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Golf Club

From

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Dear Member,

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Foreword

As the government has released it's road map for re-opening Irelands economy and institutions etc. and coupled with the recent publication of the GUI's protocol and rules for re-opening the Management and Committees of New Forest Golf Club are happy to announce that the club will re-open to golf on the 18th of May on a phased basis.

Members are asked to read and familiarise themselves with the GUI protocols regarding playing golf in a safe manner. Below are the phases of re-opening the golf club but please take 5 minutes and read the whole document emailed to you on the 8th of May at 20.21 by the Honorary Secretary.

In addition last last night all members were emailed the GUI FAQ on the phases of re-opening which I hope you will also take time to read.

PHASE	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
DATE	18th May	8th June	29th June	20th July	10th August
Group sizes and tee-time intervals	Either: 3-balls at 14-minute intervals, or 2-balls at 12-minute intervals or Individual players at 10-minute intervals	Either: 3-balls at 13-minute intervals, or 2-balls at 11-minute intervals or Individual players at 9-minute intervals	Either: 4-balls at 14-minute intervals, or 3-balls at 12-minute intervals, or 2-balls at 10-minute intervals	Either: 4-balls at 13-minute intervals, or 3-balls at 11-minute intervals, or 2-balls at 9-minute intervals	Either: 4-balls at 12-minute intervals, or 3-balls at 10-minute intervals or 2-balls at 8-minute intervals
Booking	In advance, online or by telephone	In advance, online or by telephone	In advance, online or by telephone	In advance, online or by telephone	In advance, online or by telephone
Type of Play	Casual golf only (no competitions)	Casual golf, closed club competitions	Casual golf & closed & open competitions	Casual golf & closed & open competitions	Casual golf & closed & open competitions
Who may play?	Members only, (under 18's must play with an adult)	Members & members guests, (under 18's must play with an adult)	Members, members guests & visitors (under 18's may play together)	Members, members guests & visitors (under 18's may play together)	Members, members guests & visitors (under 18's may play together)
Clubhouse	Closed except for pro-shop (for check-in only), toilet facilities and locker room (for retrieval of golf equipment)	Closed except for pro-shop, toilet facilities and locker room (for retrieval of golf equipment)	Pro-shop, toilet facilities, locker room, club restaurant may open (subject to strict guidelines)	Pro-shop, toilet facilities, locker room, club restaurant may open (subject to strict guidelines)	Pro-shop, toilet facilities, locker room, club restaurant & bar may open (subject to strict guidelines)

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Protocol Sign Up

Now that we are close to being allowed to play golf it is imperative that we conduct ourselves safely, and in line with the published protocols from both the GUI and the Government. For your information the Management has had to sign up to these protocols with the GUI, in order to be allowed to open, and it is up to us, the members, to ensure that New Forest is compliant with the GUI's / Management's instructions.

- Adherence to these protocols is individually your personal responsibility.

Social Distancing

- Do not come to the golf club if you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19.
- HSE hand hygiene and sneezing/coughing guidelines to be observed.
- Keep a space of 2 metres between you and other people.
- Members who have been out of the country in the previous 14 days should not visit the Club.

Criteria Regarding Course Access

- During Phase 1 of protocols access to the course will be for Members only.
- Course is open for casual golf only until further notice
- Juniors should only play with an adult and preferably a member of their own family
- Members should not visit the Club if doing so puts them in contravention of government restrictions. Public health guidance states that only members who are living within a 5km radius of the Club should play in this initial phase. Additionally, public health guidance for persons aged 70+ or in a high-risk category should continue to be observed. Adherence to these protocols is individually your personal responsibility.

Criteria Regarding Booking & Playing Golf

- Members should make a booking by using the BRS system or by telephone. Members may only book a tee time if their subscription is paid in full or paying by agreed instalment plan.
- No ad hoc golf. Members must not arrive at the club without a booking, you may be asked to leave if the time sheet is full. No loitering permitted.
- By arriving at the course, the member playing accepts Covid-19 protocols as laid out by Management and the GUI.

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- Family members should play together, rather than split into mixed groups.
- As per the GUI advice: Groups are restricted to 3 balls every 14 minutes All golfers must rigidly stick to their tee time.
- Commencing play in advance of the stated started times is strictly prohibited.

At the Club

- Arrive at the course no more than 20 minutes before your reserved tee time.
- Please park in a manner to facilitate physical distancing.
- Change shoes in the car park.
- Please do not congregated in groups at the practice green, driving range or Pro Shop
- Social distancing must be observed.
- The Clubhouse including the bar restaurant will be closed. The locker rooms will be open and will be restricted to 1 person at a time
- Both Men's & Ladies toilets will remain open.
- The Pro Shop will be open every day
 - Weekdays from 8.30 – 5.30 & Weekends from 7.30 – 5.00
- Check in at the Pro Shop individually, please do not congregate in the hallway outside the Pro Shop, observe social distancing of 2 meters. use hand sanitising gel before and after entry.
- Card or account payments will be accepted.

First Tee and around the course

- The gates will be opened 15 minutes prior to the first tee time.
- Do not arrive at the first tee more than 5 minutes before your allotted tee time.
- With 14 minutes between tee times it is unlikely that there will be another group teeing off however if there are : Do not enter any teeing ground until all members of the group in front have played their tee- shots and exited the teeing ground.
- As signed at 1st tee do not tee off until the group in front have departed the first green.
- Buggies are restricted to single use if playing with someone from outside your household.
- All flags are always to remain in the hole.
- Keeping at least 2 metre distance between you and other golfers, especially on Tees and Greens. Use your driver as an approximate safe distance gauge.

