

FALKIRK GOLF CLUB

CLUB UPDATE – MARCH 2021

RETURN TO GOLF - VERSION 3.3 10/03/2021



Version 1	21.05.2020	Return to Golf Preparations:
Version 2	25.05.2020	Phase One: Key Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falkirk Golf Club will open its course for play on Friday 29th May 2020 • General Guidelines as per Scottish Government rules and restrictions must be followed. i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Travel Restrictions and Physical Distancing ○ High risk (shielding) group should not visit Falkirk Golf Club premises ○ Members with colds or COVID-19 symptoms are not allowed on Falkirk Golf Club premises • Tee Times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restricted to Two Balls only ○ BRS will go live 8:00 AM, Tue 26th May, for play commencing on Fri 29th May, and each day thereafter at 8:00 AM daily • Forms of Play and Scoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-competitive play only during initial period.
Version 2.1	27.05.2020	BRS forward booking extended from 3 days to 5 days (effective Thursday 28 th May 8:00 AM)
Version 2.2	05.06.2020	Members can introduce a paying guest (£13) – weekdays only (Monday-Friday) after 1pm. Effective from Monday 8 th June 2020.
Version 2.3	10.06.2020	Members can also introduce a paying guest (£13) AFTER 1PM ONLY – on Sundays as well as weekdays (Monday-Friday). Effective from Sunday 14 th June 2020.
Version 3	19.06.2020	Phase Two: Key Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members who are in the highest risk (shielding) group outlined by the Government are now permitted to play golf, limited to meeting with one other household. • Three Balls permitted • Restricted access to top putting green (behind the 18th green) from 27th June • Competition Play: see appendix 1
Version 3.1	10.07.2020	Phase Three: Key Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRS extended to 4 balls from Wed 15th July (bookable from Fri 10th July at 08:00am) *Note stroke play competitions limited to 3 balls • Course open to Visitors on Saturday and Sunday only, after 5pm (effective Sat 11th July)
Version 3.2	19/02/2021	Key Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Balls ONLY can play • NO visitors permitted but Members/Guests can play
Version 3.3	10/03/2021	Key Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 balls now permitted • Players residing out with Falkirk District can only travel a maximum of 5 miles from their district boundary to the golf course.

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Given the fluidity of the current situation there may be a requirement to update and re-issue this guidance at regular intervals to reflect future advice.

Useful Links:

Scottish Government – COVID 19 updates

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Scottish Golf – COVID 19 updates:

<https://scottishgolf.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/and FAQs>

BIGGA – COVID 19 updates -

<https://www.bigga.org.uk/covid-19.html>

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In line with Scottish Governments Phase Two and Scottish Golf guidelines, **Falkirk Golf Club continues to ensure safe access to club/course and facilities offers.**

Please find the guidelines outlined below which are designed to allow for a smooth return to golf whilst adhering to COVID-19 government guidelines.

Falkirk Golf Club will continually review all advice and guidance as these evolve and update members where required.

Please follow these guidelines as they are designed for your safety and the safety of other golfers, volunteers and staff.

General Guidelines:

- Travel restrictions outlined by the Scottish Government should always be adhered to by members. [Click Here](#)
- Physical distancing rules outlined by the Scottish Government should always be adhered to. [Click Here](#)
- Members who are in the highest risk (shielding) group outlined by the Government are **now permitted to play golf**, limited to meeting with one other household. Categories are outlined. [Click Here](#)
 - For support in booking/reserving tee times please contact General Manager. general.manager@falkirkgolfclub.co.uk
- **Members with colds or any symptoms of COVID-19 are not allowed on Falkirk Golf Club premises.**

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GOLFING:

1. Please book a tee off time online.

Do not attend the course if you do not have a tee time booked, including evenings. You must remove your name if unable to play, this will maximise opportunity for all members to play.

- Note that bookings can only be made 7 full days in advance via BRS (this will go live 7.00 PM daily)
- For competition booking see appendix 1
- Members can introduce a paying guest (£13). The member is expected to fully brief their guest on these guidelines for play we have introduced.
- Tee times will permit **Four Balls** (members to ensure Government guidelines adhered to)
- Members are asked not to “reserve” times as a record of all players is required.
- **Visitors are currently not permitted.**
- Members can also book a time by calling the starter during shop hours.

