



## **Guidelines for Controlling Spread of COVID-19 Virus on the Golf Course and in the Clubhouse**

On Tuesday 5 January 2021, the Scottish Government announced that mainland Scotland will move from Level 4 to a temporary Lockdown, with new guidance to stay at home except for essential purposes. Within the guidelines it is stated that outdoor non-contact sports such as golf and tennis are permitted for all age groups provided this is within a single household group, or the group contains no more than 2 people from 2 different households. Children under the age of 12 from these households do not count towards this number.

Furthermore, Scottish Golf have confirmed that in line with these guidelines Golf courses can remain open for play with a maximum of two players from up to two households. Golfers must stay close to home, travel only for essential purposes (which includes golf as part of the permitted exercise activities) and in line with the new legislation

In compliance with the above restrictions, the guidelines for playing the course and entering the clubhouse have been updated as follows. We ask that all members make themselves aware of, and fully observe the guidelines when playing on the course and using the clubhouse facilities.

- The golf course will continue to be open to members
- Visitors will be allowed to play the course but must pre-book a tee time by emailing the secretary - [sbgcsec@gmail.com](mailto:sbgcsec@gmail.com)
- **A maximum of 2 players per group (tee time slot) will be allowed. Children under the age of 12 from these households do not count towards this number.**
- Anyone exhibiting signs of a cold or Covid-19 must not visit the golf course and should stay at home.
- The clubhouse (including the locker rooms) will be closed for all but essential administrative and maintenance purposes. Anyone needing access to retrieve their possessions from the locker room should contact the secretary ([SBGCsec@gmail.com](mailto:SBGCsec@gmail.com)) to arrange a suitable time to gain entry.
- Members and visitors should change their shoes in the car park until further notice.
- Members/ visitors must observe social distancing practices (2 metre spacing) both on the course and in the car park.
- Members should bring their own hand sanitiser with them and use it regularly during the course of their round. Additional sanitiser stations are located at the clubhouse and locker room entrances.
- Flag sticks should not be removed from the holes when putting out. The holes have been modified to allow retrieval of balls from the cup using putter heads. Members are asked to exercise caution when doing this to prevent damage to the holes.
- Bunkers will not be in play. Members should retrieve balls from bunkers and drop outside not nearer than the flag.

- Benches, ball washers, and waste bins will all be out of action and should not be used. Club owned trolleys will not be available for use at the clubhouse.
- At the end of the round, golfers should not shake hands. They should leave the course immediately and avoid socialising in the vicinity of the club house.
- **Finally and very importantly, in order to aid the national test and contact tracing program, all members playing the course must notify the secretary by a simple email of the date and time that they play. This should be done before or as soon as possible after they have completed their round. A dedicated email address has been set up to aid this. [sbgcplay@gmail.com](mailto:sbgcplay@gmail.com) .**

Example email:

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| Send                                   | From    | SBGCsec@gmail.com  |
|  | To      | <a href="mailto:sbgcplay@gmail.com">sbgcplay@gmail.com</a> |
|  | Cc      |  |
|  | Bcc     |  |
|  | Subject | Players  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Tee off 10-00am |         |  |
| Fred Bloggs, Joe Bloggs                |         |  |

We ask your full co-operation on this matter.

***The Committee  
Spean Bridge Golf Club  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2021***