

GAME OF GOLF OPENING PROTOCOL

PLAYERS

GOLF COURSES

INDUSTRY



GAME OF GOLF OPENING PROTOCOL INTRODUCTION

Guidelines for Safe Recreational Golf (COVID19)

The general recommendations of the Health Authorities have priority.

The measures described here are the result of contributions from the whole of Spanish golf: the Royal Spanish Golf Federation (RFEG) and the Regional Golf Federations, the Spanish Golf Course Association (AECG), the Spanish Association of Greenkeepers (AEdG), the Spanish Association of Golf Managers (AEGG) and the Professional Golf Association (PGA). They also take into account the recommendations of international bodies in the world of golf.

The purpose of this guide is to design the main applicable measures and recommendations for golf players in order to guarantee social distance and minimize the risk of contagion (Covid-19). It is divided into three parts: **PLAYERS, GOLF COURSES** and **INDUSTRY**.

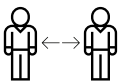
The game of golf has some specific peculiarities that make its practice accessible and safe after the Covid-19. Among them, the following stand out:



- It is a sport that is played outdoors.



- It is not a contact sport.



- It is easy to maintain a great social distance of many meters.



- You can book and pay on-line, therefore you do not have to go through the Club House or any premises.

Many countries already allow the practice of golf, as is the case in the USA. (in more than 30 States), Germany, Australia, Japan, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Singapore, etc. where safety protocols similar to those described in this document have been applied.

The opening of golf courses in Spain could promote the Spanish brand abroad and use the image of golf as a healthy, open-air, Covid-free sport that will help to a soon reactivation of tourism.

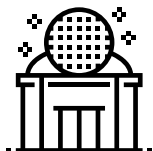


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Before playing



RESPECT

Respect all the security measures indicated by the Club.



AVOID

Avoid physical greetings shake hands, etc.



BOOKINGS

Must be made on-line or by phone.



GREENFEES

The payment will be made preferably **on-line or by telephone** with a credit card. The Club House will be open and complementary facilities will remain closed except the toilettes.



BUGGIES

The use of buggies is allowed on an individual or family basis. **Before and after each use, they will be disinfected by the club staff.**



TROLLEY

Manual and electric trolleys for individual use will be **disinfected by Club staff before and after each use.**



GAMES

Games may be **played by 4 persons** who must keep social distance during the game.



GOLF OUTFIT

Players must come dressed for the game as the **club facilities will remain closed.**



TEE TIMES

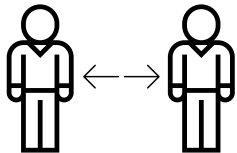
Players will be requested to **go from the parking lot to the starting Tee directly 5 minutes before tee time.**



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During the game



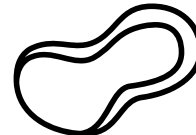
DISTANCE

Social distance should be maintained always.



DO NOT TOUCH

Not allowed to touch fountains, benches, etc they will remain closed.



BUNKERS

Bunkers will be repaired in the best possible way by the player without the use of rakes.



FLAGS

The flags on the holes must always remain in place, they cannot be removed or touched.



HOLES

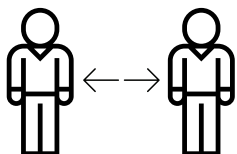
The holes must have a cap that prevents the ball from going down completely at the end of the hole. The player will pick up the ball with as much prevention as possible.



GAME

Play fast, not allowed to give way to another.

After playing



FAREWELL

Avoid long farewells and any physical contact.



CLEANING

Golf clubs and shoes are not allowed to be cleaned.



PARKING

It is recommended to go directly from the golf course to the parking.



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Introduction

This document describes the steps to be taken on the Golf Courses in order to reopen them for recreational golf, and covers the whole range of facilities on a standard golf course.

Each course must accommodate the measures applicable to its characteristics, always in accordance with the general limitations imposed by the Health Administration.

All employees of the facility must be informed of the compliance of the described protocols and the requirement to apply them.