2. Park in the main Stirling Road car park.

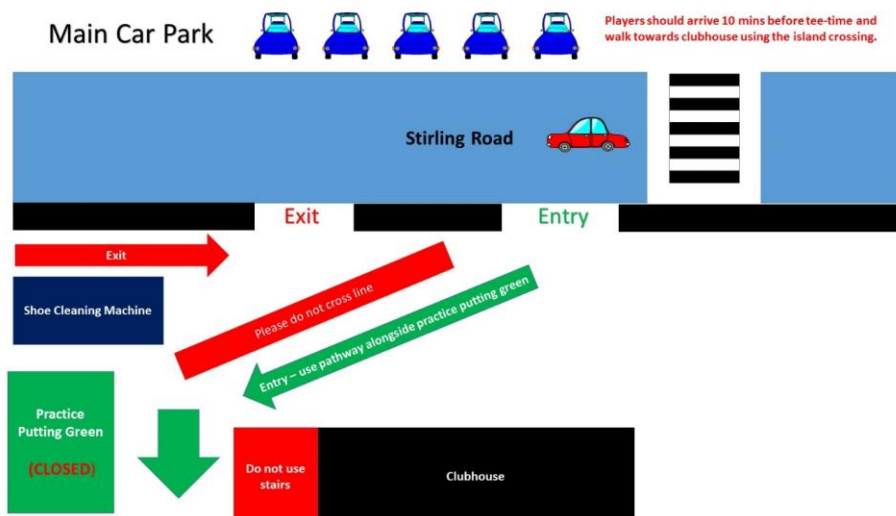
The small car park at the clubhouse will be closed to vehicles (with the exception of staff and deliveries).

3. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before booked tee time.

4. Golfers should remain within the car park until their playing partners are ready.

In their playing groups **and maintaining social distancing guidelines**, golfers should enter the golf course area observing the following guidelines (additional signage will be in place to help);

MAIN CAR PARK: Your playing group should cross the road, using the traffic island and enter the small car park area through the entrance located opposite the club dining room. Walk to pathway at foot of trolley steps. (Diagram 1)



(Diagram 1)

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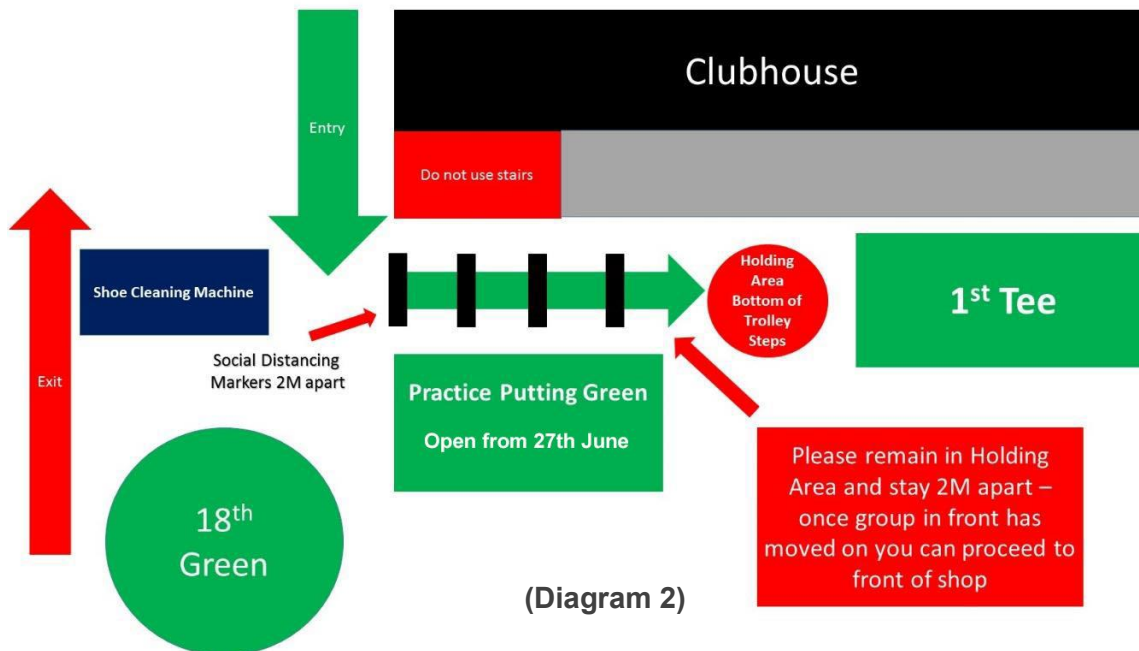
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PATHWAY AT FOOT OF TROLLEY STEPS: Your playing group should wait in this area utilising distancing markers, until area in front of shop is clear. Thereafter, golfers should make their way to the front of the shop. (Diagram 2)

