

GOLF VILLAGE - GOOD GOLF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Playing Golf Under COVID-19 Restrictions

COURSE SETUP

ON-COURSE ITEMS

- All rakes and ball retrievers to be removed.
- Ball washers and drinking fountains to be covered up.
- It is recommended that clubs position hand sanitizers at strategic places on the range.
- Benches and bins to be removed, covered or sign-posted in such a way that players do not touch them.
- All other removable items to be removed. Stakes defining areas of the course can be treated as immovable obstructions.

HOLE AND FLAGSTICK

- Flagsticks can be retained, but it is strongly recommended that a sign is put on the flagstick stating that it is not to be touched. There are various options in order to do this, such as turn the cup upside down, cut a pool noodle to the right height and wrap it around the bottom of the flagstick, or put in a plate that rests against the top of the cup.
- The cup of the golf hole should be inserted in such a way that the entire ball does not fall below the surface of the putting green and can be easily retrieved by handling the ball only.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Practice areas, including practice nets, to be closed unless safe sanitizing practices can be guaranteed.
- The following practices will be a necessity: wash range balls regularly, remove benches/seating and club cleaning facilities, control availability on the range, ensure three- to five-metres spaces between bays, sanitize range buckets after every use and use own towel.
- No golf bags or golf club covers will be permitted on or in the range
- A maximum of 5 clubs is permitted per person,

BEFORE THE ROUND

ARRIVAL AND WAITING TO PLAY

(Refer to the GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines)

- The clubhouse and locker room facilities will be closed. Limited essential access (for example to use the toilets) may be allowed by the club/facility.
- Clubs/facilities to communicate in advance with golfers to advise on social distancing requirements that are being applied on arrival at the club/facility, for example not leaving cars until being called when a slot becomes available.
- Clubs/facilities to have procedures in place to ensure social distancing requirements in the area of the professional's shop.
- Clubs/facilities to have procedures in place for the practice putting green, for example giving priority of use to the players in the next group due to tee off, remove cups, or using a method of inserting the hole liner to be used that means that all of the ball does not fall below the surface of the putting green and can be easily retrieved by handling the ball only.
- Good practice for golfers to always carry hand sanitizers with them and refrain from touching their faces.

DURING THE ROUND

Guidance and reminders should be provided by clubs/facilities to golfers is to ensure that they keep at least five metres apart during their practice session.

TEEING AREAS

- Inform golfers that they should only make their way to the tee once the group in front is leaving the teeing area. (Kids Village)
- Remind golfers to keep two metres apart at teeing areas due the normal close proximity of golfers to one another when tee shots are being played.

GENERAL

- Remind golfers to stay more than two metres apart when walking or playing shots.
- Remind golfers not to touch stray balls.
- Each group to carry sanitizers. It is recommended that sanitizer is applied after each hole played.
- Golfers may not share scorecards and electronic scoring is preferred.
- Golfers to be mindful to other members and keep your practice session to 1 hour during peak times.
- No cash will be accepted unless the correct amount is given
- Member of the range will get preference to day visitors.

BUNKERS

- With no rakes allowed on the course, remind golfers to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet.

PUTTING GREEN

- Remind golfers to keep two metres apart on the putting greens and not to touch the flagstick, not to share pitch mark repairers and always only handle their own equipment such as clubs and balls.
- Refrain from removing the ball from the putting cup – once played.

AFTER THE ROUND

- Remind golfers that social distancing is as important after a round as it is during the round, so when the round is completed they must leave the club/facility immediately so that there are no gatherings around the clubhouse area.



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