

COVID – 19 Safe Golf Guidelines

Due to the current environment, golf authorities and government have set strict guidelines which all Clubs must adhere to. The number 1 priority is to allow visitors to enjoy their experience at Royal Birkdale minimising the risk of either contracting or spreading the virus. Safety is paramount.

If you are showing any type of virus symptoms, please do not come to the Club. Visitors in tier 3 areas should be aware of the restrictions placed in their area.

We respectfully ask you to read and understand the following guidelines before coming to the Club. As this situation is unprecedented the return policy will be subject to on-going review and should the need arise it can be changed or modified at short notice in order to protect visitors.

Despite these restrictions we very much hope that you enjoy your experience.



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Before you arrive

- You must book a tee time, do not come to the Club without a booking

General

- Please report to the Professional Shop upon arrival
- All users must wear a face coverings when indoors except when seated
- If using practice facilities before play, you must follow the practice ground guidelines.
- Please arrive at the Club dressed for golf and change your shoes in the car park.
- Locker rooms will be available in inclement weather only
- The Clubhouse is open from 9.00 am for refreshments
- The Halfway Hut is open for refreshments with an advanced booking system from the 9th tee in place, Please Add 01704 552041 to your phone if you wish to order
- Visitors on the winter rate that includes refreshments can choose to take these at the halfway house or clubhouse (subject to availability)

Professional Shop

- The Pro Shop team will be open for you to purchase any refreshments and golf goods. Face coverings must be worn.
- Buggies will be for single use only for those eligible and need to be arranged in advance so the professional staff can have them ready.
- Pull and Electric trolleys will be available to hire, and the staff will ensure they are thoroughly cleaned before and after every use.

Practice Ground

- The ball dispensing machine will not be operational, balls will be available in baskets.
- Avoid touching the baskets and practice balls with your hands; all baskets and balls will be cleaned daily.
- The range capacity will be reduced to allow players more space.
- Players must use their own golf balls on the chipping or putting green.

On the Course

- At all times keep a minimum of 2 meters apart during the round.
- Avoid touching any other golf ball except for your own.
- Do not share clubs, range finders or drinks.
- If using benches or rubbish bins, please adhere to the 1-meter rule and avoid touching with your bare hand if at all possible. Benches and bins will be cleaned/emptied daily.
- Do not touch the flagstick touching the flagstick and use the lift mechanism to retrieve the ball from the hole
- No ball washers or drinking fountains will be available for use.
- No rakes or ball retrievers will be in use,. Hazard markers will be treated as immovable obstructions to avoid handling.
- Preferred lies in bunkers
- Use flip mechanism to retrieve the ball from the hole



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At the end of the Round

- DO NOT shake hands or make any physical contact, the elbow bump or putter touch is the new normal.
- Shoe cleaners will not be available for use.
- Do not congregate with other visitors or members in any outdoor area

Use of the Clubhouse

- Operating Hours
 - Bar – 9 am until 5 pm, daily
 - Kitchen 9 am – 4 pm
- Food must be ordered if alcoholic beverages are required (we have to operate as a restaurant / cafe)
- A maximum of one household per table
- Face coverings must be worn in all indoor areas unless seated
- Hand Sanitiser stations will be available throughout the clubhouse; these must be used when entering the clubhouse or a different room within the clubhouse
- Please ensure that 1m + distance from other people is maintained at all times
- No physical contact except with members of your own household
- An enhanced cleaning regime will be maintained throughout the day
- Doors will be propped open where possible
- Windows will be opened to allow for maximum ventilation
- Table service only, do not use the bar
- Please remain seated, once the seats are full we will have reached capacity



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