



RE-OPENING PLAN

• Wednesday 13th May 2020 •

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The Government has now provided clarification on outdoor recreation and rules on social distancing in England. These affect how golf can be played from tomorrow Wednesday 13th May 2020, including the configuration of groupings on the Golf Course. England Golf has also updated its advice in accordance with the new Government requirements.



BRS will go live at 5pm today for bookings, Members will be able to book tee times up to and including 7pm on Wednesday 20th May up to 6 days in advance.

Please remember that play is not permitted if you have not booked in advance on BRS or via the Pro Shop.



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1. General

- Please do not come to the club unless you intend to play golf and you have a tee time booked or, when available, you have a pre-arranged coaching session with the Professional or Assistant Professional.
- Please avoid sharing a car to come to the club, unless it's with a member of your own household. Try and park in alternate car park spaces if possible, to aid social distancing.
- The clubhouse will be open from 7am until 6pm daily for access to the toilets and hand-washing facilities and to the Pro Shop. However, there will be no access to the locker rooms (except to use the toilets and hand-washing facilities). The trolley/club storerooms, spike bar, lounge, and terrace all remain closed.
- The club office will also remain closed to personal callers. Contact should be made via telephone (0151 342 1237) or email (admin@heswallgolfclub.com)
- The Pro Shop will normally be open daily from 8am – 6pm. Please note that a maximum of two people at a time are allowed in the Pro Shop.
- Please remember at all times to observe the 2-metre social distance rule before, during and after your round, around the clubhouse and in the car park.
- Please also help to facilitate social distancing by reducing congestion on access routes around the clubhouse and use the one-way system in place in and around the clubhouse.
- Thoroughly wash your hands immediately before you play and, if you do return to the clubhouse, immediately after you have completed your round. During clubhouse opening hours, hand sanitisers (when available) will also be placed outside the atrium and near the 1st tee.
- Any member who feels unwell, or at risk of the virus, should avoid coming to the club at all.



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2. Booking tee times

The logo for BRS GOLF, featuring the letters 'BRS' stacked above 'GOLF' in a white, bold, sans-serif font, set against a blue rounded square background.

- Advance booking on BRS is compulsory for all golfers in order to play a round of golf - whatever time of day you play, and even if you are not playing a full round.
- **Roll-ups will not be permitted under any circumstances.**
- To ensure that as many members as possible are able to book and play, each member may only book a tee time for themselves plus one other member. Government requirements stipulate that you may play with one other person, including a member of your household. No guests or visitors will be allowed until further notice.
- To facilitate a reasonable pace of play, a maximum of 2 golfers per tee time is allowed. This includes 'same household' bookings.
- If you book as a single golfer, another member will be able to book and join you in a 2-ball.
- For the time being it will only be possible to book and play either a 10-hole course (Course A) or an 8-hole course (Course B).
- Members may either play:
 - **Course A (Holes 1-9 + Hole 12) and book a tee time in Player slots 1 and 2 on BRS; or**
 - **Course B (Holes 13-15 + 11 + 10 + 16-18) and book a tee time in Player slots 3 and 4 on BRS.**

In case of difficulty in booking Player slots 3 and 4 for Course B, please ring the Pro Shop for assistance.

A large banner at the bottom of the page with the text 'PLAY SAFE STAY SAFE' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is split across two lines, with 'PLAY SAFE' on the top line and 'STAY SAFE' on the bottom line. The background of the banner is a blurred image of a golf course.

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- Booking will be available 6 days in advance for all members for general play every day, including Tuesdays and Saturdays. There will be no separate Ladies' or Men's days for the time being.
- BRS bookings may be made on-line or by phoning the Pro Shop (0151 342 7431) in advance.
- Members who currently work on the frontline for the NHS or in the care sector may book a tee time for themselves + one other member up to 7 days in advance by telephoning the Pro Shop, providing they have pre-registered their employment status with the club office.
- Tee times will be available at the usual 8-minute intervals.
- Tee times will only be available from 7am until 7pm every day. **No golf should be started before 7am or after 7pm.** These times will be kept under review.
- If after booking at any time you are unable to play, please cancel the booking on BRS as soon as possible to release the slot for another member.
- We expect the demand for tee times to be high initially. Therefore, please do be considerate to other members and do not block-book tee times for several days at a time. Do not book or play more than 3 times in a 6-day rolling booking period unless there are last minute vacant tee slots on the day of play, and please try and vary the times you book/play.
- Please also try and leave later tee times available for those members who work full-time and are unable to play earlier in the day.
- All tee bookings will be carefully monitored to ensure fairness to all members.

