

Suggested Best Practices for Golfers
Developed in consultation with the Atlantic Golf Associations

Please note that while some of these items have been mandated by the Department of Health, some of these are suggestions and meant to assist golf courses in developing messages, signage to ensure golfers adhere to the guidelines set forth and migrate the risk of contracting the virus.

TOP 10 GUIDELIENS FOR GOLFERS

REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDED / MANDATED
1	<p>Physical Distancing - Practice physical distancing by staying a minimum of two (2) meters away from other people AT ALL TIMES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not shake hands or high five to celebrate, a tip of the cap will do. 	MANDATED
2	<p>All players must have a tee time - No walk-on players will be permitted.</p>	MANDATED
3	<p>Pre-Pay Where Possible -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make every effort to Pre-Pay for rounds of golf and power carts • Cash cannot be accepted 	MANDATED
4	<p>Arrive at the golf course no earlier than 10 minutes prior to you tee time If you arrive early, wait in your car until it is appropriate to make your way to the 1st tee Change shoes and prepare equipment in the parking lot before moving to the first tee</p>	RECOMMENDED
5	<p>Follow golf club signage - Obey all directives from course staff and volunteers</p>	RECOMMENDED
6	<p>Practice Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving Range, putting and chipping green closed until further notice - Only use the club to touch the golf ball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DO NOT touch the golf ball & DO NOT tee up the golf ball ○ ONLY touch your own equipment 	RECOMMENDED
7	<p>Power Carts - Limit of one person per golf cart AT ALL TIMES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless occupants reside in same household or in same bubble • The person who rents the power cart is the ONLY person who can be on / use the cart for the duration of the round • MUST NEVER have two golf bags on one power cart 	MANDATE
8	<p>Maintain physical distance & Pace of Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep NO LESS than ½ of a hole between your group, the group ahead and the group behind to avoid backups on tees or around greens. 	RECOMMENDED
9	<p>DO NOT TOUCH on course items such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Flag Stick / Pin MUST remain in the hole (Mandate) • Rakes & Ball Washers MUST not be used (Mandate) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smooth bunkers with your foot ○ Bring you own towel to clean your golf ball 	MANDATED / RECOMMENDED
10	<p>After your round - Return Power Carts Promptly as instructed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave the Golf Course as promptly and safely as possible 	RECOMMENDED

Before Your Round

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BR-001	Follow guidelines of the Chief Medical Officer of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT visit a golf course if you are sick, or are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 • Wash hands prior to leaving your home and when at the golf course where / when possible. • Cover your mouth & nose when you cough or sneeze (cough or sneeze into your sleeve), Etc. 	RECOMMENDED
BR-002	All players must have a tee time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No walk-on players will be permitted. 	MANDATED
BR-003	Pre-Pay Where Possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make every effort to Pre-Pay for rounds of golf and power carts • Cash cannot be accepted 	MANDATED
BR-004	Bring Your Own Golf Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental Clubs WILL NOT be available 	MANDATED
BR-005	Bring your own; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towel to clean clubs • Water • Hand Sanitizer / Sanitizing wipes 	RECOMMENDED
BR-006	Where possible, use every second parking space to allow for adequate physical distancing in the parking lots	RECOMMENDED
BR-007	Arrive at the golf course no earlier than 10 minutes prior to you tee time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you arrive early, wait in your car until it is appropriate to make your way to the 1st tee 	RECOMMENDED
BR-008	Change shoes and prepare equipment in the parking lot before moving to the clubhouse of first tee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the exception of washroom facilities, all locker rooms must remain closed at this time. 	MANDATED
BR-009	Scorecards & Pencils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk Scorecard & Pencils WILL NOT be available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request an individual score card / pencil or 	MANDATED
BR-010	DO NOT exchange scorecards, ball markers, etc.	RECOMMENDED
BR-011	Do not shake hands or high five to celebrate, a tip of the cap will do.	RECOMMENDED

BR-012	Follow golf club signage and obey all directives from course staff and volunteers	RECOMMENDED
BR-013	Wait to be called to first tee by club staff or volunteers	RECOMMENDED
BR-014	Physical Distancing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice physical distancing by staying a minimum of two (2) meters away from other people AT ALL TIMES. 	MANDATED

During Your Round

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DR-001	Practice physical distancing by staying a minimum of two (2) meters away from other people at all times.	MANDATED
DR-002	Do not shake hands or high five to celebrate, a tip of the cap will do.	RECOMMENDED
DR-003	Walking is encouraged.	RECOMMENDED
DR-004	Use of Power Carts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of one person per golf cart at all times, unless the occupants reside in the same household or same bubble The person who rents the power cart is the ONLY person who can be on / use the cart for the duration of the round MUST NEVER have two golf bags on one power cart. 	MANDATE
DR-005	It is recommended to keep NO LESS than ½ of a hole between your group, the group ahead and the group behind to avoid back ups on tees or around greens.	RECOMMENDED
DR-006	Flag Stick & Cups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flags Sticks MUST NOT be touched and MUST remain in place. Measures will be in place to ensure that the ball does not go in the hole. Options for ensuring this could include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised cups Pool noodles Upside down cups, Etc. 	MANDATE
DR-007	DO NOT touch on course items; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave the flag stick / pin MUST remain in the hole Rakes & Ball Washers MUST not be used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smooth bunkers with your foot Bring you own towel to clean your golf ball 	MANDATED
DR-008	DO NOT touch on course items such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benches, shoe scrapers, club cleaners, sand buckets, signage, broken or discarded tees 	RECOMMENDED
DR-09	Take proper care of equipment; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean / disinfect your equipment before and after your round, as well as periodically during your round. DO NOT share your equipment (including balls, tees, clubs, ball markers, etc.) 	RECOMMENDED

After Your Round

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AR-001	Do not loiter around the clubhouse or in the parking lot before or after your round. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Practice physical distancing measures always apply○ Gatherings of any size of NOT permitted○ All common spaces such as; decks, gazebos, and picnic areas must remain closed.	MANDATE
AR-002	Do not exchange any money	RECOMMENDED
AR-003	Return Power Carts Promptly as instructed	RECOMMENDED
AR-004	Leave the Golf Course as promptly and safely as possible	RECOMMENDED

Food & Beverage

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FB - 001	All food and beverage services at golf courses must be; <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Curbside pick-up or● Delivery	MANDATE
FB – 002	Drink / snack carts WILL NOT be available	MANDATE
FB – 003	Vending machines will may not be available <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Plan ahead	RECOMMEND ED
FB – 004	There may not be any potable water on the course <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Golfers should bring their own water.	RECOMMEND ED

Other

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OT – 001	Washroom Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Clubhouse - Washrooms will be made available in the clubhouse<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Occupancy is reduced to one individual at a time.○ On Course - Washroom facilities on the course must be able to be maintained in the same manner and under the same restriction as the clubhouse.	MANDATE
OT – 002	Private/Group lessons, League play and tournaments are prohibited.	MANDATE
OT – 003	Club & equipment storage WILL NOT be available at this time	Mandated
OT – 004	Retail sales must be restricted to curbside pick-up or delivery.	MANDATE