



FORMBY HALL
GOLF RESORT & SPA

25 YEARS

ANNIVERSARY

**PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE GOLF CLUB
OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURES
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In line with the easing of lockdown restrictions the golf facilities have now reopened. We have updated our golf facilities operating policy and procedures. These guidelines will be in effect until further notice.

Please note that it is essential that golfers continue to strictly observe social distancing and safety regulations relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. While COVID-19 remains a live threat in our communities, we would ask everyone involved in the game to act responsibly, show respect, and protect the wellbeing of golfers, staff, and volunteers.

The following guidance may be re-issued as government measures to combat COVID-19 are updated in the future. Please refer to the government website for the most up-to-date guidance and laws on COVID-19 related social restrictions: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

GENERAL NOTICE

- Golfers who are self-isolating or are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 are asked not to travel to the property as they will not be allowed to play.
- It is a legal obligation for the club to collect track and trace information on all visitors to the resort, this must be retained for 21 days.
- We have displayed NHS QR codes around the resort to allow you to check-in on your NHS Covid-19 App as an alternative to providing contact details on a track and trace form.
- You may have your temperature checked at check points around the resort and will be refused access if this is 37.8°C or higher.
- Everyone must practice social distancing on the property at all times.

- Face coverings are mandatory in all indoor public areas of the clubhouse, except for whilst eating and drinking.
- Should an individual without an exemption refuse to wear a face covering, refuse to scan the NHS QR code or complete our track and trace form, you may be refused entry.

COURSE SETUP

We have made the following temporary changes to the course setup to ensure that golfers are not placing themselves at further unnecessary risk by eliminating human contact with golf course equipment.

ON-COURSE ITEMS

- All rakes have been removed from the bunkers. Golfers may bring their own rake however this should only be handled by that golfer and should be taken away at the end of the round.
- Preferred lies are in operation in all bunkers.
- Divot bags and refill stations have been removed from the course.
- The ball washers have been covered, please avoid using the covers as bins.
- Benches are out of use and have been covered.
- Open top bins are in place on the course.
- All removable items except stakes defining the penalty areas have been removed. Stakes defining areas of the course can be treated as immovable obstructions.
- Airlines for cleaning shoes have been turned off and temporarily removed.



HOLE & FLAGSTICK

- The hole cups have rolled foam inserts inside them to enable you to easily remove your ball without having to put your hand into the hole.
- We have added a sign onto each flagstick reminding golfers that it is not to be touched.

BEFORE THE ROUND - BOOKINGS

- It is not permissible to turn up to play without a pre-booked tee time. This applies for both the Old Course and the Woodhey Dunes Course.
- Four-ball groups are permitted on-course with no restriction on the mixing of households.
- Visitor tee times are available to book online only.
- Once your online booking has been successfully processed you will receive an email confirmation.
- For further assistance with your booking please contact the Golf Shop on 01704 875699.
- To assist with tracing, the name of each player using the tee time may be required at the time of booking.

ARRIVAL AND WAITING TO PLAY

- Golfers should still arrive changed for play and refrain from changing in locker room.
- Toilets and wash-hand basins in the golf locker rooms will be in use.

CHECK-IN

- Please register your arrival at the Golf Shop reception.
- Face coverings must be worn in all indoor areas and we insist on social distancing in this area.
- Please observe the signage, floor markings and queuing system.
- We prefer all payments to be by contactless card payment or members levy cards.
- Scorecards will be available for individual use if needed.

GOLF BUGGIES & HIRE TROLLIES

- Golf buggies are strictly for use by 1 person only unless you can provide evidence that both users are from the same household.
- If this is the case the details of both users must be recorded on the buggy hire disclaimer.
- 2 sets can now be strapped to the bag of the golf buggy even with only 1 rider, provided that both golfers can remain socially distanced.
- Golf buggies must be pre booked.
- The buggies will be cleaned and sanitised before and after use.
- Please return the buggy back to the buggy parking bays.
- Please remove all of your belongings and litter from the buggy after use.
- Pull trollies and electric trollies are available for hire and will be sanitised after use.

DRIVING RANGE & CHIPPING AREA

- The Driving Range is open.
- Please note that golf bags are currently not allowed onto the driving range.
- Entrance to the Driving Range is through the Golf Shop reception building.
- Sanitising stations are available on the range.
- The practice chipping area will remain closed until further notice while we review the safest way to operate this facility for staff and customers.



WAITING TO PLAY

- We insist on social distancing on the course at all times.
- Please arrive on the tee no earlier than 10 minute before your tee time.
- A queuing system will be in place on the pathway to the 1st tee so that players waiting to start stand at least 2 metres apart.
- Although the practice putting green is open, priority should be given to the next group due to tee-off and those players must keep at least 2 metres apart.
- Please register with the starter who will check you in against the tee sheet.
- Group gatherings must be avoided in all teeing areas and on the practice putting green.
- Only go up onto the tee when the group ahead have cleared the tee.

DURING THE ROUND

Please follow the social distancing guidelines during the round.

TEEING AREAS

- Please maintain appropriate social distancing on teeing areas due to the normal close proximity to one another when playing your tee shots.

GENERAL AREA

- Golfers should maintain appropriate social distancing when walking, searching and playing shots.
- Pace of Play remains more important than ever, please be aware of your position and stay 1-2 shots behind the group in front and do not delay the group behind.
- Marshalls may be on duty to monitor pace of play and ensure that social distancing measures are being followed.

- Golfers should only pick their own ball up and refrain from picking up lost or stray balls.
- Ensure that your ball is well marked and easily identifiable no matter how it is lying.
- Do not share any equipment, such as golf clubs, rangefinders, pencils, bag towels, rakes.
- Continue to use hand sanitisers whenever possible.

BUNKERS

- Preferred lies are in operation in all bunkers, this is limited to 6 inches.
- When preferring your lie the area cannot be smoothed before placing.
- As rakes are not allowed on the course, golfers are expected to do their best to smooth over the sand by using their feet or club.
- Golfers may bring their own rake, and this should not be shared with other golfers.

PUTTING GREEN

- Golfers are reminded to maintain appropriate social distancing on the putting green.
- Please avoid touching the flagstick.

AFTER THE ROUND

- Golfers must not shake hands at the end of the round and must maintain appropriate social distancing when the game is finished.
- Shoe brushes area available in the shoe cleaning area, please sanitise your hands before and after use. If possible, clean your shoes and trollies at home and not in the car park.
- Do not swap scorecards.
- Unless using a practice facility or ordering food and drink to take away or consume outdoors, golfers should leave the course and club at the conclusion of their round so that there are no gatherings around the car park or clubhouse areas.