The protocols contemplated are divided into two parts: **Facilities and Maintenance.**

Facilities



RECEPTION

- Minimize the use of reception.
- All reservations must be channelled on-line or by telephone.
- Payment of the services will be made preferably by credit card or online.



ADMINISTRATION

- Administration services will be offered by telephone or on-line.



GOLF BAG STORAGE ROOM

- Minimize the use of the golf bag storage room.



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Facilities



GOLF COURSE

- Fountains, sinks, benches, etc. must be closed.
- Fit the holes with a system that prevents the ball from falling into them.
- Remove the rakes from the bunkers.



DRIVING RANGE

- Social distance must be guaranteed.
- All elements of the driving range area must be regularly sanitized
- Payment for this service will be made preferably on-line or by card.
- Golf professionals will follow the protocols during their work.



PUTTING GREEN

- Social distance must be guaranteed.
- Fit the holes with a system that prevents the ball from falling in.



BUGGIES AND MANUAL AND ELECTRICAL TROLLEYS

- Buggies and trolleys should be disinfected before and after use by staff of the club.



DRESSING ROOMS AND TOILETS

- The dressing rooms will remain closed until authorisation from the Health Authorities.
- Access to the toilets is limited to turns of one person.
- The cleaning and disinfection of toilets must be reinforced.
- Automatic water, soap and dryer dispensers are recommended.



PRO-SHOP

- The pro-shop will not be opened until the Administration Authorities authorizes the opening of the small commerce.



RESTAURANT / COFFEE SHOP

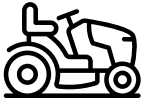
- Will remain closed to the public until and under the conditions established by Health Administration.



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Maintenance



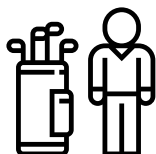
- Social distance between all workers **must be guaranteed**.
- Differentiated work teams will be established in the maintenance staff.
- Work entry and exit **will be staggered**.
- Machinery, vehicles and tools **will be disinfected between shifts**.
- Vehicles and machinery will be for **individual use** and not shared.
- The entry and exit of personnel to and from the premises **will be individual**.
- The assignment of work will be done **telematically**.
- Meetings, breaks and group meals will not be held.



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Spanish golf in figures



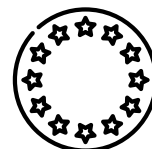
MEMBERS

273.000 registered members.



GLOBAL

First international golf tourism destination worldwide.



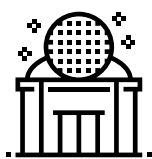
GOLF DESTINATION

First golf destination in Europe.



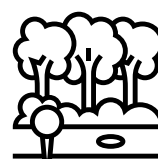
TURISM

1.4 million tourists choose Spain to play golf



FACILITIES

400 facilities spread all over Spain.



GREEN AREAS

32.000 hectares of green areas.



INCOME

Total income of 2.5 billion euros.



EMPLOYMENT

More than 30,000 direct and indirect jobs are generated.



Demands of the golf courses

Given the business damage that the crisis of the Covid-19 has generated to the Spanish golf courses, the group of facilities has demanded from the Spanish Government exceptional measures identical to those that are going to be adopted for the tourist sector because of the crisis of the Covid-19:

- Consider golf courses as tourist infrastructure.
- Application of the **reduced VAT**, from tax rate 21% to 10%.
- **Extension of the ERTE figure** due to force majeure and the extraordinary and exceptional measures established in RDL 8/2020 due to tourist traffic restrictions.
- **Review cadastral valuations** of golf courses.
- Economic support measures:
 - Exemptions or, alternatively, postponement of tax payments: IBI, IAE, VAT, etc.
 - Assimilation of the demand from the agricultural sector: contracting the term of electrical power.
 - Access to recycled water without infrastructure costs.
 - Mortgage Payment Moratorium.
 - Postponement of supply payments.

In anticipation of the progressive release of the State of Alarm decreed by the Spanish Government, thanks to the remission of the pandemic that is sweeping Spain and which will largely allow the recovery of normal activity, the golf courses are preparing to reopen their facilities for the practice of this sport and to contribute to the economic recovery of our country.



