

# Matfen Hall

Following the announcement from England Golf to allow golf to resume we are very pleased to announce that we will re-open Matfen Hall Golf Club on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**.

We will open our facilities in phases and there will be amendments to our usual club offering, the key points to this will be:

- Golf will operate from the golf academy, with the first hole being the 4th on Standing Stone
- Golf will initially be on a pay per play basis for all. Members discounts will apply
- A membership re-start date will be confirmed shortly
- All payment transactions will be card only
- Government restrictions will apply - see below for more information
- Booking procedures & opening times - see below for more information
- The Keepers and Pro Shop will remain closed for the foreseeable future

Play will be as a single player or for a maximum of 2 players and in each group you will be able to play with a member of your household or with one other person from outside your household, whilst practising social distancing.

**All members will be charged at a discounted rate of:**

**Golf Course 9 holes: £7.50pp / 18 Holes: £10.00pp / Par 3: £3.00pp**

**Visitors will be charged at a rate of:**

**Golf Course 9 holes: £15.00pp / 18 Holes £25.00pp / Par 3 £7.50pp**

## **Booking Process**

Members will be able to book online or via telephone from Tuesday 12th May at 12pm, corporate members will be able to book via telephone from Wednesday 13th May at 12pm and visitors will be able to book times from Thursday 14th May at 12pm. We will allow tee times to be booked 5 days in advance and only one tee time will be booked per call. Only one round on the main course will be permitted per person per day to allow everyone an opportunity to book a tee time.

## **Opening Times**

We will be open from 7am until 6pm daily and will have tee times available for either 9 or 18 holes from 7.30am until 2pm and 2pm until 4pm for 9 holes only. The Golf Course will close at 6pm.

Needless to say we are really looking forward to seeing you all. We have received guidelines from England Golf so that we can "Play Safe, Stay Safe". We have produced our own guidance along with the current Government restrictions, please see below. We ask you all to adhere to the guidance to enable us to keep playing and working safely.

### **Government Restrictions**

- Rules for play to include: players must not be displaying any signs of COVID-19, player is not required to be in isolation by recommendation from the Government and player must not have been out of the country within the last 14 days
- Golfers are only permitted to travel on their own or with someone they live with
- Social distancing must be adhered to at all times
- Cars to be parked in every other space on arrival to help maintain social distancing
- Golfers must remain in their car until 15 minutes prior to their tee time
- Golfers must not share food or drink, touch other players golf equipment or shake hands
- Following your game you must return to your car and not congregate

### **Matfen Guidance**

- Toilet facilities will be open for Golfers to use
- Shoes to be changed at the car and clubs and trolleys to be kept with person
- All players are asked to register at the academy reception on arrival, no earlier than 15 minutes prior to their tee time
- Only 3 people in the coffee shop at any one time – (2 golfers & 1 staff member)
- No buggies available for hire
- Hire trolleys available but must be pre-booked
- No hire club sets are available
- Tee time intervals will be every 10 minutes
- Practice chipping/putting green closed to individuals
- Players are not to go to the first tee until the group in front has moved on
- Bunker rakes removed
- Flags to remain in hole (holes have been adapted to help with ball retrieval)
- Bins have been removed so please take all litter home
- Use of benches is not permitted
- A social distancing golf marshal will be on the course and will be checking players on the course
- In high demand times, only one basket of 100 balls permitted per person at the range
- Only one use of the range ball machine on arrival
- The ball basket is to be left in the bay following use
- Golf Pro's will be available to teach and will adhere to guidelines provided by PGA – lessons can be booked directly with Pro's or via the Golf team

We are delighted that we are able to re-open the course, we appreciate some of these restrictions are strict and may impact on some areas of your enjoyment at the club but it is hoped that in time Government restrictions will continue to be relaxed and all we will be grumbling about is our own game!

We look forward to seeing you all! Derek and his team have worked tirelessly during lockdown and we hope that you will enjoy the course, the wonderful views and some fresh air.

Kind Regards

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