Following confirmation from the Scottish Government, First Minister, we are pleased to confirm that Fife Golf Trust will reopen the golf course from 7.30am on Friday 29th May 2020

Advance Tee bookings via telephone only, up to 10 days in advance. (1 round booking per course, any subsequent tee times can be booked thereafter)

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KINGHORN PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE

⚠️ STRICTLY FGT SEASON TICKET HOLDERS ONLY APPLICABLE TO THOSE WITH A 2020/21 VALID RENEWAL
⚠️ ALL TEE TIMES MUST BE PRE-BOOKED IN ADVANCE. NO WALK UPS OR PAY AS YOU PLAY WILL BE ALLOWED.
⚠️ BOOKINGS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 1 TEE TIME, PER PERSON/PER COURSE IS PERMITTED AT ANY GIVEN TIME. Subject to FGT review
⚠️ YOU MUST PLAY EITHER ON YOUR OWN, WITH A PERSON FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD OR WITH AN INDIVIDUAL FROM ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD
⚠️ TEE TIMES WILL BE AT 10 MINUTE INTERVALS (2 BALLS IN OPERATION)
⚠️ TO ALLOW THE GREENKEEPERS TO WORK, THE EARLIEST TEE TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE DAILY FROM 7.30am, subject to review. Strictly by tee booking, no earlier!
⚠️ NO MEMBER GUESTS OR VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED
⚠️ THERE WILL NO COMPETITIONS BEFORE SAT 20th JUNE at the earliest. (Gents only – No sweep applies, this will start after phase 1. Social golf before – with scorecard return)
⚠️ KINGHORN GC MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID, IN ORDER TO BOOK A TEE TIME FOR RECOGNISED CLUB TIMES OR COMPETITIONS.

KGC Members will have some additional ClubV1 tee times made exclusively available for online booking. These will be released 48hrs in advance for a 24hr period before closing. Single person booking only is permitted in order to maximise opportunities. Up to 30th June 2020, subject to review

We fully appreciate your patience and understanding and kindly ask that golfers respect course etiquette and the enhanced public safety measures. PLAY READY GOLF


#socialdistancingapplies #returntogolf #respectforothers

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QUICK GUIDANCE  SAFER GOLF AT KINGHORN

1. DO NOT SHAKE HANDS
Shaking hands is one of the easiest ways of passing on the virus so do not do so – bump elbows or foot tap each other if anything at all!

2. DO NOT TOUCH THE FLAG
This helps avoid any potential spread, please also be careful when removing your ball from the hole. (The cups will remain turned upside down)

3. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
Keep a minimum of 2 metres away from your playing partner or others during your round and this includes pre and post golf.

4. DO NOT SHARE EQUIPMENT
Use your own equipment and pick up your own ball. (ignore any stray balls that you may see or find)

5. BUNKERS
Until further notice, these remain classed as being ground under repair and should be dropped outwith without penalty (Use your feet or club to make the best job you can!)

6. DO NOT PLAY IF YOU FEEL UNWELL
If you have any symptoms please stay at home, for the sake of your fellow golfers and the staff at the club/ course.

7. WASH YOUR HANDS
Before and after your round make sure you wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Please bring your own alcohol sanitiser gel with you if possible to do so.

8. RESPECT FOR OTHERS
Remember, as a member of this club you are part of a wider community. Our collective behaviour reflects upon us all.

9. AFTER YOUR ROUND
Do not delay but exit the course safely and soon afterward by your mode of transport while remaining mindful of others.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
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Playing Golf Under COVID-19 Restrictions IN FULL

These procedures include all aspects of the golfing experience, from arrival in the car park before the round to departure upon its completion.

Golfers will be required to comply with the rules on social distancing throughout. Some temporary provisions exist in relation to the Rules of Golf have been deemed necessary to ensure safe play and to allow for scoring during recognised competitions.

At Kinghorn Golf Club, we may need to adapt some local rules or procedures as we go to ensure compliance with government restrictions, the following aspects of the C-19 golf experience, are divided into the five following categories:

1 a. Course Set Up
2 b. Before the Round
3 c. During the Round
4 d. After the Round
5 e. Rules of Golf Related Matters

1.a. Course Set Up

• On-Course Items
  - All rakes and ball-retrievers have been removed.
  - Ball washers covered up.
  - Benches and closed top bins have been removed, covered or sign-posted in such a way that players don’t touch them.
  - All other removable items removed, except stakes defining areas of the course can be treated as immovable obstructions.

