



## Playing Golf During Covid -19 Restrictions – 29 May 2020 v1.0

The following procedures form the Dunkeld and Birnam Golf Club's policy for "Playing Safe and Staying Safe" during these times of Government restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic. These procedures have been established to ensure a safe environment for all golfers and all on-site staff and set out the basis on how golfers can return to the fairways in a safe environment as outlined by the Scottish Government's Phase 1 relaxation of restrictions. Not only are golfers expected to comply with the rules they must also observe the government and public health restrictions. Both sets of regulations are subject to change and updates will be provided.

To ensure the safe return to golf, golfers **MUST** adhere to these guidelines: -

### 1. In advance of play:

- Travel to the golf course from your home must be in line with the Scottish Government guidelines – in phase 1 – this is stay local
- If you are in the highest risk (shielding) group outlined by the Government, then you should stay at home
- If you are ill or have any symptoms of COVID-19 then stay at home
- Book your tee-time and under no circumstances should you arrive at the club without booking in advance. No 'turn up and play'
- Ensure you have enough golf balls, tees etc as the clubhouse will be closed and you should not exchange equipment with others
- Use toilet facilities at home before you leave
- Bring your own hydration/food to the course and take your litter home with you
- Bring your own hand sanitiser to the course and use regularly during the round

### 2. Golf Course

#### Condition of the Course

Volunteers have tried to keep the grass growth under control and Graham has made every effort to get the course in the best condition he can but it is inevitable that as a result of reduced maintenance over the last 2 months that some areas of the course may not be as you've come to expect. Please be patient as it may take some time for the course to return to the condition we have been previously enjoying.

#### On-Course items

Please note that the usual on-course items such as ball scoops, rakes, ball washers, warning bells and bins have either been removed or covered up. They should not be touched at this time. As bins are not in use – please take your rubbish home with you.

#### Tees

Only yellow and red tees will be in operations initially.

#### Holes, Pins and Flags

Pins and flags will be retained but are not to be touched and/or removed.

Hole liners have been moved closer to the surface in order that balls can be easily retrieved without touching the pins.



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### Clubhouse

All of the clubhouse (including changing rooms and toilets) will remain closed until further notice.

### Practice Putting Area

Initially the practice putting areas will remain out of use

## 3. Before your Round

### Bookings

- All golf **must** be booked in advance either online or by telephoning the clubhouse – even if you are only playing a few holes.
- There will be no turn up and play until further notice. This is so that the club knows who is out on the course and for keeping records for contact tracing if the need arises.

The tee-times have been adjusted to 10 and 15 minute intervals. Tee-times can be booked now with the first day of play – **Friday 29 May 2020** – subject to confirmation by the First Minister on the 28 May 2020.

The following groupings (members and visitors) will be permitted to play:-

- Individual players on their own
- 2-ball games, with household members or with a non-household member as long as they adhere to the Government 2 metre social distancing rules
- Groups of 3 or 4 players subject to adherence of only mixing with one other household and maintaining the 2 metre social distancing rules.

### Buggies

Buggies can be booked via the clubhouse; however, they are for single use only. Buggies must be sanitised before and after use. Hirers of buggies will be responsible for this, so it is up to them to bring sanitiser and wipes with them when they come to play.

## 4. Arrival and Waiting to Play

- Arrive no more than 20 minutes before your tee-time
- Recommended that golfers (unless from the same household) arrive in separate transport
- Practice social distancing when parking and exiting vehicles
- Change at your vehicle in the car park
- Please do not gather in the car park, clubhouse area or first tee
- Scorecards will not be available. Find attached scorecard pdf which can be printed off



## 5. During your Round

### Tees

- Remember and keep 2 metres apart while on the tee. Do not gather in groups or with other groups on the tee.
- Following play of a hole, do not enter the next teeing area until all the members of the group in front have played their tee-shots and exited the teeing area
- Do not exchange scorecards either before or at the conclusion of the round
- Equipment should not be shared or borrowed

### General

- Keep 2 metres apart when walking up the fairway, searching for a ball and playing shots.
- Do not pick up stray balls
- Equipment should not be shared – including moving partner's bags and trolleys

### Bunkers

- You can take free relief once by placing the ball within 6 inches, but still within the bunker and not nearer the hole
- With no rakes available please make your best efforts to smooth sand with your club and/or feet when exiting the bunker (just like the old days!).
- Exit the bunkers the way you entered them

### Greens

- Remember to keep 2 metres apart while on or around the green
- Do not touch or remove the pin
- To minimise the need to lift the ball from the hole, a ball is holed with the next stroke if it is within 12 inches of the hole (which is just over the length of a standard putter grip)
- Try to avoid touching the hole liner or pin when removing the ball

## 6. After your Round

- No handshakes on the completing of your round
- Do not exchange scorecards
- Leave the course as quickly as possible
- Avoid gathering around the Clubhouse or car park areas
- Leave the car park as quickly as possible

By adhering to these procedures, we will keep all golfers as safe as they can be and reduce the time until we can all enjoy our magnificent course and facilities to their full.

