



# Operations due to COVID-19



# Guidance

The club has amended its distancing and 'contact avoidance' guidance, plus its temporary local rules, to allow us to return safely to golf during the Coronavirus outbreak. These should be followed by members and visiting golfers immediately and will remain under review.

- ▶ **If at any time, you begin to show any of the COVID19 symptoms, please stay away from the Golf Club until the required isolation requirements are complete**
- ▶ Please arrive at the course within 20 minutes of your booked tee time and change your shoes in the car park (if you arrive earlier- stay in or close to your car)
- ▶ When choosing a parking space, where possible, please leave a space between your car and others. It is fully appreciated at busy times this may not be achievable
- ▶ **Keep your distance- 2 meters apart from staff and all other golfers, including those in your group (exception; those co-habiting)**
- ▶ **You may ONLY start at the first tee and at your booked tee time**
- ▶ Please only head to the 1st tee when the group ahead have teed off or in the 10 minutes leading up to your tee time (should a tee slot gap ahead exist)
- ▶ Please take the time and patience to leave a gap between playing groups and therefore avoid close contact with other groups. However, you should still follow pace of play etiquette and always invite a faster group to play through
- ▶ If you have finished a hole but the next tee is occupied, please remain on the previous green until the tee is clear, this will maintain good spacing throughout the course
- ▶ **Do not shake hands with other players either before or after the golf**
- ▶ Don't lend or borrow equipment from other players
- ▶ If you are going to use a score card with social scoring, do not swap the card with another player (Note; no supplementary scores allowed at present)



## Guidance (continued)

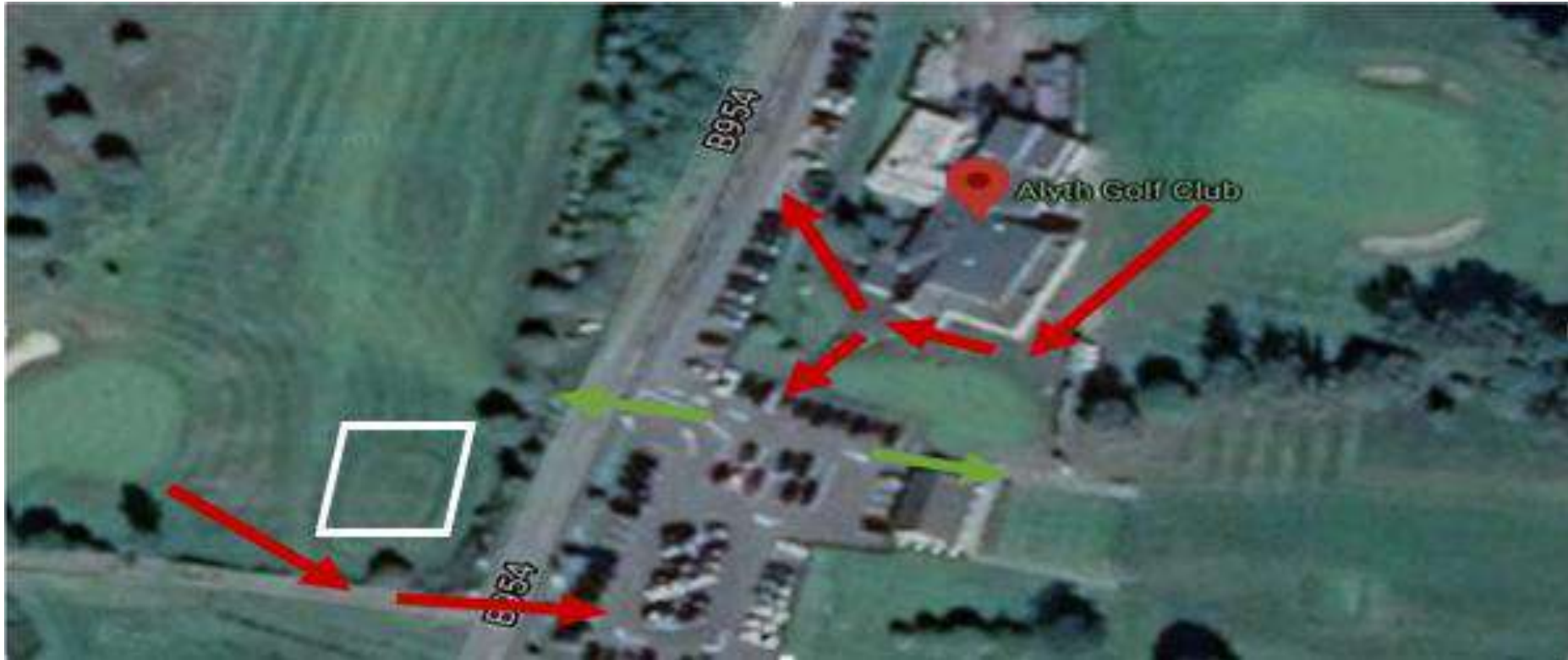
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- ▶ Please use your foot or club to smooth over footprints made in the bunker, ensuring you create a fair surface for those behind you (see Temporary Local Rules)
- ▶ Water fountains, bins and ball washers have been taken off the course, please take all your rubbish home with you and bring something to clean your ball
- ▶ Bells have also been removed from the course as such please be aware of the group in front of you prior to playing your shot if unsighted
- ▶ **Do not touch the flagstick, leave it in the hole and only pick up your own ball**
- ▶ Buggies will be for single use only (exception; those co-habiting); initially the clubs less able buggies will not be available
- ▶ Upon completion of your golf, please head straight back to the car park using the designated route, to change shoes and depart
- ▶ Once various facilities are opened please adhere to any guidance issued. Such as for the Toilet at 12 please use anti bacterial products to clean the facility on use.
  
