

COVID-19 PLAYING RESTRICTIONS

As at 18th May 2020

MAXIMUM OF TWO PLAYERS PER TEE TIME

MEMBERS ONLY

BOOKING IS MANDATORY

The restricted resumption of golf at Ulverston Golf Club, considered as Phase 1 of our return, needs to be undertaken within the following boundaries to support the "Play Safe & Stay Safe" philosophy generated by England Golf.

Please note: there is a lot of information contained in this document. Please read **IN FULL**.

PHASE 1

The Golf Course

During the lockdown period we have only been permitted to carry out essential maintenance of the golf course with a reduced green keeping team. Whilst we are sure that members will be delighted by the condition of the golf course there may be some areas where the grass has not been able to be cut to the standard we would normally expect. In addition, only limited maintenance of bunkers has been permitted. We have also not been able to attend to the finer details of maintenance around the clubhouse, car park and surrounding areas. Please bear with us whilst we endeavour to get back to our normal routine over the next few weeks.

Fair Access Policy

After weeks away from the Club we understand everyone will be keen to return to playing. To ensure we give all Members the fullest opportunity to play we have decided to implement a fair access policy as follows:

- Members able to play their golf during the week are requested to do so to ensure those members still working have ample opportunity to get their golf at the weekends.
- Access to the course/club is for members only. No visitors or guests are permitted during this phase.
- All course access **MUST** be pre-booked using BRS (online, via the app or by calling the Main Office directly to arrange). Further details are provided below to assist with booking needs.
- Bookings are limited to one pre-booked round ahead of re-booking for further subsequent play upon completion of your first booked round. This "book-play-book" arrangement is to be utilised to ensure that the anticipated demand can be met. Adherence to this requirement will be strictly monitored.
- As it is anticipated that the initial demand for golf will be very high, we are keen to give as many members as possible the opportunity to play within the current restrictions of group size. As demand reduces the booking restrictions will be revised accordingly.
- Play, requiring the mandated pre-booking as mentioned above, will be available between 06:00 and (Sunset-2 hours) daily.
- Golf is permitted from 06:00 to 20.00 hours daily. Teeing Off outside of these times is **NOT** permitted.

Note: Whilst England Golf advises that family groups resident at the same address may play in groups greater than 2 the Management Board have limited this to 2 ball groups MAXIMUM to best support anticipated member demand and place of play requirements.

Who is Allowed to Play?

- Play is restricted to Members Only (SINGLE PLAYERS AND TWO BALLS ONLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE).
- NO visitors or guests may access the course, the practice areas or the Clubhouse environs.
- Junior Members aged 11 years or under must be accompanied by a family member who is a member of Ulverston Golf Club.
- There is **NO ROLL UP GOLF**, you can only play if you have **MADE A BOOKING**.
- Members who are not required to self-isolate can attend the course.
- Members who are not displaying COVID-19 symptoms can attend the course.

Essential Booking

- It is **essential that all members pre-book a tee time** so we can all manage social distancing.
- Tee times can be booked via the website, app, or by a phone call to the club.
- Members will be able to book, initially, from 10:00 on Tuesday 12th May 2020 on a “first come, first served” basis.
- Members will be able to book 7 days in advance from midnight each day.
- Tee times will be at **10 minute intervals and for a maximum of 2 players**.
- Members booking must select a named playing partner when booking. The ability to select “Guest” from BRS has been removed for this period.
- **MEMBERS ARE NOT ABLE TO TURN UP AND PLAY WITHOUT A BOOKING.**
- Members are requested to arrange subsequent bookings AFTER completing their round (ie adopt a “book-play-book” approach).
- Single Player Bookings CANNOT have a second player added unless done so by the original booking member (ie with permission).
- Booking routines, as advised above, will be monitored daily by the Management Board to ensure adherence to the provided guidance. In addition, CCTV will be utilised to support monitoring demands as required.

BRS Booking Arrangements

Information on how to register for BRS

To access the Online Booking System, enter www.ulverstongolf.co.uk across the top right banner are 2 coloured buttons, click on the red button (Book Online), this opens a new screen – online booking.

Click on Member Tee Booking – BOOK NOW button to take you into BRS

Click on the “Members Click Here” button

Click on the “Click here to Register” button

Enter your “Username” (Call the office if you don’t know your username)

Create your own password and complete all the other details

Click on the “register” button at the bottom of the screen – the form is then sent electronically to the Club and they will activate your account.

If you are already registered but have forgotten your password, click on forgotten password link.

On Arrival at the Course

- Golfers should travel to the club alone, or with a member of the same household.
- Park your car leaving one vacant bay between cars.
- Arrive at the course no more than 20 minutes prior to your reserved tee time.
- Remain in your vehicle and observe social distancing and resist the temptation to mingle.
- Players should arrive in golf attire and change footwear in the car park.
- Go to the practice putting green no more than 15 minutes before tee off.
- Go to the 1st tee no more than 8 minutes before tee off.
- Staff/Management Board members will be visible around the 1st tee and practice putting green area to ensure players match the booked tee sheet and are consistently adhering to the advice provided herein.
- Hands may be sanitised using the spray available at the 1st tee.
- Please wait at practice putting green until your tee is clear.
- ALL MEMBERS MUST UPHOLD THE MANDATORY SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES AT ALL TIMES BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER ATTENDING THE CLUB.

