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## **2020 - Golf Opening Guidelines**

The following guidelines have been established through consultation with the National Golf Course Owners Association, other Clubs and direction from the Ontario Government. These guidelines have been adjusted to fit our Club's requirements both operationally and administratively (incl. staff). Please note, these guidelines may have to be adjusted as we move forward. Upon opening, these rules will be in force for the protection of all of our staff and customers.

**Note: All Social distancing rules (2 m – 6 ft) will be in effect while on Club property, including the parking lot. Those who do not comply will be asked to leave. No outside liquor shall be brought onto Club property. If you are not feeling well, please do not show up at the course. Call and we can make future arrangements.**

### **Booking:**

1. All tee-times **must** be booked by calling the Club at 519-986-2690. (Walk-ons bookings are temporarily suspended.) If you get the answering machine, please leave your name, contact number, time, date and number of players you would like to book for. You can book for up to an additional 3 players. You will be contacted to firm up your time and method of payment.
2. Tee-times can be booked up to five (5) days in advance. League bookings can be made seven (7) days prior.
3. Tee time bookings will be 15 minutes apart

### **Arrival:**

1. Please arrive no earlier than 20 minutes before your scheduled tee time.
2. Where possible, keep one parking space between your vehicle and the next.

3. Upon arrival please remain in your vehicle(s) in the parking lot until 10 minutes before your scheduled time. Only two golfers will be allowed in the Clubhouse at the same time. The payment area will be just inside the lower door entrance.
4. Please obey social distancing rules while in the parking lot and Clubhouse.
5. One member from your group can come into the Clubhouse and get instructions from the Pro shop staff as to timing, payment for remainder of group and pick up a score card.
6. Remaining members of your group can enter (max 2 people) to make their payment if it has not already been paid.

### **Payment methods:**

1. Until further notice NO CASH will be accepted for a method of payment.
2. We are asking that payment be made by credit or debit (tap preferred) upon arrival at the course. We have set up the debit/credit terminal just inside the door beside sanitizing items. Our website booking engine does not allow us to accept payment on-line. (Exception – between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm for only two bookings daily in this time period to accommodate our software providers).

### **Putting green:**

1. The putting green will be open, but only two people on the green at the same time. Social distancing rules must apply.

### **Golfing:**

1. Everyone will tee-off from Hole #1. There will be no jumping to another tee block to start. Shotgun starts for League play will not be allowed. League coordinators are encouraged to call the Club manager as soon as possible to discuss the nuances for this season.
2. While on the course, social distancing rules must be adhered to. **No warnings** will be given, those not paying attention to the rules will be asked to leave.
3. At the green, DO NOT touch the flag. Your ball can be putted into the hole, and it will not drop to the bottom of cup. Tap your ball carefully out of cup. Do not retrieve your playing partners golf ball from the hole.

4. Refrain from handshakes and high fives.
5. Divot fill will not be available at the tee decks. However please replace your divots anywhere on the course and your ball marks from hitting the green. If you don't have a ball mark repair tool, the Club will provide one while quantities last.
6. When you are looking for a 'wayward' ball, please roll any ball you find over with your club to ensure it is yours. It is recommended that you do not pick up any found balls.

### **Carts/Pull carts/Rental Clubs:**

1. The Club has a limited number of carts. It would be appreciated, more for logistics reasons if people who can walk, will walk the course. **Thanks.**
2. Only one person will be allowed to take a pre-sanitized cart unless two of the players who live in the same residence want to ride together. The carts will be held inside the back rink area in a pre-sanitized condition for your pick-up. A key will be in the cart. Sanitizing products will be available if you feel more comfortable doing it again yourself prior to going out.
3. After returning your clubs to your vehicle, return the cart to the rear 'barn' door to the rink area where they will be taken to a separate 'For Cleaning' area and cleaned. Please return the key to the Pro Shop so no one mistakenly takes it back out. Please remove all of your garbage and cans and place in the waste containers that are present.
4. Pull carts will be sanitized after use. Please return the handle to the Pro Shop attendant on your way out.
5. We are not able to rent clubs at this time.

### **Ball washers and Sand trap rakes:**

1. There will be no ball washers or sand trap rakes provided on any of the holes.
2. When in a trap please use your foot to smooth out the area disturbed by your swing(s). (Golfers will get that.)
3. If your ball lands in a footprint in the trap, a free lift and replacement within the trap can occur. Please smooth over both areas after your shot – thanks.

**Beverages and small snack items:**

1. There will be limited beverages available for purchase prior to heading to the first hole.
2. All payment for these items again must be paid by credit/debit card.

**Garbage containers:**

1. Garbage and recycle containers will only be available at the front of the Clubhouse and at the **Gazebo** at the junction of #2 green, #3 & #8 tees and #6 fairway. For those using carts, garbage containers will also be at return area.

**General information:**

For the time being, the Bogey Buck 'game' played by some of the leagues will be suspended for safety reasons.

The Pro Shop currently has a list of people who have an outstanding 'Bogey Buck' credit from prior years. If you think you may have some money on account, ask on your first visit or call in. The Club is asking that any outstanding funds you have be used to pay toward your membership, 10 pack or golf round purchases. All outstanding balances will be zeroed out on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 if not claimed.

I realize these restrictions will certainly change the game for the next while. Please be understanding, we don't want our Club to become a spot that originates a small breakout. As they say, a golf game is a good walk wasted, but let's make the most of it, get some fresh air, get some exercise, challenge your buddies and have some fun.

Thanks for you anticipated cooperation as we move through these 'unique' times

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