The top putting green (behind 18th green) will be available for groups waiting in this holding area (unless closed by greens staff for maintenance). Access is limited to only the playing group and members are asked to maintain social distancing with only one player in each of the sectioned areas.



(Diagram 2)

FRONT OF SHOP: Golfers will remain in the area outside the shop until the group in front have teed off from the yellow tees and are a suitable distance down the 1st fairway. Golfers will then walk down to the yellow tees where they can tee off immediately. (This is due to viewing tower at 1st tee being cordoned off)



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SHOP

1. One person only allowed in the shop at a time and masks must be worn.

Please remain behind distancing marker until shop is clear.

2. Payments can be made in the shop with exact money or contactless card.

Please bring exact money as no change can be given. A donation box will also be located, in and outside the shop, where a suggested donation of “A POUND A ROUND (or more)” is greatly appreciated.

3. One score card per group can be taken. Please note that the person uplifting the scorecard should mark all scores for the playing group, and suitably dispose of the card when finished.

4. Please make use of hand sanitiser located inside front door of shop.

5. Buggies will be available for hire and must be pre-booked via starter to ensure availability. NOTE these will be strictly one person to a buggy and this policy will be continually reviewed.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLUBHOUSE AND LOCKER ROOM WILL REMAIN CLOSED AND, UNFORTUNATELY, NO TOILET FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

The trolley store will also remain closed, if any member requires access to this or locker to retrieve stored golf equipment please contact the Secretary's Office (Tel. Opt. 3) 9am-11:30 Mon-Fri, to make necessary arrangements.



Practice Areas: Top Putting Green will be opened from 27th June for group in holding area only.

All other areas remain closed and will be made available asap when safe to do so.

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ON THE COURSE:

1. Always Keep 2 metres apart.
2. One player on the tee at a time.
3. Golf balls must be retrieved from the hole by inserting putter head into the lifting implement attached to the flag.
4. Do not touch another players golf ball or tee peg.
5. Do not touch flagstick, leave in at all times.
6. **There are no rakes in bunkers.** Players in bunkers can take a preferred lie within the bunker without penalty (in accordance to temporary local rule). Please smooth sand with feet or club after shot.
7. **Play holes in order. Do not 'cut in' to another part of the course.**
8. Do not shake hands.
9. **Green Keeping staff have priority on the course at all times.** Members are reminded that the greenkeeping team are working hard to get back to a full maintenance schedule – your patience is appreciated

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Forms of Play and Scoring

As per Scottish Golf guidelines, competitive golf is now permitted by Falkirk Golf Club.

“Competition play (club only – no open events as travel remains restricted to local area) may resume in accordance with the updated guidelines and schedule 1 as attached to this document*. Relaxation of the rules in relation to scoring (rule 3.3b) remain active in Scotland for phase 2 only whilst clubhouse facilities remain closed.”

As a result Falkirk Golf Clubs Return to Golf process above has some small adjustment on competition days.

Appendix 1:

Please book a Tee off Time online: (Subject to change for 2021 playing season)

All Competition Booking will be made via the Howdidido website/app. **at 7pm 9 days before Competition**

- Saturday Medals will open on Thursdays 7pm.
- Wednesday Medals (reserved times 4pm-6pm) will open on Mondays at 7pm.
 - BRS all other times
- Tee auction/bought times will be honoured and pre-booked.

Pathway at foot of trolley steps:

For competition play from the white tees, the playing group waiting in this holding area are asked to remain until group in front has teed off and left the front of shop area before progressing to shop to register for play.

- Score cards should not be exchanged with playing partners, and one player per group is assigned as marker to record all scores for the group.
- Players are free to tee off from white tees when safe to do so.

Further details on Competition Score Entries will be communicated to all members prior to the start of the 2021 playing season.