Pro Shop

- The Pro Shop will be closed until further clarification is available from England Golf.
- Push trolleys, electric trolleys and buggies will NOT be available for hire.
- Members utilising their own electric trolleys, push trollies and buggies do so at their own risk.

Practice Facilities

The following practice facilities are open to members subject to advanced booking:

- Lower Chipping Green (by the club entrance)
- Upper Chipping Green (behind the clubhouse)
- One Practice Net (behind the clubhouse)
- Pitching Area (alongside the 1st fairway)

Members MUST BOOK A PRACTICE TIME SLOT if they wish to use any of these facilities. An online system called Skedda will be used to book practice time slots. It can be accessed from the BOOK ONLINE button at the top right of the club website (the same button used to access BRS).

Practice Facility Rules

- Members may book for up to 1 hour per day either as a full hour on one practice area or 2 x 30 minutes on two different areas.
- A fair access policy of BOOK – PRACTICE – BOOK applies to the practice facilities in the same way it does on the course i.e. do not book for another day until you have completed your current booking.
- Bookings are for 1 person only
- Note that only 1 of the two practice nets will be in use
- Members must use their own golf balls when practising
- Bookings can be made up to 7 days in advance (but please remember the book – practise – book rule)
- The facilities are open from 8am until 8pm (Note that certain time slots will be blocked out to allow maintenance by greens staff).
- The practice facilities are not to be used without a booking.
- The driving range and lower practice area below it remain CLOSED for the time being.

Clubhouse

- The clubhouse will be closed.
- The Ladies and Gents Locker Rooms will be unavailable for use.
- Toilet facilities will be OPEN but should not be utilised if possible - the risk of transmission off hard surfaces is considered to still be a high risk factor. Members should utilise their home toilet facilities ahead of departure to play. Toilets will be open from 09:00 to 16:00 Mon/Fri only and CLOSED on Sat/Sun.
- On course toilets are available for urgent use only (7 days).
- Shoe/Club/Trolley cleaners should not be used and the main machine will be powered off.
- Members requiring access to their lockers or the trolley stores must contact the club in advance to arrange access from Tuesday 12th May (between 09:30 and 15:30). Once items have been removed it will not be possible to store items in these facilities during phase 1 of re-opening (ie items must be retained within member's vehicles).
- The Main Office, whilst occupied, should not be approached and/or accessed by Members.

Buggies

- Hire buggies will not be available for use during phase 1.
- Those members with their own buggies may use them subject to course conditions but at their own risk.

On the Course

- Social distancing must be observed throughout, particularly on tees and greens.
- Members valid 2020 bag tag must be displayed at all times.
- Gents play is from yellow tees at all times.
- Tee off at your pre-booked time and not earlier even if the fairway ahead is clear.
- Please keep to a good speed of play. Slower players/groups should allow faster players/groups to play through. Consider not putting out to aid speed of play.
- Ball washers and bins have been removed. Please take any rubbish home with you.
- All water fountains and benches are not currently in use.
- Play must commence only from Hole 1 and be undertaken in line with confirmed booking.
- Cutting in at any point on the course is not permitted. NO play starting from Hole 10 is permitted.
- Bunker rakes have been removed, please smooth the sand with your feet after you have played your shot.
- Flagsticks will be in place, but please do not touch them.
- Hole cups will have a liner added to support contact-free ball retrieval.
- Once a hole is completed, the player/group in front must have teed off before players can progress to the next hole.
- The 4th, 17th and 18th bells must be struck using the player's own club. Alternatively players must walk back on 4th and 17th to signal the following group can drive off, and at 18th the following group should wait until they can see the prior group on the green if the bell hasn't sounded.
- Equipment, food, and drink must not be exchanged between players.
- Players must not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball.
- Single players must play only ONE golf ball at any given time (ie no multiple practice balls/shots during play).
- If balls are played "out of bounds" at any hole the ball must NOT be retrieved.
- Players must refrain from handshakes ahead of play.
- All golfers must walk in from the course 30 minutes prior to sunset.
- Restrict search time for a potential lost ball to 2 minutes to support general pace of play.
- Do not approach any green staff during your round.

On Completion of Your Round

- Post-round players should exchange courtesies whilst maintaining social distancing protocols.
- Post-round, players must return straight to their cars.
- Please be mindful of people arriving at the club and observe the social distancing rules.
- The trolley stores and lockers should not be accessed after your round. All equipment must be taken home.
- Ensure clubs and equipment are cleaned thoroughly after use at home.
- Players must call or email the golf club with any post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity

Any member(s) found to be in contravention of this notice will be held subject to serious disciplinary measures, including possible cancellation of membership.

We will closely monitor Government and Industry announcements to evaluate how restrictions can be eased further. Phase 2, based on future Government and England Golf advice, will be published when appropriate.

We hope that, by observing the Government guidelines and advice afforded herein, you will be able to access our beautiful course in a safe manner and that, in time, we will all be able to get back to enjoying our club in the way we have been used to. Key to this are our members abiding by the requirements outlined and taking personal responsibility in ensuring they set the best example possible.

Play Safe and Stay Safe.

Management Board