Thank you  
Management Committee



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COMPETITION							ENTRY No.		Please indicate which tee used			
DATE		TIME		H'CAP		STROKES RECD		PAR 555	49	67		
Player A							PAR 555	69	66			
Player B							PAR 555	70	70			
Hole	Markers Score	Name	White Yards	Yellow Yards	Par	Stroke index	Score		W + + + + + H P O V E R S	Red Yards	Par	Stroke Index
							A	B				
1		Scrath	285	274	4	11				274	4	14
2		The Marshes	281	263	4	15				263	4	9
3		Craigvinean	140	126	3	7				126	3	16
4		Lowes	402	376	4	1				376	5	1
5		Craig Wood	376	373	4	5				364	4	6
6		Gully	303	243	4	13				243	4	13
7		Spoutie	271	263	4	17				263	4	12
8		Birk Knowe	393	336	4	3				327	4	3
9		Craiglush	367	367	4	9				345	4	8
OUT			2818	2621	35					2581	36	OUT
<b>PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY AT ALL TIMES</b>												
10		Osprey	508	508	5	4				457	5	2
11		Newtyle	141	135	3	18				135	3	17
12		Lochan	274	274	4	16				208	4	15
13		Cally	325	325	4	10				276	4	10
14		Juniper Wood	417	373	4	2				373	4	4
15		Birnam	396	396	4	8				338	4	11
16		Danny's	274	274	4	14				238	4	7
17		Fungarth	195	162	3	6				185	3	5
18		Whinney	123	124	3	12				113	3	18
IN			2653	2571	34					2323	34	IN
OUT			2818	2621	35					2581	36	OUT
TOTAL			5471	5192	69					4904	70	TOTA

**HANDICAP**  
**NETT**

Marker's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All movable obstructions are now classed as immovable obstructions so that they are not touched. So, benches, markers, hoops, posts and ropes must be left in place and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1. If the obstruction is near the green in play and your ball is within ten meters of the obstruction you may take "line of sight" relief

- LOCAL RULES**
- OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 33-2a)**  
Beyond any wall, dyke or fence or white stakes bounding the course.
  - IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24)**
    - Staked Trees
    - All tee marker stones and distance markers.
    - Clubhouse and integral buildings.
    - All artificially surfaced roads, tracks and paths, including those with a prepared earth surface.
    - Wells at the 2nd and 9th holes and the drinking well at the 6th hole.
    - Drain plugs and exits on and around greens.
    - Sprinkler heads.
    - If a ball outside of a water hazard and the player has interference from a bridge or path within the hazard, relief is permitted as an immovable obstruction under Rule 24-2.
  - WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26)**  
Water Hazards are defined by yellow stakes. A ball resting on any bridge or path within the limits of a water hazard can be played as it lies or relief taken under Rule 26, 1 stroke penalty.
  - LATERAL WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26)**  
Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red stakes.
  - CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (Rule 26-1)**  
Areas marked by green and red stakes define these areas as lateral water hazards, plus additional notices prohibit entry into and play from such areas, under penalty of 1 stroke.
  - STONES IN BUNKERS (Rule 24-1)**  
Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions and may be moved at all times.
  - GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25-1)**
    - Any area lined by white paint.
    - Any area designated ground under repair.
    - A ball lying within one club's length of any outcrop of rock on any closely mown area.
    - All stone drains on fairways or closely mown areas.
    - On a fairway in front of the green and through the green to the red stakes on the 14th hole.
  - INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE (Rule 29)**  
The rock face crissing the 4th hole. A ball must be played as it lies or declared unplayable.
  - OVERHEAD POWER LINES (Rule 20-5)**  
If a ball strikes an overhead power line the player must disregard that stroke, abandon the ball and play another ball from as near as possible to the spot from where the original ball was played no closer to the hole, in accordance with Rule 20-5.
  - BUGGIES**  
Buggies shall follow the route signs at all times and should avoid all tees and approach of greens.
- PLEASE REPLACE ALL DIVOTS – PLEASE REPAIR ALL PITCH MARKS  
Membership is still available.  
Apply to the Secretary at 01350 727524  
150 yard markers to centre of green