

COVID-19
MONMOUTH GOLF CLUB
PROCEDURES FOR GOLFERS

These procedures have been designed in accordance with Welsh Government, Golf Union Wales and the Licensing Authority directions to govern our procedures from 0700 hrs on 17 May 2021.

General Principles

Members with colds or any symptoms of COVID-19 must stay away from the golf course.

All players are to agree the following self-assessment and declaration:

***“I have NOT HAD in the last 10 days any of the following Covid19 symptoms: a continuous high temperature; a loss of taste or smell; a new continuous cough. I also confirm that I have not to the best of my knowledge, had contact with anyone else who has had these symptoms or tested positive for Covid-19.*”**

I also confirm that I nor any other person in my household or extended household have NOT been told to self-isolate and are not currently subject to Covid-19 quarantine after travel or illness. I also confirm that I have not travelled into or away from an area that is currently subject to any form of local coronavirus restriction or lockdown.”

Tee times are open for up to 4 players from multiple households. Members, guests with members and visitors are allowed to play on the course.

Social distancing rules are to be observed at all times.

Tee times are amended to 10-minute intervals and are to be booked in advance using BRS.

Daily start sheets based on BRS will be produced which can be used for 'track and trace' by medical or other authorities should the need arise. **Track and trace is a legal requirement and we are empowered to refuse access to anyone withholding the basic information of telephone number and email address.**

There will be no formal roll-ups. However, board and other competitions may be run at the discretion of the Club, Ladies and Seniors' Captains. Some competitions will be managed using Mastersscoreboard and, for these, members should register for the competitions on Mastersscoreboard rather than BRS. The respective Captain will make arrangements for the tee-time bookings to be entered onto BRS at least 24 hours in advance to maintain a single track and trace system.

Society groupings or competition groupings on the patio before, during or after the golf are limited to no more than 50 people. **Social distancing is to be maintained at all times and players congregating on the patio prior to golf are to be seated in groups of no more than 6 at the tables.** Entertainment, singing and raucous behaviour is not permitted.

The clubhouse will be open on the patio for food and beverages (including alcohol) from 0900-1500 daily with the exception of Wednesday every week when the kitchen will be closed. Only food and drink purchased from the club is to be consumed in the patio area.

The changing rooms are available for toilet facilities and hand washing only.

When moving to the first tee to play golf and when the clubhouse is open, at least one member of the grouping is to get clearance to start from the Clubhouse Manager at the patio doors. This is to validate BRS Track and Trace information

The latest Welsh Government regulations, reinforced by both Golf Wales and the Licensing Authority, have imposed very strict operating procedures as follows:

- a. **Because of the strict limitation on table distancing, the limit of 30 people in any organised event indoors, the need to**

pre-book inside, and the requirement for all staff working inside having to wear PPE, it has been decided that use of the lounge is being limited to suitably sized match dinners and events. Even then, the first option will be to remain outside whenever possible.

b. On arrival at the patio area for food and drink, all members, guests and visitors are to maintain social distancing **and take a seat at a vacant table**. Social distancing when seated at the table is not required - no more than 6 people are allowed to occupy any table. If no table is available, you should remain outside of the patio area until a table becomes available.

b. A member of staff will note the time of arrival and departure of each group to reinforce track and trace details.

c. All food and drink is provided on a table service basis only. Orders, payment and delivery of food and drink will be carried out at the table by members of staff. Orders are not permitted directly at the patio doors.

d. The food and drink is to be consumed at the table. Members, guests and visitors are not permitted to mingle with other groups in the patio area.

e. Tables will be cleared and cleaned by members of staff.

The clubhouse is only accessible to members of staff and the management committee except when a function is being undertaken in the clubhouse lounge. On those occasions, face coverings are to be worn unless seated at the designated table. A clearly marked one-way entrance and exit system will be in use.

Any payment necessary for guests or visitors fees is to be made by BACS prior to the day or at the patio doors. It is preferable that all payments at the Club House are made by contactless card whenever possible.

Players should bring their own hand sanitizer for regular use during the round.

Rules for Golfers

Book your tee time via BRS on the club website in advance. Nobody is allowed to play on the course without a BRS booking.

If possible, pay for any guests in advance via BACS. Otherwise, payment is to be made at the patio doors prior to commencing play.

Ensure you have sufficient equipment for your personal use throughout the round. **In particular, all players are to carry sufficient hand sanitizer for their personal use.**

Aim to arrive at the club no more than 15 minutes prior to play.

Park your car in such a way as to facilitate social distancing and maintain social distancing at all times in the vicinity of the clubhouse area whilst preparing to start the round.

Change your shoes in the car park.

The Practice Ground is open. If entering the Practice Ground from the lane please ensure the gate is firmly retied immediately after use.

Arrive at the first tee no more than 5 minutes before your allotted time. Please check-in as indicated in the General Principles section above.

Observe social distancing at all times on the course. In particular, concentrate on social distancing around each tee area.

Do not exchange or share equipment, scorecards, food or drink with other players during your round. Specific rules have been drawn up for Foursomes and Greensomes competitions as follows:

- a. Apply sanitizer each time a player has to touch a ball that has previously been touched by their playing partner.
- b. To minimize the requirement, each player should use his or her own ball when teeing off, and that player should be the only one to handle the ball during play of the hole.

It is essential that players maintain a good pace at all times to prevent any possibility of bunching up on the course.

If your ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area, do not take an option under the rules that involves doubling back on your position.

Following a risk assessment, rakes in bunkers and ball cleaners have been re-instated. However, in the same way as sanitizing hands when entering shops etc, players should sanitize their hands before using the equipment.

Take specific care to maintain social distancing when on the putting green.

The cups have been lined to restrict the ball from dropping too far and the flagstick is not to be removed.

You are responsible for your own safety. Please take this responsibility seriously.

These procedures are subject to change as the advice and/or regulations are altered.

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