



PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE

## Phase 3 Return to Golf Protocols Effective 02/07/20

This guide has been published in accordance with guidelines from Scottish Golf Ltd and the Scottish Government with a view to safeguarding our members, visitors, and staff during the Covid 19 pandemic.

These measures cover each step from booking to arriving at the car park until you leave to go home. At the course, these measures are in place 24 hour a day, seven days a week. These protocols are under constant review and will be updated as information becomes available from our governing bodies and the government.

### General

- Travel restrictions outlined by the Scottish Government should always be adhered to
- Physical distancing rules outlined by the Scottish Government should always be adhered to
- **4 different household groups** are now permitted to play together in a group of 4 persons
- Shielding Members are now allowed to play golf at Torwoodlee
- **Persons with colds or any symptoms of COVID-19 should not visit Torwoodlee**

### Course Access

Members and visitors alike must adhere to the guidelines below. Any member who wishes to introduce a visitor should add "members guest" in their booking slot and top up their club card with £15 in order to facilitate cashless payment. The members guest rate is now fixed at £15. Course access will only be by booking through the BRS system and reserving a tee time.

### To Access the Course a Player Must:

- Be a fully paid up member or have signed up to the direct debit scheme
- Have a pre-booked tee time
- Not have been out of the UK in the previous 14 days
- Not in self-isolation
- Not be showing Covid 19 symptoms

### **Booking Your Game:**

- Booking a tee time in advance is compulsory, no one will be able to play without a pre-booked tee time via the BRS system – this will also help with COVID-19 track and trace if needed
- Maximum one tee time per individual per day
- If having booked a tee time, then find out you cannot use it please cancel your tee time through the BRS system
- Members should travel to the course alone or with members of the same household
- The earliest tee time each day will be 8.00am to allow staff time to prepare the course etc
- Bookings are in 10-minute intervals
- Any member who requires a buggy should reserve their buggy online during the booking process

### **Arrival at the Club**

- Arrive at the club no more than 15 minutes prior to your reserved tee time, if you arrive prior to 15 mins please remain in your car
- Observe social distancing, do not congregate in small groups. If necessary, stay in your car till your reserved tee time
- Travel ready to play and change footwear in the carpark
- Please bring your own Hand sanitising materials with you for your use only

### **Clubhouse & Trolley shed Facilities**

- Gents and Ladies Toilets at the club will be open from Tuesday July 7th onwards.  
The doors of the locker rooms and Toilets will be wedged open to prevent cross contamination of handles and door entry systems. There will be a one in one out policy. Members should wash hands and use hand towels only to dry them. The Toilets & Buggies will be cleaned thoroughly every day by our cleaning staff.

### **Practice Facilities**

- The nets will be closed to prevent cross contamination
- The practice chipping/putting greens will be available but limited to 2 members at any one time and players must observe social distancing (2 metres) at all times. There will be no holes cut on the practice greens

### **First Tee**

- Arrive at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee no more than 5 minutes prior to your reserved tee time.
- Tee off times must be strictly adhered to, ensuring spacing between groups on the course.
- Any player found not observing these rules will be asked to leave the course.

### **On The Course**

- Each round must commence from the 1st tee
- If you wish to keep a score bring your own pen/pencil and note-book – No scorecards will be available during this phase
- Social distancing, 2 metres apart, must always be observed.
- Please maintain your position on the course, no slow play, keep up with the group in front
- Golfers must not approach green staff

- Rubbish bins have been removed – please take your rubbish home
- Benches have been removed
- Ball washers have been covered and must not be used
- Bunker rakes have been removed , please smooth sand with your club or feet after play.
- Players are allowed to prefer the lie of their ball in bunkers
- Flagsticks must remain in holes and must not be touched
- Must use the back of putter to lift the plastic disc to allow contact free retrieval of ball from holes
- The group in front must have exited the tee box before the next group enter the teeing area
- Do not double back to play again if a ball is lost, unplayable or in a penalty area
- Equipment, food, and drink must not be exchanged between players, unless from the same household
- Players must not pick up other players equipment or golf balls
- Players must not handshake, elbow contact, high fives etc.
- No Spitting
- No licking of golf balls

### **After your round**

- Air cleaning facility is not operational
- Outdoor hospitality - The clubhouse and locker rooms will remain closed, Members and visitors may now enjoy a seat outside on one of the picnic tables after play. There should only be a max of 2 persons at any time sitting at these tables sitting opposite each other to maintain physical distancing rules. The seats will be marked accordingly. Members and guests can also bring their own food and drink to the club as well as a seat such as a camp seat if desired. All rubbish must be taken away from the club. No bins will be available. Again, Physical distance measures should be maintained at all times.
- Players must email the golf club at [torwoodleegolfclub@torwoodleegolfclub.com](mailto:torwoodleegolfclub@torwoodleegolfclub.com) with any post round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity.

### **Playing Golf**

- As we are playing social golf in the initial return Torwoodlee Golf Club ask that a common-sense approach prevails and “gimmies” are given to minimise the need to hole out and speed up play.
- Juniors can now play without an adult

### **Local Rules**

- Bunkers – Preferred lies in bunkers are allowed
- Flags must be left in at all times
- Tree stumps – sawn down tree stumps at left of 1<sup>st</sup> fairway, right of 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> fairways , left of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> fairways are defined as G.U.R and relief may be taken accordingly
- New Fence around 15<sup>th</sup> Medal tee is defined as an immovable instruction and relief may be taken under rule 16.1
- Irrigation works area at the rear of the 6<sup>th</sup> Green is defined as G.U.R and free relief should be taken from the dropping zone