

Warkworth Golf Club Back to Golf, Playing Safe and Staying Safe

In line with the guidance published by England Golf these notes set out how we can **'Play safe, stay safe'** and its important that we all follow the procedures below:

Locker room use

The clubhouse, toilets and locker room facility are to remain closed until we are informed, we are allowed to reopen these facilities, all golfers are requested to remove their clubs, trolley, shoes etc and bring these to the course when they intend to play. Please remove all your golf items before Saturday 16th May when the clubhouse will be locked.

Arranging your round of golf

Booking for your round of golf has to be through HowDidiDo, if you do not have the App you will need to download it and there is a help section that the App has that will guide you through its use <https://www.howdido.com/Account/Login?returnUrl=%2f>

- **If you have any signs of Covid -19 you should not arrange to play golf for the period recommended by the Government**
- Bookings can be made from 0700 to 2000 every day at ten-minute intervals and can be made when starting sheets are added to HowDidiDo
- Remember we have lots of members that may want to play, so if you cannot play don't put your name down to reserve a place you may need to cancel later. If you do need to cancel do it as soon as possible to let others have the chance to play
- Play will be in two balls, so if there is a single booking add your name to it, we want as many members playing as possible
- Nine holes only will be allowed to be booked per day per player
- Bookings after 1600 Monday to Friday and Saturday until 1200 are reserved for those that are working as its their chance to have a game, so if you are retired, on holiday etc play earlier in the day and they then have the chance for a game. Bookings after 1600 Monday to Friday and before 1200 on a Saturday can only be made the evening before. We will be monitoring the HowDidiDo system to ensure that it is being used fairly

Arriving at the course

- The gate to the car park will be open for golfers to access the car park, this may be reviewed depending upon circumstances and if members of the public try to use the car park, we may have to close this and have members open/close it
- Cars should be parked at least 4m from each other to allow doors to be opened and social distancing to be maintained

Getting ready to play

- You should not leave your car until 20 minutes before your booked tee time, you should then get ready by your car
- You should approach the first tee by passing the ninth green and may use the practice putting green before teeing off
- After you putting practice be ready at the tee before your booked tee time
- Once you have tee'd off use the paths to the first green as normal

Playing

- Golfers should keep 2m apart on teeing areas, when walking to the ball, searching for the ball or playing shots
- Golfers should not touch stray balls
- There are no rakes in the bunkers so do your best to smooth out the sand, if it's bad take a preferred lie in the sand with no penalty
- On the putting green keep 2m apart and leave the flagstick in, its social golf so take a gimme rather than putting out every time
- Keep a good pace of play, repair divots and pitch marks, you have three minutes to look for a golf ball, remember there will be others behind you so you mindful of them as they may be quicker players than you are
- Avoid contact with other golfers especially when searching for balls on the fourth to the eighth where there is shared rough
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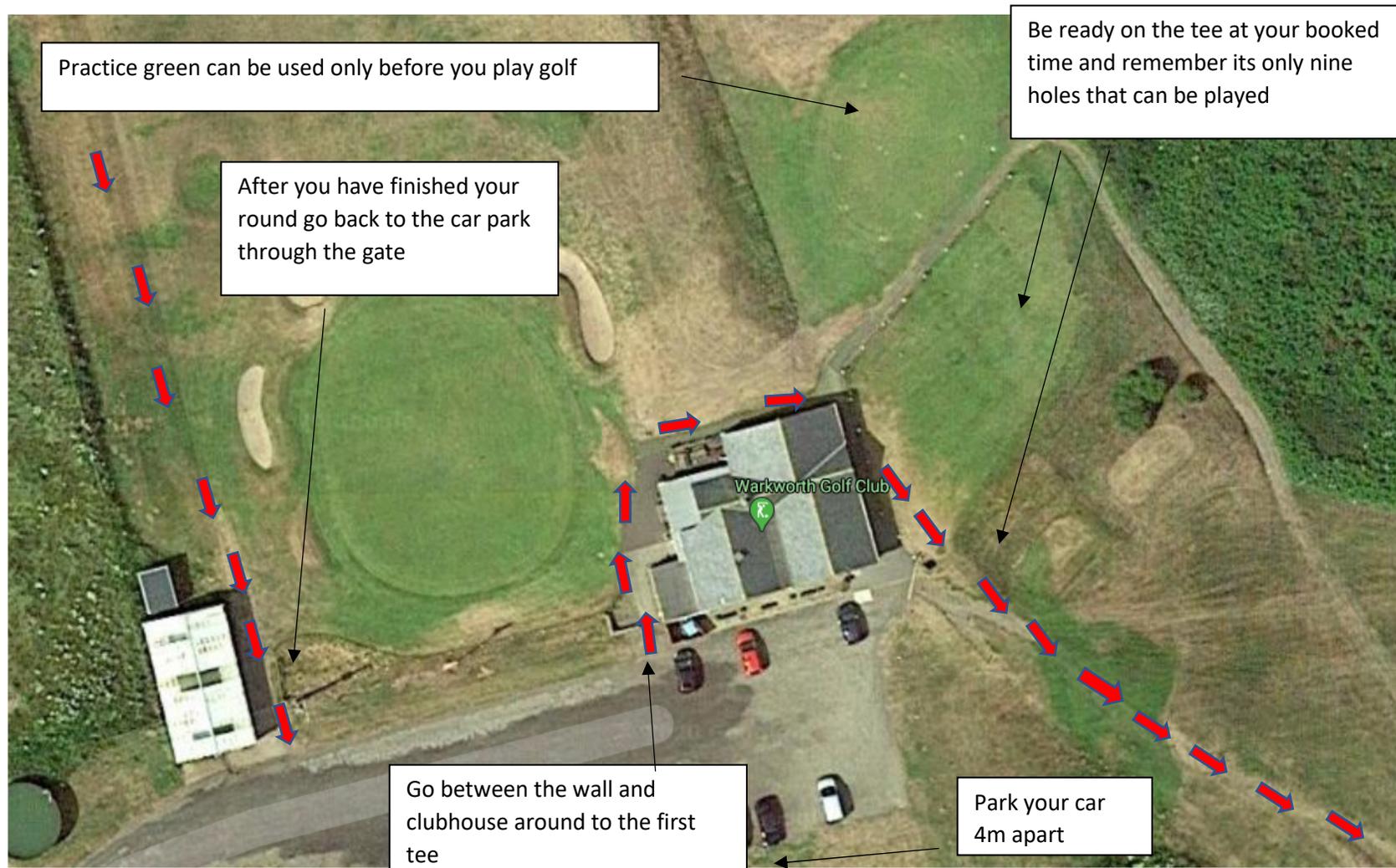
After the round

- Once you have completed your nine holes, the gate adjacent the Green Keepers shed should be used to go back to your car
- Return to your car with your clubs, these should be placed away and you should then leave the club grounds

Back to normal

If we follow '**Play safe, stay safe**' then we are sure that changes to the procedures will occur and we hopefully will get back to competition golf, playing in a three or fourball in the next few weeks, but this will only happen if we all work together, its going to be fantastic to have golf back and the course looks in great condition.

How to use the course safely



Enjoy the golf, let's hope the weather is good for us, be sensible when booking your time and think of others but most importantly 'Play safe, stay safe'