

COVID-19 UPDATE

Update from the Course Director (LHGC) and (LHGCC) on COVID procedures from Monday 19th July

Issued Friday 16th July 2021

The Course Director /Head Greenkeeper (LHGC) and the Management (LHGCC) met on Friday 16th July 2021 to discuss the changes we would make to golf and our facilities following recent Government announcements. In summary, we agreed it would be appropriate to follow the England Golf (EG) advice to play safe and stay safe on the course, with a few precautions when using our clubhouse and changing facilities.

We are aware that a significant number of members fall into the extremely clinically vulnerable, or clinically vulnerable categories. Some people have not received their second vaccine. Monday 19th is not a free for all return to what used to be normal before the pandemic began. We respectfully request that all members are mindful of this. Please always act and behave with others' safety and feelings in mind.

Taking various factors into account, including the communications from Government and concern in the community about hospitality venues, The Management Team feel it is appropriate, right now, to leave a few sensible precautions in place whilst ensuring we open in the spirit of the guidance we receive. The Management Team recognise that many people cannot wait to be free of the restrictions, whilst many people are also wary of where this may lead in coming weeks. We do not all think of things in the same way. We have tried to strike the right balance for all and outline our procedures below.

Course and competitions

In line with EG guidance, it was agreed to revert to pre-pandemic conditions to include:

- The obligation to use track and trace when playing the course will cease.
- Rakes will be replaced in bunkers and the local rule to place the ball in the bunker will be removed.
- Flagsticks may be removed.
- The hole liners will be removed.
- Benches can be used on the course.
- Waste bins will be in place however We encourage members to take home any rubbish they create whilst out on the course.
- The compressed air shoe and equipment cleaner will be operational.
- Practice green flags will be replaced.
- Sanitising stations will be operational at strategic locations around the clubhouse area. We encourage members to carry their own personal sanitiser.



- Competition cards may be exchanged between partners if all parties agree otherwise the current practice of self-recording and agreeing scores with fellow players may be continued. Personal score entry will return in the pro shop lobby, however, please sanitise your hands before using the touchscreen.
- These course changes may take a few days to implement and may not be completed until Wednesday 21st July.

Booking System

- In accordance with EGU guidance it was agreed that the current booking system will remain in force for the foreseeable future.
- The General Manager (Chris Hanks) will review and recommend the future direction on tee bookings.
- Prior to any future commitment to maintaining a booking system, or reverting to the previous roll up option, the Management Team will review this accordingly.
- There will be no change to the first morning tee times which will remain at 7:00am.
- The current option to play the back 9 holes and the Horndon Friday to Sunday will be maintained.

Pro Shop

- Whilst the pro shop is seen as primarily the responsibility of the Head Professional to operate as he sees fit (within club contractual arrangements), we have offered advice on the wearing of masks and to recommend the maintaining of the protective screens around the counter area.
- Teaching professionals will be reminded that a mask is desirable unless agreed otherwise with those being instructed.

Changing rooms and showers

- It was agreed that whilst not obligatory, members will be told that the wearing of masks in the changing room is preferable.
- The showers will be re-opened and may be used, subject to members making their own risk assessment when using them. We respectfully ask you to keep your distances and to do your best to keep the showers clean after use. Think of the next person using them.

Clubhouse Lounge, Restaurant, and function rooms

- Whilst not obligatory, the track and trace system in the clubhouse will be maintained, and its use is strongly encouraged.
- The one-way system will be removed.
- Whilst not obligatory, we would prefer people to wear masks whilst moving around the clubhouse area.



- Table service in the lounge area (including the external patio area) will continue and members can also order from the bar. To protect staff and members, congregation in the bar area will not be permitted. A system to ensure social distancing is maintained in the bar area will be established.

- To protect members who are wary of the relaxation of the Covid 19 restrictions, the restaurant area will be maintained as a socially distanced area with table service. This is subject to restaurant bookings and may be difficult to implement on Sunday carvery days for example.

- The 'Grab and Go window' will remain in operation.

We will constantly review the situation and adapt our processes based on Government and EG guidance, as well as feedback from our staff and members. We want everyone to enjoy our club to its full effect. Please be patient, please be tolerant, please be mindful of others. In coming days and weeks, we appeal for every member and visitor to respect our decisions to enjoy your golf and help protect our staff our facilities and our members.

Play safe and stay safe.

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