

## Chester-le-Street Golf Club

### Access to the Course

**In the initial period following the club's re-opening, access to the course was limited to just our staff and club members.** Members guests will be welcomed from 1<sup>st</sup> June and visitors from 9<sup>th</sup> June.

To access the golf course, a player must:

- Have a pre-reserved tee time
- Not have been out of the country in the last 14 days
- Not be in self isolation or health isolation
- Not be displaying COVID-19 symptoms

### Booking & Arrival

- **Booking a tee time in advance is compulsory** – via website or app or at set times by telephone to the Professional. No block booking will be allowed, nor the booking of players in another time slot. Visiting parties should book through the office.
  - **Until further notice, owing to government restrictions, the Pro Shop will be closed** but members may still purchase goods on line or by telephone.
  - Golf equipment should be washed before a player leaves home.
  - Golfers should arrive at the course no more than 15 minutes prior to their reserved tee time.
  - Players should arrive in golf attire and change shoes in their car.
  - **Observe 2-metre government physical distancing guidelines at all times.**
  - Locker rooms and toilets, with the exception of the outside toilet, will be closed in the initial stages but we are working to re-open these as soon as possible.
  - Any player who is late for their tee time will not be allowed on to the tee. They must return to their car and leave the premises.
- **The course will be closed until the first tee time at 7.30am (7.00am on weekends)** to allow the greenkeeping staff to complete essential work on the course.
  - The course will be open **for social golf only. There will be no competitions until further notice and no score cards are available.**
  - Players must provide their own golf clubs - hire sets will not be available.
  - Trolleys and buggies are not yet available for hire.
  - Members' own buggies may be used at their own risk (single person use only).

### The Clubhouse

**Until further notice the clubhouse will be closed, except for those members who are collecting their pre-ordered food from the upstairs kitchen. Please note that this food may not be consumed in the car park or the areas immediately surrounding the club house.**

### To the First Tee

- Tee-off times will be strictly observed to ensure a minimum 10-minute group spacing.
- The practice nets and the putting green will be closed; the practice ground is also off limits.
- Members should arrive at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee no more than 5 minutes prior to their reserved tee time.
- Physical spacing signage will identify the 1<sup>st</sup> tee waiting areas.
- The club marshal will be supervising these arrangements; any members not following these directions will be asked to leave the course and may be liable to disciplinary procedures.

### On the Course

- **Physical distancing (2 metres apart) should be observed throughout; particular care should be exercised on tees and greens.**
- Rubbish bins and divot bins will all be removed.
- **Flagsticks must not be touched and golfers must leave the flag in at all times.** A hole liner system will be used that means that the ball does not drop and can be retrieved without touching the pin or the hole. Putts within 12" of the hole should be conceded.
- All benches/seating will be removed from the course, where possible; where that is not possible, they have been inverted and should not be used.
- Ball washers will be covered over; the compressed air cleaner at the side of the 18<sup>th</sup> green will be out of commission.
- Bunker rakes will be removed, and players should smooth sand with feet prior to and after their shot.
- Once a hole is completed, the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next hole.
- **Limit searching for balls to one minute.**
  - Do not double back to play again if a ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area.
  - Do not touch stray balls or balls found on the course
  - Do not approach the greens staff or seek to engage them in conversation
  - Do not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball
  - Refrain from handshakes and high fives

### After Play - Getting Home Safely

- **After their round, players must return promptly to their cars and leave the club premises without delay, taking all their litter home with them.**
- Ensure clubs and equipment are cleaned thoroughly after use.
- Players must call or email the golf club with any post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity.

**We recognise that this has been, and continues to be, a particularly challenging and difficult time for our members, as it has been for the staff and the board; we thank you all for your support and your patience. It must be stressed that all the above are temporary measures, which will be reviewed on a daily basis, and we are keen to return as soon as possible to a more "normal" service. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy being out on the course again.**

**CLSGC Board**

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