

GOLF PROTOCOL

General	Practice proper hygiene - wash hands before and after practice, do not touch your face, avoid touching frequently touched surfaces when at practice.
General	Social/physical distancing to be followed by all members of the group - 2 metres between their gear, themselves, etc.
General	Be aware that the course may not be providing, tees, pencils, water, or sand bottles at this time.
General	The flagstick is to remain in at all times, so please refrain from touching the flagstick.
General	Ball washers may not be available at this time, so please carry a bottle of water and towel.
General	On-course drinking water may not be available. Please ensure you have enough refreshments to keep hydrated.
General	Do not loiter in clubhouses or parking lots before/after practice. Following play, exit the course as promptly as possible and avoid excess socializing in the parking lot after your round.
	Maximum number of athletes per program in Level 1: 16
Local Expectation	Athlete to coach ratio: Minimum 4:1 (Note: All programs must have minimum 2 coaches, or minimum one coach and one Program Safety Volunteer, to meet Safe Sport Rule of Two standards)
Coach	Inquire about facility bookings prior to practice. Do not rely on drop-in space being available. Check with your Local on how golf fees will be collected. Paying cash at the course may not be available.
Coach	Consider continuous putting, only one player on the tee box at a time; pay attention to the posters that limit the number of people in designated areas.
Coach	If open, the practice greens may be used as long as a minimum (2 metres/6 feet) of physical distance can be maintained between golfers. Please use your own golf balls on the practice greens.
Coach	Coaches are encouraged to award gimmies up to 2 feet if cups have not been reduced in depth or raised.
Athlete	Some clubs may take out their benches between holes. If you have any accessibility concerns, please contact your coach.



Equipment	In the early levels of return to golf, sharing equipment is not allowed. Please refer to the Program Progressions chart (Return to Sport Plan page 11) for guidance on athlete equipment use.
Equipment	Club and pull cart rentals may not be provided to eliminate touch points where the virus might be transmitted. Be prepared to carry your own bag.
Equipment	Bunker rakes may not be available, so please smooth sand with your foot or the club. Preferred lies are permitted in the bunker or the bunkers are to be played as Ground Under Repair at this time. If bunker rakes are available, only coaches will be permitted to use them.
Equipment	Sand/seed containers may not be provided; please repair divots as best you can.
Equipment	If cups accept putted balls, they may be reduced in depth to allow for the balls to be removed with the toe of the putter. If cups are raised, the ball is considered holed when it hits the side of the cup. Do not retrieve balls with your hands.
Parent/Caregiver	Parents, caregivers, and spectators may not be allowed to stay at the course (including in the parking lot) unless working directly with their athlete. Please ensure the athletes are aware of course protocols.