- ▶ **These arrangements will be monitored by staff and volunteer marshals- please give them your full cooperation**



# Route Map

The below map shows the approved routes for entry (green arrows) and exit (red arrows) from the golf courses. The white boxed area maybe implemented as a waiting area when 18 holes on Glenisla is implemented. This has been put in place to help assist with social distancing and congestion.





# Temporary Local Rules

The following rules are now in place. These will be reviewed and amended as appropriate

- ▶ The flagstick should not be touched and should remain in the hole at all times, even if this likely to cause you a disadvantage. Note; For casual golf, we recommend putts within a putter grip length are conceded with a shot added to your score.
- ▶ All movable obstructions are now classed as immovable obstructions so that they are not touched. So, benches, markers, hoops, posts and ropes must be left in place and relief may be taken under **Rule 16.1**. If the obstruction is near the green in play and your ball is within ten meters of the obstruction you may take "line of sight" relief
- ▶ When a player's ball lies in a bunker the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball within 6 inches of the original ball, but still within the bunker and not nearer the hole. Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: **General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a**.



# Back to Safe Golf – Tee Booking Procedure

Restrictions will be removed or added to whenever government or golfing authority guidance renders this appropriate, but advance booking will likely remain in place until the end of the requirement for individuals to follow the Social Distancing guidelines. We appreciate that not everybody has internet access. Please be patient with phone bookings.

