

CLUB REOPENING PREPARATION

Although the delegation representing golf – comprising GolfRSA, the PGA and the Club Management Association of South Africa – has yet to receive any formal communication from government indicating when golf facilities will be allowed to reopen, it is important that all clubs are adequately prepared for this eventuality.

To that end, the delegation has compiled a list of activities and measures that golf facilities can put in place to safeguard employees and patrons, and best practice activities that your club may wish to adopt.

Note: *Clubs are required to comply at all times with the Disaster Management Act (57/2002): Covid-19 Occupational Health and Safety Measures in Workplaces Covid-19. (C19 OHS), 2020.*

1. SCREENING

It is a requirement in terms of the abovementioned Act and regulations that all employees and staff must be screened for Covid-19 symptoms.

It is likely that regulations will require clubs to also screen all visitors before allowing them access to either the club premises or facilities. A record of all patrons entering the facility may have to be kept.

For preparation:

- Should it be necessary to screen all visitors, clubs should consider the most appropriate place where the screening should take place, for instance at the main gate or a dedicated station to be set up at the clubhouse or various points.
- Clubs to identify who will be appointed as the designated person(s) who needs to be trained to fulfill the screening-related tasks.
- Clubs could create Sanitizing Points, where visitors will sanitize their hands.
- Clubs can acquire digital thermometers.
- Record keeping: GolfRSA is reviewing applications to digitally track all members'/guests' activity – further communication will follow.

2. SOCIAL DISTANCING

Clubs will be required to ensure sufficient distancing when patrons arrive at the facility and at all stages within the Clubhouse facilities.

For preparation:

Clubs to consider how to manage arrival intervals of patrons, as well as the time spent at the golf facility.

3. HYGIENE

- Ensure there are sufficient quantities of hand sanitizer available at all times.
- Ensure all work surfaces and equipment are disinfected before any access to the club premises and regularly during the operational hours for areas such as toilets, common areas, door handles, etc.
- Ensure that there are adequate facilities for the washing of hands with soap and clean water. Only paper towels are provided to dry hands after washing.
- Ensure specific protocols are put in place to avoid any person touching common surfaces on the golf course, such as flagsticks, benches, water fountains, bunker rakes, ball washers.
- Ensure locker room facilities remain closed.
- Ensure every patron wears a mask.

4. PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Clubs should consider payment options to protect the safety of staff and visitors – such as no-touch payment through EFT, club, debit and credit cards.

5. CLUBHOUSE AND STAFF

- Ensure that all equipment, stationery, and tools are thoroughly cleaned after use.
- Ensure workers wash and sanitize their hands regularly while at work.
- Ensure workers interacting with the public sanitize their hands between each interaction with public.
- Ensure that there is a distance at least one-and-a-half metres between workers and members of the public at all times.

For preparation:

Clubs should consider creating signage/information that will be posted at appropriate positions at the facility and generating an Employer Responsibility Checklist.

NOTE: We have prepared detailed GolfRSA best practice guidelines, which we will send out as soon as we have studied the regulations once published.