



PHASE 1

Dear Member,

It was proposed on the 13th May 2020, subject to the 'play safe – stay safe' restrictions from Golf England and the current Government guidance (for recreation and social distancing) that Stowe Golf Course is able to reopen, as long as strict safety measures and controls were in place and are fully met.

To achieve this as a member of the club you must be fully responsible for your own safety and that of your fellow members.

Stowe Golf Club is committed to ensuring the safety of its members and staff. The following restrictions will be implemented on opening.

Anyone not complying will be asked to leave the course.

A small group will be established to oversee the usage of the course and the restrictions that have been adopted. This group will review these issues at the end of every day. This will enable the club to respond promptly to issues that arise and potentially alter restrictions where possible.

If the review group, make any amendments this will be communicated via email. Please check for emails if you know you are playing the following day.

Course Access

In the initial period following the club's re-opening, access to the club will be limited to club members only. This will include Stowe School staff who have joined the golf course in that capacity.

To access the course a player must:

- Be a current member of the club
- Not have been out of the Country for 14 days
- Not be in self isolation
- Not be displaying COVID - 19 symptoms
- Have a pre-reserved tee time made online

On Arrival

- Please be prepared to stop and converse with security personnel on duty. Please state that you have come to play at the golf course and state your pre booked tee off time.
- Ensure that you have your member badge ready if required for identification.
- Ensure that your car pass is displayed clearly in your window. This is mandatory.

- Even though you may have been on site for many years, it is important that you observe the School safety rules.

Booking

- Booking a tee time in advance is compulsory.
- To book a tee time please go to www.masterscoreboard.co.uk/stowe or www.masterscoreboard.co.uk and search for Stowe, this can be done on a laptop or smartphone.
- Please arrive at the course no more than (15) minutes prior to the reserved tee time.
- Please observe social distancing and resist the temptation to mingle.
- There is no changing facility, please change footwear in the car park.
- It is recommended that you travel to the golf club alone or with a member of your family who is in the same household.
- It is recommended that clubs and other equipment are cleaned prior to and after each round.
- It is recommended that members bring their own supply of hand sanitiser.
- Please do not touch other members clubs or other equipment.
- Please attend the tee no more than 5 minutes before your tee time.
- If you are late for you time tee and the course is full you will not be allowed to play.
- Bookings will be managed to ensure as many members can access the course as possible.
- Members will be restricted to making two bookings. However when the first booking is completed then they may make another advanced booking through the online system. This process is to ensure that in fairness to all members block bookings by individuals cannot be made.
- All tee times must be booked online and will be restricted to 1 or 2 members.
- Please DO NOT attend the golf course unless you have a pre booked tee time.
- Any member who books a tee time but fails to arrive on two occasions without a reasonable explanation will not be allowed to play for a 14-day period from the date of the second failure to attend.

Guests

- Play will be restricted to members only initially. This, and other restrictions, will ensure that all members will have priority on their own course on reopening.
- This will be revisited frequently and once the demand from members has fallen, guest access will be considered.

Restricted Hours

- The first tee time available will be 8am every day.
- The club will not be enforcing restricted hours on opening apart from the first tee time. This is to ensure those members who are working can enjoy some golf in the evening. All players must be clear of the course by dusk.
- The club must know who is on the course at all times, therefore even single players who play during the evening MUST book their tee time online.

Play

- Play will be in accordance with government and golf governing bodies recommendation. Members aged over 70 should pay particular heed to Government guidelines.
- Play will be restricted to 2 balls only starting at minimum 10 minute intervals.
- Whilst not wishing to prevent any member from playing it is requested that members play in 2 balls as far as practicable to help the flow around the course which will help to maintain social distancing.
- Rubbish bins have been covered. Please take your rubbish home with you.
- We are only allowing 9 holes initially, until demand for use of the course is established.
- Strict social distancing will be observed throughout the course.
- Do not double back to play again if a ball is lost, unplayable or in a penalty area.
- Golfers are advised not to congregate post golf or consume their own refreshments.
- Golfers are encouraged to remain behind the group in front. However, if called through please respect social distancing.
- Once a hole is complete, the group in front must have exited the tee box before the players can progress to the next hole.
- There will be no competitions at this stage of the reopening.
- Do not pick up any apparent lost balls.
- Players must call or email events@stowe.co.uk at the earliest opportunity with any post round health issues or COVID-19 related concerns.
- We will not be providing score cards at this time.

After Play

- Please move away from the course back to the car park. A final reminder re social distancing when leaving the area (no hand shaking for the winner!)
- Let's Play safe and Stay safe. Other than that, enjoy yourself (knowing our luck it will probably chuck it down when we re-start)!

Putting green and nets

- All holes on the practice putting green and nets will be out of use.

Grounds Staff

- It is likely there will be grounds staff on the course. Members are expected to abide by their directions.
- The green keepers will be busy moving the course from maintenance mode to full summer playing conditions. Please be courteous and respectful of social distancing at all times.

Course

- Flagsticks must remain in the hole and not touched by golfers.
- Special measures have been installed to avoid the ball dropping to the base of the cup.
- Rakes will be removed from bunkers (please take the time to smooth the bunker as best you can).
- Benches and ball washers are all out of use.

Buggies

Use of buggies is not permitted. Medical needs will be considered, to be discussed prior to play with events@stowe.co.uk.

Toilets

- Regrettably, there will be no access to toilets onsite. We will try to open the toilets at the earliest opportunity when we can do so safely.
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New Course

- We are conscious of the fact that the majority of our members are anxious to play the new course, particularly having been subject to the recent lockdown. A great deal of time and effort has been expended by the Stowe Grounds Team to produce a first class course. However we need to respect that it will take some time for the course to fully mature to be at its best. We will be playing preferred lies until you are advised otherwise by the committee.