- ▶ All golf must be booked in advance, either online via BRS or by telephone to the Professional's Shop 01828 632268(option 1). You cannot arrive at the club and expect to book and play – you will be turned away. BRS will go live for booking when we know a re-opening date
- ▶ All members with internet access need to be registered on BRS in order to book times. If you are unsure whether you are registered, not registered or think you have forgotten your password in the first instance please email the office ([info@alythgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:info@alythgolfclub.co.uk)) or phone on 01828 632268(option 3) and they will assist.
- ▶ **All golf at Alyth will start ONLY from the 1st tee, in 12 minute intervals from 8 am to 7 pm**
- ▶ **All golf at Glenisla will start ONLY from the 1st tee, and ONLY for 9 holes in 12 minute intervals from 8 am to 7 pm. After initial analysis of traffic/use it is anticipated that this will be relaxed to 18 holes as soon as possible.**
- ▶ **Members may book up to 3 days in advance, new days appearing from 7 am**
- ▶ You can book for yourself and others or add your name to a vacant slot. If you wish to play alone and are using the booking online, please fill the remaining player slot with "Reserve".
- ▶ Once visitors allowed, Visitors must phone, book and pay on the intended day of play – into any remaining available afternoon slots after 2pm. If regular gaps appear in the start sheet, visitors may be permitted to book earlier times.
- ▶ When the Professional's Shop is open, staff will be able to assist members and visitors with their bookings – within the above limits.
- ▶ If you are unable to keep your booking please remove yourself as soon as possible through BRS or the Professional's Shop to free it up for someone else to use.
- ▶ Buggies (for single use unless people "co-habiting") can be booked by ringing the number shown above. (subject to availability)
- ▶ Initially the clubs less able buggies will not be available however it is intended to introduce these as soon as possible.



# Back to Safe Golf – Booking and Playing Restrictions

Restrictions will be removed or added to whenever government or golfing authority guidance renders this appropriate, but advance booking will likely remain in place until the end of the requirement for individuals to follow the Social Distancing guidelines.

- ▶ **Initially, golf will be only allowed in 2 balls or as a singleton. Small groups will allow us to more easily “bed-in” the booking and distancing arrangements. We will look to relax this restriction as soon as we can.**
- ▶ For clarity, no other golf will be allowed on the course in this initial period and the practice areas will remain out of use – (The practice putting green adjacent to the Clubhouse and Pro-shop will be in-bounds, but only for those prior to going out to play)
- ▶ Until they can be organised safely, there will be no competitions, matches or society bookings.

## Members’ Tee Booking “Ground Rules”

- ▶ We ask that members are considerate to others;
- ▶ Please don't try and book the same slots repeatedly;
- ▶ You will be allowed one booking slot per day under your name and you should try not to book for too many consecutive days, until we have had chance to gauge what demand there is likely to be on the course; If necessary to ensure a fair opportunity for all members to play, we may restrict the number of advance bookings an individual can make in due course.
- ▶ If you can play any day of the week, then please avoid advance booking popular “workers” times – such as weekend mornings or evenings
- ▶ If you arrive late for your time slot then you lose your place in the queue and will be only allowed to start should the following time be empty.

## Please also remember

- ▶ **These arrangements/bookings will be monitored by staff plus volunteer marshals at the course – please give them your full co-operation.**



# Roadmap COVID-19

The following roadmap gives an overview of how we think things may progress moving forward. It is 100% flexible and will be very much dependant on government guidelines. It does however give visibility on possible options that could occur on this journey.

Phase	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Group sizes and tee-time intervals	1 or 2 balls at 12 minute intervals	1, 2 or 3 balls at 12 minute intervals	1, 2, 3 or 4 balls at 10 minute intervals	1, 2, 3 or 4 balls at 10 minute intervals
Booking	In advance, online or by telephone	In advance, online or by telephone	In advance, online or by telephone	In advance, online or by telephone
Type of Play	Casual golf only (no competitions)	Casual golf only (no competitions)	Casual golf and closed competitions	Casual golf, closed and open competitions
Who may play?	Members only	Members and members guests (subject to members demand)	Members, members guests and visitors	Members, members guests and visitors
Pro-Shop	Check-in only	Check-in and retail (subject to strict guidelines)	Check-in and retail (subject to strict guidelines)	Check-in and retail (subject to strict guidelines)
Practice Area and Driving Range	Closed	Practice ground using own golf balls (subject to strict guidelines)	Both open (subject to strict guidelines)	Both open (subject to strict guidelines)
Clubhouse	Closed. On course toilets may open (subject to strict guidelines).	Locker room and toilets may open (subject to strict guidelines). On course toilets may open (subject to strict guidelines).	Locker room and toilets may open (subject to strict guidelines). On course toilets may open (subject to strict guidelines).	Full facility may open (subject to strict guidelines)