



ULLESTHORPE COURT

GOLF CLUB

Commencement of Golf at Ullesthorpe Court

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Following the Prime Ministers statement on Sunday 10th May we are happy to announce the golf course reopened for play on Wednesday 13th May. After the daily briefing on Thursday 28th May we are pleased to announce players can resume in groups of four from Monday 1st June.

Golf offers a range of mental and physical health benefits and is an important step in the return to a sense of normality, it is however vital that golf can be enjoyed in a safe environment.

This practical guide has been prepared using all available advice and guidance from the government golf unions and medical advice to help safeguard our staff and all golfers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have covered each step of the journey from arriving on site at the golf club until arriving back home again, these measures will remain in place, seven days a week, until advised otherwise. This advice will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis and in line with all government, health authorities and governing body advice.

No members should attend the golf club if they are displaying any symptom of Covid-19. If you are in a vulnerable category then we advise you to follow government and medical advice.

Fair use policy

Bookings for play from the 1st June are now allowed for up to 4 golfers (this may be from different households, providing social distancing is observed throughout).

All golf is to commence from the 1st tee, players may choose to play 9 or 18 holes.

All golfers must have a pre-booked tee time.

Booking a tee time

Bookings may be made online via the members website/app or over the phone through the Pro Shop. Bookings will be a **up to of 4 players (from 1st June)**.

NO GOLFERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY WITHOUT A PRE-BOOKED TEE TIME

Tee times will be available from 7.30am – 7.00pm, seven days a week.

Pace of Play

Pace of play for social golf will be four hours. If you cannot maintain the pace of play you will be expected to safely ask the group behind to play through. If you need or choose to let a group play through, please ensure you do this safely and maintain social distancing.

When can I book

Bookings will open for members 5 days in advance and for PlayMoreGolf members 4 days in advance.

Tee times can be booked online from 8.00am each day or over the phone from 9.00am.

If you book for less than a 4-ball, all players will be able to join your tee time. You will also be able to edit the booking and add or remove players. If you would like a single tee time or to play in a 2 or 3-ball please add guests named 'single golfer' or similar to complete the 4-ball, this will ensure you are not paired up. Alternatively contact the Pro Shop who will arrange this for you.

To reduce contact points we will not be issuing scorecards, you can enter your own score online on your member portal or we have added a copy of the scorecard to the news section which you can download and print at home.

Pro Shop

The Pro Shop will be open for the rental of trolleys / buggies, purchasing of essentials and for administrative purposes on a one in one out basis. Tee bookings will only be accepted online or over the phone.

Subject to government guidance the Pro Shop will be open for browsing for a maximum of two people from Monday 15th June. Phone and collect is available until this point.

Equipment

Buggies will be available for single use or may be shared by two members of the same household only. Trolleys will be available to hire from the Pro Shop. Buggies and trolleys will be sanitised between each use.

If golfers have any equipment stored in the locker facilities, please contact the Pro Shop in advance of your visit. You will be allowed access to remove any equipment required from the lockers on your first visit, after this all equipment must be taken home.

Facilities

The clubhouse will be closed.

Toilet facilities on the ground floor only will be open, the doors will be propped open.

The Pro Shop will be open for hiring and essentials, only one person to enter at a time.

There will be two patio doors open for serving outside the clubhouse – one will be offering takeaway food and drinks on a restricted menu, one will be offering domestic groceries and provisions – an ongoing service we have been providing to local residents throughout this period. Takeaway service will be available from 10.00am–7.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am–7.00pm at the weekends.

The putting green will be open for a maximum of three golfers at any one time, this is for golfers to use before their round and not open as a practice green.

The course

The greenkeepers have worked tirelessly with a reduced team to keep the course in the best possible condition. Following essential maintenance guidelines, the height of cut was raised on greens, fairways and rough – this has now been gradually reduced to playing conditions. The greens will be kept at 4mm, other than the first green which is slightly longer, for the duration of social golf.

Ball cleaners have been covered, please do not attempt to use these, benches have also been roped off for your safety.

Only one person should be on the tee at each time.

Please ensure social distancing throughout your round and only touch your own equipment and golf ball.

There will be no rakes in bunkers, please use your foot and club to smooth the sand after your shot – if you prefer you may use preferred lies in the bunkers during social golf.

There is a no touch policy with the flags. Flags must be left in when putting, the cups have been turned upside down so the ball will only partially drop into the hole and can be removed without contact to the flag or cup. Putts inside one foot will be considered as holed with the next stroke.

Toilets at halfway house are currently closed, if you need to use the toilets please walk up to the clubhouse and slot back in afterwards – if playing behind please respect players who are recommencing play from the 10th tee.

GREENKEEPERS SHOULD NOT BE APPROACHED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, PLEASE RESPECT THEIR SAFETY AND PLEASE ALLOW THEM PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES

Competitions

The Committee are looking at best practice and guidance from governing bodies regarding administering and playing competition golf, an update will be provided in due course.

Arrival at the club

Please do not arrive at the club more than 30 minutes before your booked tee time, before your round you may use the putting green or visit the takeaway service.

Please do not report to your booked tee more than 5 minutes before your tee time, keep a minimum of 2 metres back from the tee (if the group in front have not played) and at least 2 metres from your playing partner (unless you live in the same household).

All cars must be parked on the bottom car park, additional parking is available at the front of the hotel.

Players should arrive ready to play, shoes may be changed in the car park.

After your round

Following your round please leave the course immediately, if you choose to finish after 9 holes please follow the path behind the 18th green and 1st tee back to the car park.

Please return any hired items to the Pro Shop so that they can sanitise before the next use.

Unless visiting the takeaway facility please return to your car and proceed to home.

Hand sanitation points are located on the 1st tee, in the Pro Shop and as you exit the clubhouse building.

ONCE HOME PLEASE THOROUGHLY WASH YOUR HANDS