

Golf and the Government's relaxing of lockdown restrictions Phase 3 – 12th July 2020

As we head into phase 3 we would like to bring the following important information to your attention.

From Tuesday 14th July all golfers will be requested to "check in" at the golf reception prior to commencing their round of golf via a clearly defined one-way system.

All golfers will be requested to enter via the main door and exit via the rear patio door. All doors will be propped open to reduce contact points, where security/fire requirements allow.

All golfers are instructed to stay 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people.

Under no circumstances should golfers head out to 1st tee without checking in at reception.

Members on flexible tickets will be able to settle their account from Tuesday 14th July. Bottled water, Soft drinks, confectionary and small merchandise will be available for purchase.

From Monday 13th July members guests will be permitted onto the golf course but these will be paying guests only. Free guest vouchers are not being accepted for the time being. Members guest fees Monday to Friday are £15 and weekends £17.50.

Toilets and locker rooms will continue to remain closed for the time being.

Elmwood Golf will continue to operate with maximum 3 ball play and 12-minute intervals for the remainder of July. We will update play for August in due course.

The driving range will remain closed until further notice, however short game area is open and available for members use only.

Clubhouse catering and bar service will remain closed during July.

We urge everyone to remain respectful of the guidelines listed below and to apply good individual judgement, to ensure that in time we can move to a fully phased reintroduction of the game as we all know and love.

It should be noted that the Scottish Government continues to monitor the situation closely and has not ruled out the reintroduction of restrictions, which could see golf suspended once again if public health measures dictate, or if the guidelines are not followed.

Please see below a revised set of procedures that we have prepared for Elmwood Golf, which fully complies with the Industry guidance and which MUST be adhered to by all. Failure to comply may result in serious repercussions, both to the facility and to the member. There will be no room for complacency, and we must ensure that we follow this guidance at all times.

Further information can be found by clicking on the link below or cut/paste into your browser:

<https://ocs-sport.ams3.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/sq/2020/07/Return-to-Golf-Phase-3-v3-FINAL1..pdf>

Golf buggies - we only have 4 buggies available per day. Buggies must be pre booked and special preference will be given to individuals with medical conditions and/or disabilities. Buggies will only be able to go out once per day. Under no circumstances have buggies to be shared unless by people from the same household. If not from the same household then strictly one person per buggy. Buggies will be sanitised after each use and prior to being released again the following day.

There will be no ball washers available. If your ball is dirty, then use another one.

If the tee sheet is busy late arrivals will not be allowed onto the course.

***Please Note** that the toilets and locker rooms will unfortunately require to remain closed until further notice. We will, however, allow access to the locker rooms by appointment only to allow members to retrieve clubs etc when they arrive to play. However, once retrieved they will require to be kept at home until such times as we can allow the locker rooms to be used again.

All car park bins have been emptied and removed. Please take your litter home with you and dispose of it in a responsible manner.

The driving range will remain closed for the time being, but the short game area is available for members only. Please be vigilant if you see anyone using this area that does not have the right to be there. Likewise, if you see anyone using the course that looks suspicious, please let us know.

We ask members to bear with us through these testing times and work hopefully towards a return to more "normal" circumstances.

The following are the requirements that we must all comply with:-

1. COURSE SET UP:

All rakes have been removed. On leaving a bunker, please make good the surface as best you can with either your foot or a club (just like it used to be)

All benches and bins have been removed

All other removable items have been removed, except the stakes defining areas of the course, which can be treated as immovable obstructions.

Flagsticks are in place but must not be touched and new hole cups have been introduced which prevents the ball from falling below the surface of the putting green and can be easily retrieved by handling the ball only.

2. BEFORE THE ROUND:

ALL play shall be by booking only, using the Club's on-line booking system (BRS). Play is

from 08.00 am until 18.24pm with no play allowed either before or after these times. There will be no “turn up and play” allowed and NO STARTING FROM 9TH TEE

3. ARRIVAL AND WAITING TO PLAY:

When arriving, please ensure that you arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before your tee time and park with safe distances between vehicles and do not exit the vehicle until it's time to get ready to play. If car park is full, please use red chipped area on main drive.

Given that there should only be 2 or 3 groups around, the car park will be your “waiting room” before progressing to check in. Additional hand sanitisers have been added to the exterior of building main entrance and east door. Please ensure you use them prior to commencing golf and after completion of round.

4. DURING THE ROUND:

Please make sure that during your round that the 2-metre distance is maintained at all times. This is particularly important when on teeing the ground and on the putting Green. When teeing off, walking the course, searching for balls, putting on the green. At all times please maintain the 2-metre social distance rule.

As noted earlier, with no rakes available at bunkers, on exiting a bunker, please make good the surface with your foot or a golf club. You are encouraged to agree with your playing partner that preferred lies are good in bunkers.

The flagstick must not be touched and again, you are encouraged to agree with your playing partner, that short putts can be “given”.

When in doubt, play a provisional ball – returning to where you played your last shot is not allowed.

You must not join up to make larger groups while on the course.

5. AFTER THE ROUND:

On completion of the round you should exit the course to the left, short of the 18th green after finishing the 18th hole and make your way to the car park via the road and creating a one-way system for entering and leaving the course.

After the round, social distancing is essential. You should leave the course and club facility immediately with no gatherings in the car park.

With best regards

The Elmwood Golf Team

