

# SOUTH SHIELDS GOLF CLUB

## CODE OF CONDUCT DURING COVID-19

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**PLAY SAFE**  
STAY SAFE

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## Thank you

South Shields Golf Club and the Executive Committee acknowledge the support and patience of the members of the club during this enforced period of closure, we also understand the desire of every members' desire to get back on to the golf course as soon as possible.

Covid-19 has by no means been defeated or gone away 'Yet', the vaccine has become available but it is the responsibility of every member to conform to Government advice.

This Code of Conduct has been produced to ensure that we can all resume playing golf the sport we love, responsibly, and without placing any individual (staff or golfer) under any unnecessary risk.

These guidelines will be under constant review and update, please remember the re-opening is a Government gift to golf. IT CAN BE TAKEN AWAY IF WE MISUSE IT.

The Executive Committee



## Manage your own Risk and act responsibly

The following guidelines have been issued by the World Health Authority and the British Government, following these will substantially reduce the likelihood that you will contract the virus.

- Stay at home and self-isolate even if you only have minor symptoms such as; such as cough; headache; mild fever; if you need to leave the house, wear a face mask and avoid contact with others.
- If you are in extended isolation or a high risk category please stay at home.
- If you have a cough; fever or breathing difficulties, and feel you cannot cope at home, use the NHS 111 helpline.
- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub to kill any viruses that may be on your hands.
- Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from other persons (social distancing) in case they, or you cough or sneeze spreading the virus through droplets.
- Avoid crowded places where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose; these are transfer points for the virus from your hands into the body.
- Cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze, disposing of the tissue immediately, then clean your hands as above.



## Code of Conduct at the South Shields Golf Club

We have produced a 'Code of Conduct' which clearly explains what is required from you as members to manage your own risk and the risk to our staff and members of the public. Please act responsibly whilst at SSGC

The document is visible in the Pro Shop , the clubhouse foyer and is also available via the club website here:- <https://www.ssgc.co.uk/members-covid-19-updates/>

The key element is that you MUST observe social distancing of 2m at all times. Please realise that the entire Golf industry is under probation with the Government and we cannot afford for any breaches or infringements of this relaxation of the Lockdown.

**Please be mindful** that we have a large membership with limited tee availability– we will review this dependant on the usages of the course. On the day, if there are there are free tee time spaces free then you may book another round via the Pro Shop – We will be monitoring abuse of the system so we can ensure all members get an equal opportunity to play.

**Please ensure you read the Code of Conduct but some key points are follows**

# Booking and playing golf -

## Goal to maximise numbers who get a game and remain safe



- All tee times must be booked using BRS. There are no roll-ups, and anyone found playing not booked in will be asked to leave the course and face club sanction
- 4 persons at 7-minute intervals
- You can book yourself in plus 3 others.
- The club have a make u 4 policy and reserve the right to enforce it. At the Clubs and Professional's discretion
- Booking opens at 8.30pm five days prior ( Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> for Play on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Booking thereafter will open at 8.30pm – on a rolling basis i.e. Thursday>Tuesday, Friday>Wednesday
- Competitive Golf will commence from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- There must be no groups larger than 6 congregating anywhere on SSGC property or grounds and the club have decided that if this policy is breached then the entire group will face possible sanction

## Opening Times

- The barrier gate will be opened by the green keepers prior to 6.00am.
- However, no play before 6.30am is allowed.
- Tee times will be available from 6.30am or Sunrise which ever is the LATTER and the last round must be completed by Sunset. **IF THE STAFF HAVE LEFT, THEN WE ASK THAT THE LAST CAR OUT CLOSES THE BARRIER** to ensure we provide protection and security for the course and clubhouse

# Park & Play



- Please arrive in the carpark no more than 15 minutes prior to your tee time. 30 minutes if using the practise area or Nets.
- Sanitation stations have been placed outside each locker room external door.
- You must book in via the Pro Shop (if it is open)- please queue as per guidelines and markings.
- Membership cards must be shown so we do not allow non-members to slip through the net.
- SSGC Buggies will be available for rent .
- Locker Room/Toilet access limited to two persons a time (You must to wear a face covering when inside).

## Take Away services – Clubhouse lounge access is limited

- We will be offering a limited service – Coffee from the machine , wrapped Bacon, Sausage, Egg Baps.
- Order from the patio door, payment by members card is preferred
- The patio seating area is fully closed until April 12th

## First Tee

- The green path behind the putting green is the only access route to the first tee.
- Please keep 2 metres away from any other group and you must not proceed forward until the tee or the space in front is clear.
- The putting green is only in use for the 6 at any one time
- The practise ground is only in use for 6 people at any one time
- Use of the practise nets is limited to 1 person per net



## On Course

- You must follow all guidelines laid down in the Code of Conduct
- Do not approach a tee if it is occupied
- Be mindful that the public have had free right to roam so be respectful when asking them to return to the path if you come across any walkers on the course
- You might find a bit of Dog mess - be careful – we are trying to clear it all up

## Post Round

- Don't wait for your friends
- Leave straight away

**Enjoy the freedom that golf bring. Stay Alert, control the virus and Save Lives**

**VOLUNTEER COURSE MARSHALLS WANTED – DO YOU HAVE SPARE TIME – DO YOU WANT TO HELP  
GIVE YOUR NAME TO THE PRO OR EMAIL INTO THE CLUB .**