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3. Before your round

- Please come dressed for golf, change your shoes in the car park, and with your clubs and trolley in the car.
- Access to the clubhouse from the car park should only be via the path between the 18th green and the clubhouse, even if you are parked in the top car park.
- Please do not arrive earlier than 10 minutes before your allocated tee time if playing from the 1st tee, or 20 minutes before your allocated tee time if playing from the 13th tee.
- On arrival, one of the players in your 2-ball must report to the Pro Shop (when open) on your 2-balls' behalf and register before proceeding to the appropriate tee. Please remember that a **maximum of two people** at a time are allowed in the Pro Shop.
- All play must be from the 1st or 13th tee as appropriate, but do not proceed to your tee area until your allocated tee time, and then, if not from the same household, please observe the 2-metre social distance rule between players.
- If playing from the 13th tee, please help to reduce congestion on access routes around the clubhouse by using the one-way system in place around the clubhouse and return to the 13th tee via the ramp in the atrium to the top car park.
- The practice putting area near the clubhouse will remain open for use immediately before your game, but the pins removed, and liners inserted into all holes so that the ball is easily retrievable without touching the hole.
- Avoid the customary pre- and post-round shaking of hands and other close-contact greetings, such as hugging/kissing.
- Avoid all close contact with your playing partner and other members around the clubhouse whilst waiting to tee off, and strictly adhere to the 2-metre social distancing requirement.
- Please ensure that you tee off promptly at your allocated tee time.
- Remember, there will be no access to the locker rooms (except the toilets and hand-washing facilities). The trolley/club storerooms, spike bar, lounge, and terrace all remain closed. To avoid congestion in the corridors, all noticeboards around the locker rooms have been taken out of use. All current important notices will be displayed on the noticeboard in the atrium.

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4. During your round

- Maintain the appropriate pace of play at all times to ensure there is no 'bunching' on subsequent tees, either in front of you or behind. Remember to Play Ready Golf at all times.
- Rakes have been removed from the bunkers. Please use your shoes or clubs to smooth the sand after playing from a bunker.
- The ball washers have been taken out of use. Please take a golf towel with you to clean your ball during the round.
- Leave the flag in the hole at all times. A liner has been inserted into all holes so that the ball is easily retrievable without touching the flagstick or the hole.
- All divot bags and divot boxes on the tees, the water fountain near the 13th tee, and the shoe cleaning air lines have all been taken out of use.
- When playing, pick only your own ball up.
- Do not share equipment such as rangefinders or sky-caddies.
- Open all gates with your feet not hands.
- The on-course toilets near the 7th and 12th tees will remain locked but may be used by members. The toilets will be cleaned daily and sanitiser gel should be available, but members should take their own protective gloves or anti-bacterial wipes for opening and closing the doors. Please ensure you securely lock the doors after use. Members without keys may purchase these by telephoning the club office during office hours, and then collecting them from the Pro Shop.
- 2-seater buggies may be used but only with single occupancy (unless sharing with a member of the same household).
- Please remember...avoid all close contact with other non-household members you may encounter on the course during your round including your playing partner. This includes on the teeing areas, walking to your ball, looking for a lost ball, and on the greens - and always strictly adhere to the 2-metre social distancing rule.
- Marshals may be deployed on the course from time to time to help deter members of the public from walking on the course other than on the public footpaths, and to ensure that social distancing is being maintained between players.
- There will be no competition golf for the time being.

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5. After your round

- If playing Course 1, you must leave the course after completing your 10 holes at Hole 12. You should NOT continue to play Hole 13 and beyond, even if the hole appears clear in front of you, unless you reach this point after the last scheduled tee time at 7pm.
- If playing Course 2, you must leave the course after completing your 8 holes at Hole 18. You should NOT continue to play Hole 1 and beyond, even if the hole appears clear in front of you, unless reaching this point after the last scheduled tee time at 7pm.
- Wherever possible, please return to the car park direct from the 12th green (if play started on the 1st tee), or the 18th green (if play started on the 13th tee). If you do need to return to the clubhouse, please help to reduce congestion on access routes around the clubhouse by returning to the car park via the ramp in the atrium to the top car park.
- Leave the club as soon as possible after your round and, in any event, no later than 10 minutes after completion of your round.

6. Practice facilities

- The practice putting area near to the 1st tee should only be used by players immediately before teeing off.
- All other practice areas will remain closed for the time being, except for coaching (see below).

This will be kept under review. Practice areas closed include:

- X** Driving range;
 - X** Practice bunker, chipping area and putting green adjacent to the lower car park;
 - X** Practice area behind the 2nd green;
 - X** Practice area alongside the 5th fairway; and
 - X** Par 3 course.
- One-to-one coaching by the Professional and Assistant Professional will recommence. Please contact the Pro Shop direct for further details.

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