• Hole and Flagstick
  - Flagsticks are retained but players are strongly reminded that these MUST not to be touched.
The method of inserting the hole liner upside down will continue to be used, this means that all of the ball will not fall below the surface of the putting green and can be easily retrieved by handling the ball only.

- **Practice Areas**

  o Practice areas, including practice nets, remain closed until safe sanitising practices can be guaranteed.

2 b. Before the Round

- **Bookings**

  o FGT/ KGC are organising a system of online and telephone booking and allocation of tee times that ensures the safety of staff and golfers.

  o The maximum number of golfers in a group per tee time is a maximum of 2 persons in accordance with guidelines.

  o There is to be a minimum of 10-minute intervals between tee times.

- **Arrival and Waiting to Play**

  o The clubhouse and locker room facilities remain closed. Limited essential access (for example to use the starter hallway toilets) may be permitted by the FGT starter but is actively discouraged unless for emergency reasons within phase 1

  o All golfers are always reminded to maintain 2 metre social distancing measures. Please follow the one way system and white circles if required to queue upon arrival.

  o Social distancing equally applies to the putting green

  o No trolleys, carts or other items are available for hire unless safe sanitising practices can be guaranteed by FGT.

  o Use of the practice putting green, is prioritised for use of players in the next group due to tee off.

  o Change into your golf shoes in the car park.

3 c. During the Round

Golfers to ensure they keep at least 2 metres apart during the entire round.

- **Teeing Areas**
o Golfers to keep 2 metres apart at teeing areas due to the normal close proximity of golfers to one another when tee shots are being played.

- **General**
  o Golfers reminded to stay more than 2 metres apart when walking to the ball, searching for a ball and playing shots. (only look for your own ball is recommended)
  o Golfers reminded not to touch stray balls.

- **Bunkers**
  o With no rakes allowed on the course, golfers are asked to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet. (They are otherwise GUR for social golf)

- **Putting Green**
  o Golfers reminded to keep 2 metres apart on the putting greens and not to touch the flagstick.

4 d. **After the Round**
Golfers reminded that social distancing is as important after a round as it is during the round, so when the round is over and that they must leave the course immediately afterward so that no gatherings occur around the clubhouse area.

5 e. **Rules of Golf Related Matters**
Until further notice, the following provisions are considered acceptable on a temporary basis:

- **Forms of Play and Scoring**
  o It is recommended that non-competition play is used during the initial period of golf being played.
  o If competitive stroke play is played, the method of scoring used does not require any handling or exchanging of scorecards. *(Refer to KGC M&H guidance)*
  o M&H will allow methods of scoring in stroke play that do not strictly comply with Rule 3.3b, or do not comply with the normal methods used under Rule 3.3b. For example:
    - **Players may enter their own hole scores on the scorecard (it is not necessary for a marker to do it).** They should note as verified by their playing partner – Add name
    - **It is not necessary to have a marker physically certify the player’s hole scores, but**
• some form of verbal certification should take place – before doing so.
• It is not necessary to physically return a scorecard.
• The committee will accept the scores in another way.
• o As provided in the Rules of Golf, scorecards can be electronic, which may include emailing or texting scores to the Committee.

• Bunkers

o Golfers take due care when smoothing bunkers, there should be no need to provide a Local Rule for bunkers during social play – simply lift and drop outwith. The M&H Committee does however feel that the enjoyment of the game may be adversely affected by there being no rakes available or penalty during competitions, we will therefore permit preferred lies in bunkers to operate under these circumstances provided that a player replaces their ball in the bunker within one club-length of the original spot and not nearer to the hole. (Local competition rule applies)

• Flagstick

o Golfers are required to leave the flagstick in the hole at all times and not to touch it. If it is reported to the Committee that this has been breached, we will issue a strong reprimand by way of an initial warning with any further breaches raising an issue over code of conduct for wider discussion by KGC committee.

• Hole and Holed

o The hole liner (sometimes referred to as the hole ‘cup’) is set in a way that means that all of the ball cannot be below the surface of the putting green, so the ball is considered holed if any part of it is below the surface of the putting green.

o To minimise the need to lift the ball from the hole, during social play it is recommended that players accept that a ball is holed with the next stroke if it is within 12 inches of the hole (which is just over the length of a standard putter grip) regardless of it lips out if within this stated distance. This does not prevent a player in match play conceding a stroke that is outside this length.