

We would like to thank everyone for their co-operation through the various levels of restrictions.

As we are now in level 1 and will shortly go to level 0 the restrictions have been relaxed further.

Please be respectful of all the rules and the people enforcing them, as it has been made clear that any breach could leave golf open to the lockdown being re-imposed.

The health and wellbeing of our staff, members and visitors is the highest priority for Binny Golf Club and we want to take this opportunity to share with you the steps we are taking to help combat the spread of Coronavirus.

So here are the rules. We will take you through a typical visit to the golf course.

### **Before you arrive**

- If you are ill at all, or suffering any symptoms of COVID-19 you must not come near the golf club.
- If you are in one of the high risk categories and are shielding, the guidance says you should stay away. That decision is yours to make. We take no responsibility.
- It is not permitted to turn up and play without an online or phone booking.
- Our normal 8 minute tee times will apply and tee times can only be booked from 7am to give our greenkeepers a chance to get ahead of the first golfers. Similarly the last booking at night must be the last group on the course.
- Tee times can be taken by 4 players, all from separate households, or some from the same household.
- If you book a time as a single golfer you must be prepared for the starter to add a second player or for another golfer to add their name online.
- Members guests and pay and play visitors are permitted at any time. .
- Before leaving the house please ensure that you have been to the toilet and you have your own hand sanitizer. It will not be permitted to share supplies with your partner, unless you are from the same house. Toilets will be open but can only be used one at a time.
- Trolleys can be hired and will be sanitised before and after use.

### **Arrival at the course**

- Park your car so that a 2 metre social distance can be maintained between you and the next car, when accessing your boot. Don't leave excess amounts of space. Be considerate that we all need to fit in.
- Practice putting green is open. The pins have been removed so that balls can be easily removed without touching any part of the hole. There will be two holes cut close to each other at the practice area end of the green, 1 hole in the middle and 2 holes close at the golf course end. Please stick to one set of 2 holes per house group or the hole in the middle so that you socially distance from others on the green. Priority on the practice green is given to those about to tee off in the next 10 minutes. Be mindful that someone may be getting a lesson in one of the sets of two holes but there should be plenty space to accommodate 2 house groups safely for a very quick putt on the remaining holes prior to tee off.
- You are still able to use the nets to warm up as they are far enough apart but the common balls have been removed. Please use your own ones and remove after use.
- When entering the clubhouse a face covering must be worn. It is permitted to remove this if sitting at one of the inside tables for refreshments. Staff in the clubhouse will wear a face covering at all times.

- The clubhouse is open for purchases of balls, tees, sweets, drinks, tee coffee. Hand sanitiser should be used immediately on entering the clubhouse before selecting any items for purchase.
- On arrival at the waiting area at the staff car park, catch the attention of the starter to get authorisation to proceed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee. Starter hours are 9am until 7pm weekdays and 9 until 5.30 at weekends.
- If the 1<sup>st</sup>tee is not clear then please wait in the waiting area, no further, maintaining the social distance in your group. There are circles marked on the ground to assist.

## General Play

- The safety viewing steps are open again. Please use them to check if the players in front are out of range. Hand sanitiser should be used before and after touching the rails.
- Remember to keep a minimum of 2 metres apart from your partners at all times during the round, with particular attention, when you are likely to be together on tees and greens.
- Use your own hand sanitiser often on the way round.
- It is everyones responsibility to maintain a good speed of play and you must keep up with the group in front.
- Remember we all play ready golf now and the absolute maximum time for looking for a lost ball is 3 minutes
- If you arrive at a tee and the group in front are still there please do not enter the teeing ground and keep a sensible distance in excess of 2 metres from it and your partners.
- If the group behind arrive at the tee and you haven't left it, it could be an indication that your group or a group in front are playing too slow. Please do your best to improve the speed of your play for everyone's enjoyment.
- If you are arriving at a tee and having to wait but there is a gap behind you, it could be an indication you are going too fast, please adjust your speed of play for everyone's enjoyment and be patient.
- Flags can now be removed. However we must be sensible and take personal responsibility for our actions. Firstly anyone touching a flag must use sanitiser before and after. Please do not use the hand sanitiser on the green in case any of it splashes onto the putting surface and damages it. Use it off the green and be careful not to spill any. If you are in a group of 2 or more golfers then allocate one person per hole to deal with the pin. A gloved hand can also be used to touch the pin. The flags will also be cleaned by the greenkeepers using suitable protection before the start of play each day.
- Rakes will now be in use within bunkers. They must be treated with the same precautions as the flagpole. The one club length lift and place rule in the bunker, no longer applies.
- Ball washers on the course and ball scoops at ditches will be back in use. Please use your personal sanitiser before and after use. If you have your own scoop with you, it can be used but in no circumstances should you retrieve balls by standing on the slopes. The slopes are extremely slippery. You must always be on flat ground.
- The shoe cleaning brushes will be put out for use. Hand sanitiser must be used before and after and will be available on the nearby tables.
- The air hose for cleaning shoes/trolleys will be back in use and the hand sanitiser must be used before and after use. If there is a group of you maybe one person could use the hose for all to limit contact.
- Handshakes at the end of a round should be replaced by nods/bows/putter taps/thank you

## Practice area

- Please note if there are cars parked up the left hand side of the practice area, on the grass beyond the extent of the carpark hardstanding then the mats are not in action, play is only permitted from the bunkers, or chips of less than 30 yards to the right hand side green..
- We will be accommodating PGA pro Andy Marshall for lessons on the practice area and putting green and he will be adhering strictly to the new PGA guidelines for 1:1 lessons. Please keep in mind that Andy is an integral part of our club and introduces a good number of new members to us and always talks up our club to his customers.
- Please use your own balls and ensure that all are removed on completion.
- If there is more than one person using the practice area please agree among yourselves what areas you will use so that you keep your social distance and not mix balls.

If we all follow these instructions very rigorously then, in these difficult times, the golf course should remain a safe, vital place of refuge and enjoyment and continue to have a very positive impact on our mental health and well-being. We will all get through this, together, as a club, if we respect each other and our health and safety.

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The Directors

Binny Golf Club