

**Frequently Asked Questions regarding the re-opening of Golf in Wales**  
**Updated 19th June 2020**

**Q: Can I play golf with somebody outside my household, even if we play at a social**

There is **no change** to how many people you can play golf with and from the number of households.

[Click here](#) for latest Welsh Government advice around meeting different households.

[Click here](#) for the Wales Golf guidelines on this and the relevant combinations.

**Q: What is classed as 'local' travel?**

A: *'As a general rule, for most people anything within about five miles of your home is considered local.'*

**Click here** for information on what is considered as local.

**Click here** for information on travelling for sport.

It is highly likely that if progress continues, local travel restrictions are likely to be lifted on the **6<sup>th</sup> of July**. We would like to **re-enforce** that for the next 2 weeks travel must be 'local' under the current government guidance [Click here](#)

**Q: Can juniors play on the course?**

A: Yes, junior golfers can play on the course but should be accompanied by an adult from the same household.

**Q: Can the club accept visitors?**

A: This is at the club's discretion whether they allow visitors. All visitors will have to abide by the current protocol on the golf course.

**Q: Can 2 people from the same household share a buggy?**

A: When entering a golf club, best practice and social distancing should remain at all times, even if 2 people live in the same household.

**Q: If a junior is 16 or over, do they need to be accompanied by an adult from the same household?**

A: At the club's discretion, juniors should be accompanied by an adult until the club, and their parents/ guardians are confident the junior(s) can adhere to the new guidelines and protocol.

**Q: What is Wales Golf's position on non-golfers from the same household walking on the course with golfers?**

A: Wales Golf would encourage non-golfers from the same household to accompany golfers walking around the course and see it is as a massive opportunity to inspire people into taking up the game.

Our main advice to clubs would be to ensure that they can supervise the situation and ensure that all non-golfers stick to the rules the club have set out. The club also need to ensure that their insurance policy covers this.

**Q: Can Professional Shops and driving ranges be opened at the golf club?**

A: Professional Shops

As of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Professional Shops in Wales can re-open for retail purposes. Please ensure all shops are adhering to the social distancing and Welsh Government Guidelines.

Driving Ranges:

- Driving ranges have been constructed in a variety of different ways, with varying features of indoor and outdoor facilities, making it impossible to provide a blanket response as to whether they can or cannot open.
- Driving ranges contain several hard surfaces and remain a high-risk area for the spread of COVID-19. However, **outdoor driving ranges** are able to open if they can operate outdoors – E.g., on a grass area, with outdoor access points, and not under-cover.
- If your facility is under cover or sheltered, you should get in touch with your local Environmental Health and Trading Standards office who will be able to provide further advice whether you can open
- Facilities **must** conduct a full risk assessment.

Further Guidance

- Where there is room for doubt, our advice would be to pursue the safest option. For any further clarification, we suggest that clubs check with their local Trading Standards and Health and Safety authorities, and full risk assessments must be carried out.

**Q: Can the club open a take-away service?**

A: Bars and Restaurants are to remain closed until further notice. Take-away services can be offered, but any hot or cold food must be consumed off the premises.

Social distancing should be maintained whilst queueing and food items, cups, plates, or cutlery, should not be shared. Consumers should be advised to leave the premises to prevent crowding and queuing.

**Q: Can washrooms and toilet facilities be opened at the club?**

A: Indoor facilities apart from toilets should be kept closed.

When accessing and leaving facilities people should wipe down areas of contact, wash their hands thoroughly, use paper towels where possible and avoid touching any surfaces in transit. Clubs should also regularly clean touch-point areas and surface in line with their club COVID-19 risk assessment.

A: The club must ensure toilets are regularly cleaned and well managed to minimise the risk of the transmission of the virus.

- A full risk assessment should be carried out setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is achieved as much as possible.
- Consider a one in one out system and 2 metres queueing point could be implemented outside the building which can help ensure physical distancing.
- More frequent rubbish collection
- Replacing hand dryers with paper towels in handwashing facilities Clubs can also contact their local Environment Health and Safety Authority for additional advice and guidance regarding opening toilet facilities. It is also recommended that clubs check everything with their insurance companies.

**Q: Can clubs meet in the clubhouse to run board/committee meetings?**

A: This should be done digitally where possible (e.g. zoom, google meet, skype, email etc) or via phone call as current COVID-19 lockdown measures in Wales state that no more than two households are allowed to meet and clubhouses are to remain closed