

Balbriggan Golf Club

Return to Golf – April 26th 2021

Dear Member

As we prepare to open our golf course for Members only (no guests) on Monday the 26th April 2021. We would like to update you on our 'Return to Golf Protocol' that is reflective of the national protocol issued by Golf Ireland on Friday 2nd April 2021.

Council, Ladies & Men's Club, Course Committee, Course Staff & Volunteers have all given of their time to implement our return to golf protocol and prepare our course for all our members. We know that you are all keen to get back out on the course and enjoy a round a golf. Under the rules for the return to golf, we are mandated to deploy timesheet management for casual golf (members only). This must be implemented to ensure we can comply with the national protocol and **Covid-19 contact tracing**.

During this phase of our return to golf, we will be implementing 2 ball with 8-minute intervals. We will be enabling 9-hole timesheets for Monday through to Sunday, with our standard rules for booking 9-hole golf (you can only prebook one 9 hole on each day). Should there be space on the other 9 when you present in the pro shop, Nigel and his team can book you in for the other 9. We have reviewed all our options around timesheets and we believe the above is the simplest and fairest option for all. This will ensure fair access to the timesheets for all, full adherence to the Golf Ireland national protocol and a good pace of play with only 2 balls permitted on the course.

Rules for 'Return to Golf' at Balbriggan Golf Club – April 26th 2021

- Members Only (no guests permitted).
- 9 Hole timesheets Monday to Sunday.
- Members must only prebook one 9 each day (as per our standard rules for 9-hole winter golf).
- All Members must be on the timesheet to play golf at any time (no exceptions).
- We are not permitted to run competition golf during this phase.
- We will be enabling Casual Rounds for WHS submission at some point post the 26th April.
- Members should not arrive more than 15 minutes before their scheduled tee time.
- Members must arrive and be ready for golf (no access to locker rooms for changing into golf gear).
- Access to lockers rooms will be for retrieval of equipment only. Lockers may be emptied of all equipment on your first scheduled game of golf.
- Toilets will be open for use.
- Please present to the pro shop on arrival as Nigel and his team need to update the timesheets for contact tracing purposes.
- Access to the practice chipping and putting green is only for the group next on the first & tenth tee.
- Access to the driving net(s) is only for the group next on the first tee (only one net will be open).

- Access to the practice area between holes 8 & 11 is for members only and you must check in with the pro shop before proceeding to the practice area.
- Members should not arrive at the first tee more than 5 minutes before their scheduled tee time.
- Weekend timesheet rules are in effect for Juveniles for Saturday and Sunday timesheets.
- All course furniture / ball washers / divot bags / rakes have been removed from the course where possible.
- Please do remember to bring your own divot bag and do take care of our course when you play your round – please repair all pitch marks and fill divots.
- Flag must be left in the hole and not touched.
- Please smooth the bunker after use.
- Before or after golf please ensure that you stay within your own group and please refrain from gathering pre/post round in and around the club facilities.

Further updates on timesheet live dates will be issued in the coming days along with some new documents relating to – Terms of Competition, WHS Casual Rounds, WHS Handicap (get to know your handicap), Non-Return of Cards under WHS and more.

Stay apart – wash your hands/sanitise them frequently – observe the rules – enjoy healthy safe golf

Regards

Council, Ladies & Men's Club, Course Committee