valley Golf Club:

- Players must write their own details on their score card. Do not pass your card to a marker. Players must record their own scores but take note of others. Scores should be checked regularly and agreed after each hole. After play enter your own card on the score entry screen in the clubhouse

After Your Round

- Anti-bacterial hand gel will be available for golfers – we encourage members and visitors to use it
- The shoe cleaner will continue to be out of action until further notice, but please do not leave your shoe dirt residue by your car for others to clear
- Takeaway service is encouraged for all beverage and food requirements
- The car park gate may be closed periodically. Please ask for the code from the bar as you check in. Security is of utmost importance and the gate will be closed periodically during the day should it deem necessary. Please be aware that we have CCTV in operation.

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 and/or playing rights being revoked.