

The following measures and procedures have been implemented to ensure a return to playing golf is safe and practical at all South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture courses.

The measures cover each step of the golfer's journey from home to the 1st tee and home again. At the golf course, these measures are in place from dawn to dusk, 7 days per week.

These measures follow advice and guidance from the government and governing bodies of the sport and will be updated as and when the guidance changes with the gradual lifting of social restrictions.

Course Access

From 1st July onwards, course opening times will be from 7am every day.

Play should be started from the 1st tee only. Any golfers witnessed not adhering to this rule should be reported to the starters office.

To access the course, a player must:

- Have pre-booked a tee time via online booking system or via telephone to the starters office
- Not otherwise be required to be self-isolating
- Not be displaying Covid-19 symptoms
- These playing conditions are non-negotiable

Course Set Up

On course items

- All bunker rakes have been removed. Players are asked to smooth sand after their shot with their feet or club
- Benches should not be used and are marked as such
- All other removable items have been removed, except the stakes defining the areas of the course that can be treated as immovable obstructions

Hole and Flagstick

- Flag sticks will remain in the hole and must not be touched
- Hole cups have been adapted so that the ball does not fall below the surface of the putting green and can be easily retrieved by handling the ball only.

Practice Areas

- All practice areas are open for use and we ask golfers to take extra care in using their own golf balls as well as keeping safe distance on putting greens and net areas.

Before the Round

Season Ticket Purchases

- Golfers wishing to purchase a season ticket can do so online from Wednesday 3rd June at 9am via www.sllcmembership.co.uk
- You can pay in one lump sum or spread payments by interest free direct debit until March 2021. Both of these options are available online or you can also do so at the starter offices. NB sales are available until end of July 2020. Anyone wishing to purchase after this date please enquire at starters office.
- As before, each season ticket has 8 guest passes and these provide a 25% discount from the relevant green fee. These can be used Monday to Friday anytime and weekends after 3pm and will be activated from July (current pay to play prices are reduced).

Bookings

- Golfers must pre-book times online via the following site <https://www.sllcbooking.co.uk/connect/> or by calling the starters office in advance. There are no turn up and play options available whilst social restrictions are in place. If you have never used the online system before then please add your membership ID number or booking card number on the top line then click forgotten Pin. Follow the instructions to reset a Pin you will remember and that will be you registered to book online.
- Times can be booked 7 days in advance
- Golfers are restricted to one booking within a four hour period on 18 hole courses and you should only book times in which you will be playing. Tee times are in great demand at all courses so please only book times you will be using to ensure there is greater availability for all golfers.
- There are 7 minute intervals between tee times.
- All group number restrictions have been removed therefore golfers can play in groups up to maximum of four.
- Arrive at the course no more than 15 minutes before your tee time.
- Golfers should travel to the golf course alone or with a member of the same household

Arrival and waiting to play

- Please observe social distancing always and resist the temptation to mingle. This applies from the car park to the starter's office area.
- Personal buggies and mobility scooters are permitted at the same courses as previous and for single person use only.
- There will be no trolleys or buggies available for hire at this time.
- There are no toilets in operation.

Check in at Starters Office

- Check in is mandatory for all golfers
- Please confirm booking name/reference with starter. No season ticket cards are required for swiping at this time, we will work from the season ticket number only.
- Please retain the 2 metre distance from other golfers and members of staff
- We are unable to accept cash at the moment, card and contactless payments should be made.
- Golf retail essential items and soft drinks, sweets and crisps will be available to purchase.

Clubhouse Facilities

Clubhouses are now open. Please refer to the clubs directly for information on their opening hours and procedures.

To the first tee

- Only move to the first tee once the group in front are clear of the tee
- Arrive on the tee no more than 5 minutes prior to the reserved tee time
- Please adhere to the social spacing guidelines on signage prior to play
- Any golfers not following directions and ensuring safe play for all will be asked to leave the course and reported to authorities.
- Golfers must strictly adhere to the tee off times to ensure group spacing

On the course

- Teeing areas
 - Golfers must keep 2 metres apart at teeing areas

- General
 - Golfers to stay more than 2 metres apart when walking to the ball, searching for a ball and playing shots
 - Once a hole is completed, the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next hole.
 - Vital to ensuring safe distancing is the pace of play. If you are holding up play behind, please allow golfers to play through safely and swiftly. This will avoid a hold up of groups behind your game creating unnecessary pressure on the social distancing guidelines.
 - Do not double back to play again if a ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area
 - Equipment, food and drink must not be exchanged between players
 - Players must not pick up another players equipment or golf ball
 - Players must refrain from handshakes and high fives.
 - Do not touch stray/found golf balls.

- Bunkers
 - With no rakes allowed on the course, remind golfers to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club or feet.

- Putting
 - Golfers should not touch another players golf ball.
 - Golfers should take turns to putt out on the green separately. No furthest away from the hole goes first. Decide who is going on green first and make all the putts till you have completed the hole then swap over. No need to mark your ball etc.
 - No touching or removing flag sticks.

Getting home safely

- Social distancing is as important after a round as it is during the round, so when the round is over, golfers must leave the course and return straight to their cars or walk home if you walked to course.
- At the earliest opportunity, we ask golfers to call the starters office or email the golf section should you have any post round health issues related to Covid-19.