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- No handshakes
- No sharing of equipment (pencils, tees, markers etc)
- Do not swap cards
- PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER THE ROUND.
- No bins, ball washers, movable benches will be on the course.
- Play the ball as it lies.
- Rakes have been removed from all bunkers. If your lie is unsatisfactory you have the option to lift, smooth and place.
- Remember this is casual golf for the time being. If your ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area, don't take an option under the rules that involves doubling back on your position on the course. Instead, use an option that allows you to keep your position on the course.
- Play a provisional if there is doubt as to your first ball being in play.
- Conceding of short putts is encouraged.
- Do not exchange or share equipment, food or drink with other players during your round. Do not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball.
- At the end of play do not shake hands, hug, high five or kiss.
- Please always note that Course Staff have right of way.

After Golf

- The air hose line for cleaning shoes will not be available until further notice.
- Return directly to your car and leave the Club.
- Clubhouse cannot be accessed.
- Members must call or email the Club with any post-round health issues or Covid-19 related queries.

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Driving Range & Practice Area

- Please warm-up alone. Observe physical distancing rules on practice range and on the practice putting green.
- Please use the grass area instead of the bays during Phase 1.
- The covered bay will remain closed during phase 1, the grass area will be divided into 9 x bays. Strictly only 1 person per matt at all times.
- No loitering when golfers are practicing.
- Disinfectant will be available for range baskets and for cleaning hands.
- The range balls will be disinfected after each use.

Member Competitions for 2020

As stipulated in the Protocol competitions will be limited in the early phases of re-opening. As the potential to earn business income for New Forest has been decimated on several fronts by Covid-19, at the May monthly committee meeting it was proposed and agreed unanimously that the Men's Branch would cancel all of our competitions calendar for 2020 up to the winter league next November. As a result, there will be no: Captain's Prize, Vice Captain's Prize, President's Prize, Monthly medals or GOTY. This will allow the club to keep in reserve our already lined up 2020 sponsors for 2021. There was a small number of competitions in March where competitions were sponsored and the prizes for these will be given out when safe to do so. The Committee would like to thank those loyal and generous sponsors who funded those competitions.

When permitted, Management will run non qualifying re-enter competitions for the time being and there will be prizes. As the restrictions are lifted a wider variety of competitions may become available (fourball, scramble team events etc.)

[For and on behalf of the Men's Branch Committee](#)

[Tony J Buckley](#)

Ladies Competitions for 2020

The ladies club have also decided to cancel the competitions calendar for this year. At this point in time there is no date set for the for the major competitions. The Lady Captains Prize, Lady Vice Captains Prize, Cahill Trophy and GOTY may be cancelled for this year. I would like to acknowledge all our sponsors generosity this year. The committee hope that there will be a fully sponsored calendar of competitions for 2021. When competitions in the club resume, they will be run by management on Friday & weekends. As the restrictions are lifted and the club enters phase 4 the ladies committee will seek to run specific ladies' weekly competitions again.

[Lady Captain Mary A Daly](#)

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Timesheet Information

Wednesday Seniors time: For the duration of Covid-19 Re-opening Phases 1 and 2 (to June 28th) we would ask that non senior members refrain from booking golf between 08.30 and 10.30 on Wednesday mornings

PHASE 1 MEMBERS ONLY

Timesheet is currently open from Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May

The timesheet for Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May will be open this Friday at 5.00pm

The timesheet for Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May will open next Monday 18th at 5.00pm

The timesheet for Saturday 30rd and Sunday 31st May will open Friday 22nd at 5.00pm

The timesheet for Monday 1st June – Friday 5th June will open Monday 25th May at 5.00pm

The timesheet for Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June will open Friday 29th May at 5.00pm

PHASE 2 MEMBERS / GUESTS ALLOWED

Timesheets for casual golf Monday – Thursday will open 1 week in advance as per Phase 1.

The Callaway Series Competition will resume on the 12th of June.

The timesheet will open Thursday 4th of June at 5.00pm

The following 2 weeks will continue in the same manner with timesheets opening 8 days in advance.

Members Competition timesheets for both Saturday and Sunday will be open one week in advance Fridays at 5.00pm

Competition times are allocated from 7.30am – 12.55pm

Casual golf can be booked from 1.00pm on weekends.

Members are permitted to enter the competition when playing outside of specific competition times.

NOTE

PHASE 3 TIMESHEET INFORMATION WILL BE UPDATED AT A LATER DATE

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Callaway Series Competition Singles Stableford

Entry Fee: Members €10.00 Guests €25.00 2's Club included

Prizes: Professional Shop Voucher

Winner €80.00

2nd Prize €50.00

3rd Prize €30.00

Gross €60.00 (Best Stroke Score)

Ladies €30.00

Weekend Competitions Singles Stableford (members only)

Entry Fee: Men's & Ladies €10.00 2's Club included

Prizes will be from the Professional shop to the value of;

Winner €80.00

Gross €60.00 (Best Stroke Score)

Division 1	Handicap 0 -10	€40.00
Division 2	Handicap 11 – 18	€40.00
Division 3	Handicap 19 – 28	€40.00
Division 4	Handicap 29 – 54	€40.00

COMPETITION PURSE

In the coming weeks New Forest Golf Club will be introducing the BRS competition purse to limit the amount of interaction between members and staff. To book specific competition times members will be required to have money in their competition purse. Instructions will be sent to all members via e-mail soon.

Using a competition purse and sending a picture of a completed scorecard to the Pro Shop will reduce all contact, ensuring a safe return to competitive golf.

PGA Professional Stephen Barrett