



**“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.**
- **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.**

## **FACILITIES**

### **LOCKER ROOMS**

- The locker rooms are open but locker room use should be kept to a minimum, golfers can change shoes in the Car Park
- 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 cleaning and hygiene rotas are in place
- Doors will be left open

### **PRO-SHOP**

- The Pro-shop is staffed but is operating a 1 in 1 out system
- The Pro-shop is only able to accept card payments or use members accounts as payments if they are in credit
- A hand sanitiser station is set up outside the Pro-shop, please ensure you use this facility before entering the Pro-shop
- Door to the shop will be left open
- If you wish to try on any clothing the staff will provide you with gloves
- Members who wish to top up their accounts to be in credit, can do so in advance by calling Mark direct on 07738637455 or whilst visiting the shop just prior to their round
- Buggies are available to be hired, but cannot be shared by golfers from different households

## **COURSE SET UP**

### **ON-COURSE ITEMS**

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

## **PRACTICE FACILITIES**

### **PRACTICE PUTTING GREEN**

- This should only be used for a few minutes before your reserved start time

### **PRACTICE FIELD**

- The practice field is open but you must use your own equipment and collect your own balls
- Flags have been removed in this area
- Golfers should maintain a minimum 2 metre distance from other golfers in the field

### **SHORT GAME AREA**

- One practice net is open, the other is closed
- Golfers should maintain a minimum 2 metre distance from other golfers in the short game area

## **BEFORE THE ROUND**

### **BOOKINGS**

- You must book your tee time in advance online via members section of our website, where full instructions are provided <https://www.knowlegolfclub.co.uk/members/daily-tee-sheets/>
- Maximum number of golfers per group is 4 and the players do NOT have to be from the same household.
- There will be 10 minutes between each tee time
- No play without a booked start time is permitted

## **ARRIVAL AND WAITING TO PLAY**

- Avoid parking next to fellow golfers arriving at the same time
- To help minimise social contact in the locker rooms, changing of shoes in the car park is encouraged
- You must enter the golf course by the main central path
- You must adhere to the 2 metre distance as indicated with the tape on route to the tee and outside the Pro-shop

## **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 tees

### **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)
- Members buggies must not be shared, one person max
- 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 that 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

## **AFTER YOUR ROUND**

- Exit 18<sup>th</sup> by ladies entrance bridge, exit 9<sup>th</sup> by flats bridge.

## **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