

Fourball Golf resumes on 12th April

We are delighted to confirm that from next Monday, 12th April we will return to a one tee start and four ball golf with no restriction on the number of households. The gap between groups will revert to the 10 minute gap in place prior to the most recent lockdown. The timesheet opening on-line at 7pm on Thursday 8th April will reflect this change.

It is important that members understand that the 10-minute gap has been agreed between Golf Ireland and the Government as part of the protocol under which golf can resume. The increase from the 7 minute pre-Covid gap effectively reduces the number of slots in a 12 hour period by around 30%. It follows therefore that not all members will be successful in obtaining a time or their preferred time and we would ask for patience and understanding whilst this arrangement is in place. For the avoidance of doubt no individual or group will have a slot booked before the timesheet goes on-line.

Taking account of the pressure on tee-times, we would encourage all members to play their part in making times available by only pre-booking 3 times per week. Similarly anyone having booked a time but finding they are unable to play should remove their name from the timesheet either on-line or by phoning the Pro-Shop.

The detailed arrangements will be as follows:-

- 1) **All** members must check in with the Pro-shop or Starters Hut before commencing play. It is not sufficient to simply wave to the person behind the counter. Failure to check in properly undermines the Track and Trace System and potentially jeopardises the health of your fellow members. Members playing in the morning before the Pro Shop opens should report in when crossing from the 4th to the 5th or at the conclusion of their round.
- 2) The clubhouse including the locker rooms are closed and only the toilet facilities will be open. It is important to note that access to the toilets will be from 8am each morning. The toilets will be closed at 4.30pm Monday – Friday and once the last group has teed off on Saturday and Sunday. In accordance with Government instructions, the locker rooms should not be used and there will be no access to the electronic trolley store.
- 3) The Pro-Shop will be open as follows:-

Monday – Friday	8.30am – 5pm
Saturday	6.30am – 4pm
Sunday	8.00am – 4pm

Anyone commencing play after the Pro Shop is closed must register their presence at the Starters Hut
- 4) The Practice Academy will be open from the first tee time to the last tee time. Access is limited to persons from two households (one at each end). Slots must be booked with the Pro-shop and as with playing golf, users must check in before proceeding.
- 5) Finally because of the track and trace requirement, play after the Pro-shop closes each day is only made possible by having volunteers in the Starters Hut. As the evenings lengthen so too does the need for volunteers. The work is not complicated or arduous and ensuring that the Starters Hut is manned is much more manageable if sufficient numbers of volunteers come forward. We would encourage each member to volunteer for a stint of an hour or two by contacting the office with their details.

This document has been agreed with the Club Combined Match & Handicap Team and any queries or concerns should be directed to them via the Club Office.

General Arrangements to Ensure Everyone's Safety

Access to the Course

To be able to commence play a player must:

- Not be displaying any symptoms of COVID 19;
- Not be in self-isolation;
- Not have been around anyone with the illness for 14 days (to the best of your knowledge);
- Be a member of Donaghadee Golf Club;
- Have a pre booked tee time;
- Observe social distancing rules at all times in the car park, clubhouse and on the course.

Before Your Round

- Access to the Locker rooms will only be permitted for use of the Toilet. The Showers will be out of use for the foreseeable future. There is to be no congregating in the locker rooms and shoes must be changed in the car park;
- The electronic trolley store is closed;
- If allowed on the course, buggies are restricted to one household;
- All groups will start from the 1st Tee. There is to be no queuing on the tee - only those teeing off and the next group should be present;
- A maximum of Four players will be allowed on the putting green and priority given to those next to tee off. Putting time will be limited to 10 minutes;
- Scorecards may not be necessary but if used should not be swapped with partners;
- No caddies are permitted;
- Players should use the sanitiser before and after their round.

On The Course

- Social Distancing observed throughout. 2-metre rule applies;
- Please do not pick up stray balls on the course. Only handle your ball when playing your round;
- Bunkers are in play and a player can place their ball. Bunker rakes have been removed. Please use your club or feet to rake bunkers after use;
- Flagstick to remain in holes and not to be touched. If the location of the hole is not changed, sanitiser will be applied as part of the daily course set up;
- Hole cups have been adapted for contact free ball retrieval; these will be sanitised as part of the daily course set up;
- Once a hole is completed the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next hole;
- Equipment, food or drink must not be exchanged between players;
- Players must not pick up another players equipment or ball;
- Players must refrain from handshakes and high fives.

After Your Round and Getting Home Safely

- Hands must be washed and sanitised after your round;
- Members must call or email the club with any post round health issues relating to COVID 19 symptoms.