

# BRADFORD MOOR GOLF CLUB

## POLICY FOR GOLF DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

### 1. COURSE SET UP

The golf course has been set up in a way that can ensure that social distancing can be practised by golfers, and the following guidance should be noted:

- **On-Course Items**
  - All bunker rakes have been removed. Bunkers will be deemed to be Ground Under Repair until further notice.
  - Ball washers have been covered up and must not be used..
  - Benches and seats must not be used. These have been laid upside down and will have notices displayed on them to that effect. Litter bins have been covered to ensure that players cannot use them.
  - The on course toilet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee will be closed.
  - The steps on the 4<sup>th</sup> tee will be fenced off and the bell on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole out of use.
  - The practice net will not be available to use.
  - All other removable items will also be removed, except that stakes defining areas of the course can be treated as immovable obstructions.
- **Hole and Flagstick**
  - Flagsticks will be retained but golfers are advised to leave in at all times and not to touch.
  - There will be ball retrieving device attached to each flagstick which will enable a ball to be retrieved from the hole without the need to touch the flagstick.

### 2. BEFORE THE ROUND

**Social distancing is as important before a round as it is during the round.**

- **Bookings**
  - An on-line booking system will be introduced for tee times. Play will be restricted to one or two balls and there will be a limit of nine holes maximum at any one time.
  - **Bookings must be made in advance. Further details can be found on the club website News Page.**
  - It is not permissible to turn up to play without a pre-booked tee time.
  - No golf outside the published tee times can be played.
  - Tee intervals provide a natural break between groups and each group must maintain spacing with the game in front.
  - All golf will be played on a social basis and no scorecards will be left on display within the clubhouse.
- **Communication**
  - Please adhere to the following temporary rules which advise players of their responsibilities when using the golf course. These are:

- Maintain social distancing
  - Don't touch the flag or anything else on the course
  - One person at a time on tees and greens
  - Leave as soon as your game is complete
- **Arrival and Waiting to Play**
    - As much as possible, players should arrive ready to play. Club house changing facilities will not be available for use so shoes etc. need to be put on before leaving vehicles.
    - Cars parked in the car park should be parked further away from each other than normal to allow for the 2 metre distance rule when getting into or out of vehicles.
    - Players should not get out of their cars until 10 minutes before their tee time and must ensure social distancing in the car park.
    - Upon leaving vehicles, there will be a one way system in place. On arrival members will walk through the top car park and down the left hand side of the drive towards the club house. On completion of the round members will walk through the officials car parking area and then turn left into the bottom car park.
    - The trolley shed will remain open for use on a one in and one out basis. Hand sanitisers will be located outside the trolley shed and members are advised to use them upon leaving the trolley shed.
    - The buggy sheds will also remain open for use. As all members who have access to the buggy sheds possess their own keys, the buggy sheds must be kept locked at all times when not in use for access. There will be a one in and one out rule in place, and members are advised to use the hand sanitisers provided on leaving the buggy sheds.
    - The clubhouse will be closed, but toilet facilities will remain open with a one person in and one person out restriction to maintain social distancing. Members are advised to use hand sanitisers provided, before and after using toilets.
    - The clubhouse will also operate as a one way system. Members will enter by the front door and leave by the fire door in the lounge. It is recommended that members wear their golf glove or gloves on each hand if possible so that the gloved hand can be used to operate the keypad and door handle into the clubhouse.
    - **Locker rooms will only be available to use on a strictly limited basis. Members are requested to remove their clubs on their initial visit following the re-opening of the course, and then take them home following the round. If this creates a problem for any member, please contact a club official as soon as possible in order that an alternative option to this ruling can be agreed.**
    - A marked out queuing system (similar to those found in shops) will be in place so that players waiting to start stand at least 2 metres apart.
    - The practice putting green can only be used by the players in the next group due to tee off, and those players must keep at least 2 metres apart when using the practice putting green.
    - Players only go to the first tee when those playing in the group ahead have cleared the first tee.

### **3. DURING THE ROUND**

**The following policies are to ensure that both players in a group keep at least 2 metres apart during the round.**

- **Teeing Areas**
  - Only one player at a time on any tee box
  - Only approach the tee when the group in front are 20 yards away
- **General Area**
  - Players must stay more than 2 metres apart when walking to the ball, searching for a ball and playing shots.
  - It is perfectly possible for players to have a social game while keeping 2 metres apart from the other player in the group.
  - Stray balls must not be touched so ensure that your ball is clearly identifiable no matter how it is lying
- **Bunkers**
  - With no rakes allowed on the course, it is important that players make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet.
- **Putting Green**
  - In both match play and stroke play, when both players' balls are on the putting green, it is recommended that the first player to putt does so continuously until his/her ball is holed or the next stroke is conceded.
  - The other player then putts until his/her ball is holed or the next stroke is conceded.

#### **4. AFTER THE ROUND**

**Social distancing is as important after a round as it is during the round.**

- Players must not shake hands at the end of the round and need to retain the 2 metres distance when the round is over.
- When the round is over, players must leave the course and the club immediately so that there are no gatherings around the clubhouse area.