



KNOWLE
Golf Club

“PLAY SAFE STAY SAFE”

PLAYING GOLF AT KNOWLE UNDER COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

DETAILED GUIDANCE

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INTRODUCTION

To enable golf to be played safely, the measures detailed in this “Play Safe Stay Safe” guidance must be adhered to at all times to ensure the safety of our staff and members. This policy is in accordance with guidance from our governing bodies. It will be regularly reviewed and updated as appropriate with any changes communicated to Members.

KEY MESSAGES

- Golfers or Households suffering from or showing symptoms of the COVID-19 infection must self-isolate and stay away from the golf club. The length of time spent in self-isolation should be in line with government recommendations. Click here for updated information: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- If in any doubt please stay away!
- Vulnerable groups or those with underlying health issues should follow government advice.
- All Members must pre-book a start time to ensure a controlled flow of golfers and avoid gatherings.
- Maximum number of golfers per group is 4. The other golfers do NOT have to be from the same household.
- Maintain appropriate social distance whilst arriving, playing and leaving the course. Play safe, stay safe and enjoy being back playing golf!

We thank you for your cooperation.

1.COURSE SET UP

ON-COURSE ITEMS

- All rakes have been removed
- All ball washers, benches and drink fountain are out of use
- Flag sticks have been retained but must not be touched

PRACTICE FACILITIES & LESSONS

- Lessons, including group lessons, may take place providing government guidelines are followed and appropriate sanitisation is guaranteed
- Junior group lessons, classified as 'out of school settings', are limited to 15 children and covered by government guidance
- Adult group lesson sizes are covered by the government's general advice on social groupings, currently "rule of six"

PRACTICE PUTTING GREEN, PRACTICE FIELD & SHORT GAME AREA

- These areas are open
- Golfers must maintain a minimum 2 metre distance from other golfers
- Golfers must use their own equipment and collect their own balls. In the short game area only one practice net is open

2.BEFORE THE ROUND

BOOKINGS

- You must book your tee time in advance online in the usual way
- Maximum number of golfers per group is 4
- There will be a minimum of 10 minutes between each tee time
- Play without a booked start time is not permitted

ARRIVAL AND WAITING TO PLAY

- Avoid parking next to fellow golfers arriving at the same time
- You must adhere to the 2 metre distance at all times
- The locker rooms are open but locker room use should be kept to a minimum, changing of shoes in the car park is encouraged
- The toilets are open
- Shower rooms are not in use
- Public health posters are in all washrooms. These posters should act as a reminder to follow the 20-second handwashing techniques recommended by Public Health England Additional Measures/Restrictions in place
- Additional cleaning and hygiene rotas are in place
- Doors will be left open
- Face coverings must be worn at all times in locker rooms and pro-shop
- Buggies are available to be hired, but cannot be shared by golfers from different households

3.DURING THE ROUND

TEEING AREAS

- Golfers should maintain a minimum 2 metre distance from their playing partners and take extra care to adhere to this on teeing grounds and greens

GENERAL

- Members are encouraged to take mobile phones on the course
- Golfers should maintain a minimum 2 metre distance from their playing partners when walking to their ball, searching for their ball and playing shots.

- Use your own equipment and do not pick up stray balls or that of your playing partner(s)
- Please always keep a safe distance from the green staff and give them priority in their everyday duties

BUNKERS

- Rakes have been removed from bunkers, you may smooth the sand with your club and feet after your shot
- Bunkers are preferred lies and you may lift, clean and place

ON THE GREEN

- Golfers should maintain a minimum 2 metre distance from their playing partners on the putting green
- Putt with the flag in and do not touch the flag when retrieving ball from the hole cup
- Pick up your own ball
- Common courtesies – handshakes and embraces in accordance with the accepted etiquette of the game – are to be avoided
- Offering a thumbs up or some other form of friendly greeting should be used as an alternative

4.AFTER YOUR ROUND

- Exit 18th by ladies entrance bridge, exit 9th by flats bridge, go direct to the car park and leave the venue after your round.

5.THE GAME

- If arranging competitions/scores between groups these should be co-ordinated and communicated remotely away from the Club and any prize money distributed by BACS