



CANMORE GOLF CLUB

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Phase 1 Return to Golf – UPDATED*

Dear Members,

In line with latest Government Update regarding Phase 1 of relaxing lockdown restrictions a statement from SGU and Public Health Scotland, the Council has set out the following safe procedures for golfers.

We appreciate that everyone is eager to play after the long break away from golf.

Tee Times and Access to the Course

Members can play in the following ways:

- 1 single player
- Two ball games, with household members or a non-household member as long as they observe the social distancing rules
- Groups of 3 or 4 are allowed but only if mixing with 1 other household.
- Buggies are for single household use only.

Booking Tee Times

- The Pro Shop is open daily from 7.30am till 3pm to take tee time bookings for up to 7 days in advance. **Please phone the pro-shop to book these times.**
***IF YOU ARE AT THE CLUB TO PLAY, YOU CAN NOW BOOK A TIME AT THE PRO-SHOP. However, please do not come up to the shop to book a time if you are not playing on that day. Phone the pro-shop instead.**
- In order to promote fairness of tee time availability, the following rules have been put in place.
- First tee time of the day is from 7.30am but please remember that the green staff have right of way in order to continue with course maintenance. Last tee time is 6.54pm. All players must tee off from the 1st hole and play the course in order. NO CUTTING ACROSS HOLES!!!
- Members will be allowed to book a maximum of 2 advanced tee times in a 7 day period, running from Monday to Sunday. This can be done by contacting the Pro Shop during opening hours.

- An advanced booking is classed as any tee time booked more than 24 hours in advance, for example; booking a tee time for Thursday on a Monday.
- The BRS online booking system is now live and will be restricted to bookings within 24 hours. This will allow players to take any available tee times that have not been advanced booked, therefore, potentially allowing for more than 2 games per week if spaces allow this. These bookings made within 24 hours WILL NOT count towards the 2 advanced bookings per week.
- Under no circumstances should you arrive at the club without booking in advance.
- Payments to be by card if possible or from account. Cash will be accepted but only if no card is available.
- It is possible to buy items from the shop. Hand sanitiser gel will be on sale for members.

There will be no competitions played in Phase 1 of our return but this will be reviewed.

Clubhouse, Equipment and Course Set-up

All Clubhouse facilities will be closed. This includes the toilets and locker rooms.

Bins, fountains, ball washers, rakes, benches, divot boxes and non-essential furniture will not be in use.

Before Play

The following recommendations are made:

- Use toilet facilities at home before you leave.
- Travel to the golf course from your home must be in line with Scottish Government guidelines – in phase 1 local travel is noted as broadly 5 miles from home but it is up to each individual to use their own judgement as to whether they travel further.
- 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 COVID19 then stay at home.
- Ensure you have enough golf balls, tees etc. as the facilities at the Golf Club may be closed and you should not exchange equipment with other members.
- Aim to arrive at the Club no more than 15 minutes prior to play.
- Park your car in such a way as to facilitate physical distancing.
- Change your shoes in the car park

On The Course

Do not arrive at the first tee more than 5 minutes before your allotted tee time.

- Always observe social distancing rules on the course.
- With no rakes allowed on the course, golfers to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet.
- Following play of a hole, do not enter the next teeing area until the all members of the group in front have played their tee- shots and exited the teeing area.
- Do not share equipment, food or drink with other players during your round.
- Do not touch the flag or flagstick. Putt with the flagstick in and remove your own ball from the hole. Remember not every putt needs to be holed out in casual golf.

After Your Round:

- Return directly to your car, change your shoes, put your equipment in your car and leave. Do not store your equipment in your locker.

In addition, following guidelines should be observed:

- Bring your own hydration / food to the course. Please take any rubbish home with you.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser to the course and use regularly during the round.

ALL OF THE ABOVE WILL BE REVIEWED FREQUENTLY

From the Captain's statement

Due to the current restrictions placed upon us we can only accommodate approximately 140 golfers per day and with over 500 members we must be seen to be as fair as possible and allow as many of our members to play as practical. These are the guidelines that have been put in place by our regulatory bodies and must be adhered to. We are all aware that this is a very fluid situation and will be reviewed and amended where and when possible.

It is the responsibility of us all to ensure that we are all compliant with these regulations ensuring that golf can be played in a sensible and safe environment.

A record of all players must be recorded and kept for track and trace contact purposes, should it be required. Under no circumstances will anyone without a pre-booked tee time be allowed to turn up and play.

We appreciate your understanding and patience at this difficult time.

Harry Wood

Club Captain

Closing Remarks from the SGU

Scottish Golf will remain in regular dialogue with the Scottish Government, with regards to the procedures outlined in this document that are for playing golf during Phase 1 of relaxed restrictions. In addition, we will continue to work collaboratively with the UK Golf Industry for the safe return of our sport as and when it is determined by the Scottish Government that it is acceptable for restrictions to be further eased in Scotland as outlined in the roadmap published on 21 May 2020.

As we take to the fairways again, we must remember that it is our shared duty as custodians of golf to ensure that we all play our part in following the protocols set out in this document to ensure that a phased return to the game is managed in line with Scottish Government guidelines.

Given the fluidity of the current situation there may be a requirement to update and re-issue this guidance at regular intervals to reflect future government advice.