



## Ramside Golf Club - Policy on COVID-19

Following the latest Government announcement, Ramside Golf Club will be open from 07:30 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for the following:

- Individuals playing golf on their own.
- Two-balls comprising of individuals from different households.
- Members of the same household playing in two, three or four-balls.

**All Ramside Golf Club signage must be read and adhered too.**

Please note the Club House facilities are only open for the following:

- Registration at the Reception Desk
- Ladies and Gentleman's (accessible) single toilets

**The Clubhouse Bar, Snookers Room, Clubhouse Shop and Ladies and Gentleman's Locker Room will remain closed until further notice.** Limited items from the Clubhouse shop will be available for sale from the Clubhouse Reception.

Further clarification is being sought from government relating to the opening of professional shops and driving ranges as well as the carrying out of coaching sessions.

### **Before the Round**

Book your tee online

Go to website – [www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/golf](http://www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/golf)

Security on the drive at Ramside will request your booking name on the tee sheet before access is granted. Where possible when parking your vehicle leave a parking space in-between the vehicle adjacent to you. It is advised that you remain within your vehicle until 15 minutes before your tee time.

Registration is required at the Clubhouse Reception before play – Please enter the Clubhouse via the ramp and exit the Clubhouse via the steps observing social distancing of two metres (6ft.) Only 2 people are permitted at the Reception Desk at a time.

Shoes must be changed in the car park, adhering to the physical distance of 2 meters. Only enter the first tee when the group before you have teed off.

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### **Hire of Golf Buggies**

Golf Buggies are available for hire for individual use unless with another member of your household. These should be collected from the charging point and returned to the front of the Clubhouse.

### **Course Set Up**

- No use of rakes, bins, ball washers, and benches.
- Flagsticks must not be touched.
- Practice areas including putting green, chipping area and Short game zone adhere to physical distance of 2 metres or more.
- Physical distancing on the driving range bays (awaiting instruction on opening from England Golf)
- Use your glove to pick up a basket and operate the ball machine (awaiting instruction on opening from England Golf)

### **During the round**

Players must remain 2 metres away from each other at all times unless from the same household.

Players must not touch stray golf balls and must smooth bunkers with feet or clubs after playing from them.

Marshall's will be on both courses to ensure compliance.

Hire items such as Pull trolleys, Electric Trolleys, and Buggies will be sanitized before and after each round.

Golf buggies are for individual use unless with another member of your household.

### **After the Round**

Golfers must leave the course and venue immediately after completion of the round to avoid social gatherings.

Competitions have been cancelled until further notice and you must book your tee online for general play.

### **Information about the virus**

Novel coronavirus COVID-19 is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus, which was first identified in Wuhan City, China in January 2020. The incubation period is between 2 and 14 days. This means that if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, they have not been infected.

### **Signs and symptoms of COVID-19**

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- Persistent cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- High Temperature

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, those aged 70 or over, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

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### **How COVID-19 is spread**

From what we know about other coronaviruses, the spread of COVID-19 is most likely to happen when there is close contact (within 2 metres) with an infected person. It is likely that the risk increases the longer someone has close contact with an infected person.

Respiratory secretions produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes containing the virus are most likely to be the main means of transmission.

There are 2 main routes by which people can spread COVID-19:

Infection can be spread to people who are nearby (within 2 metres), with the risk being higher in confined spaces or possibly could be inhaled into the lungs.

It is also possible that someone may become infected by touching a surface, object or the hand of an infected person that has been contaminated with respiratory secretions and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes (such as touching a door handle or shaking hands then touching own face).

### **Preventing the spread of infection**

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

Following the guidance from Public Health England, Ramside Golf Club requests that its members, guests and employees take the following precautions to help prevent anyone from catching and spreading COVID-19:

- Follow Social Distancing Guidelines of 2 metres or more.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often, for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water is not available to hand, use anti-viral hand sanitiser.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve in the crook of your elbow (not in your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Place all used tissues in the nearest bin straight away.
- If you have any symptoms, current advice is to self-isolate at home for 7 days; if you live with someone who has symptoms, the advice is to self-isolate for 14 days.
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### **Face masks**

Public Health England advises that face masks are not recommended to protect from infection. The evidence suggests that wearing a face covering does not protect you, but it may protect others if you are infected but have not developed the symptoms. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 (persistent cough or high temperature) you and your household should isolate at home: wearing a face covering does not change this.

Public Health England recommends that the best way to reduce any risk of infection is through good hygiene and avoiding direct or close contact (closer than 2 metres) with any potentially infected person.

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### **Precautions to be taken by Ramside Golf Club**

Hand sanitiser will be available.

Screens have been placed at the Clubhouse Reception Desk.

Frequently touched objects and surfaces will be sanitised regularly throughout each day. Including door handles; handrails; tables in public areas; reception desks; WC seats & push plates; washroom handwash sanitary ware & taps; golf buggies; pull golf trollies.

Survival of the virus on surfaces reduces over time. Up to 3 days on stainless steel and plastic according to the National Institutes of Health, and a matter of hours on copper and soft surfaces.

Only symptom-free staff will be allowed at work, and will be required to wash their hands every time they return to their place of work and after touching money.

### **Policy in the event of a member, guest or employee becoming unwell and believing they have been exposed to COVID-19**

If a member, guest or employee becomes unwell and believes they have been exposed to COVID-19, Ramside Golf Club will ensure that they are immediately removed from contact with any public areas and given a hotel bedroom for secure isolation. The guest or employee will be asked to open the window for ventilation. They will be required to use their mobile telephone or hotel bedroom telephone to call NHS 111 or 999, in the event of an emergency for advice and guidance.

Ramside Golf Club pledges that any hotel bedroom used for isolation purposes, regardless of whether the individual tests positive or negative, will be disinfected and cleaned under advice provided by Public Health England and will not allow access by any guest or employee until such time as the hotel bedroom has been certified as safe for use. All refuse will be disposed of under clinical waste guidelines.

### **Policy in the event that a member of staff, guest or member of the public with confirmed COVID-19 has recently been at Ramside Golf Club**

As per HM Government guidelines, the management team will liaise with the Public Health England local Health Protection Team to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with the patient and subsequently follow all advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken. Ramside Golf Club will carry out a risk assessment with the Health Protection Team and follow the advice that results from this.

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