

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.

We respectfully ask you to read and understand the following guidelines before coming to the Club. We will adopt a step by step approach to re-opening, and 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

On Arrival

- Please report to the Professional Shop upon arrival
- **All users of the Shop must wear face coverings in line with government guidelines**
- We respectfully ask that players arrive a maximum of 15 minutes prior to their tee time.
- 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.
- When possible please park in alternative spaces
- There will be no access to the locker rooms,
- The Clubhouse is open from 9 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

Professional Shop

- The Pro Shop team will be open for you to purchase any refreshments and golf goods.
- 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 may only use the practice putting green, users must remain at least 1-meter apart at all times. Players must use their own golf balls.



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On the Course

- At all times keep a minimum of 1-meter 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.
- Avoid touching the flagstick
- 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

At the end of the Round

- DO NOT shake hands or make any physical contact.
- The shoe cleaners will not be available for use.
- Do not congregate with other visitors or members.
- We respectfully ask all visitors to return home immediately after their round.

Use of the Clubhouse General Information

- Operating Hours
Bar – 9 am until 9 pm, daily
Kitchen 9 am – 6 pm Mon-Fri, 9 am – 7 pm Saturday, 9 am – 5pm Sunday
- Only downstairs rooms and the outside terrace will be open
- 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 enclosed 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



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- Furniture will be laid out with social distancing in mind, please DO NOT move any of the furniture
- Staff will clear and sanitise tables once the tables are clear please do not sit at a table that requires clearing
- Please give way to others when using corridors
- Each room will have a capacity of users, once capacity is reached we will be unable to allow more people to use the facility
- Be mindful of other members, please only use the facility for short periods only to make space for others
- Food menu will be limited to ensure we are able to maintain social distancing in the kitchen
- Paper menu's will be for single use only

Entering the Building

- Upon entering please find an empty table
- Please make yourself known to a member of staff on arrival
- We will do our very best to accommodate everyone into the clubhouse, however once all space is taken we won't be able to accommodate more

Outdoor Use – The Terrace

- Up to six players to a table, providing the 1-meter distancing rule is maintained please follow signage guidelines
- Table service only, no bar service
- Please remain seated if possible, once the seats are full we will have reached capacity

Indoor Use - Spike Bar & Main Lounge

- A maximum of two households per table
- A maximum of four people per table
- Table service only, no standing at the bar
- Please remain seated, once the seats are full we will have reached capacity
- Please maintain one meter distance
- Tables and chairs set for a minimum of one meter distance



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