



## **Edenderry Golf Club Protocols for the Return to Golf**

The following Protocol is for Edenderry Golf Club and its members. This document has been prepared in conjunction with the Irish Ladies Golf Union and the Golfing Union of Ireland following their extensive consultation with the relevant government departments and state agencies in the Republic of Ireland.

It aims to ensure that golf can be played safely during the COVID-19 Pandemic where public health measures permit such activity. The safety of our members and future visitors is of paramount importance to the Edenderry Golf Club staff and Committee.

It should be noted that the Government continues to monitor the situation closely and has not ruled out the reintroduction of restrictions which could see golf clubs closed once again if the Protocol is not followed.

We will be updating this document at each Phase level, so this initial document will only deal with Phase I measures. An updated version will be sent and made available to all members and visitors closer to the time of that phase's introduction.

We also remind you to be aware of the latest underlying public health guidance's set out at:

[www.hse.ie/coronavirus/](http://www.hse.ie/coronavirus/) and [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie)

### **Phase I Measures**

- Members with colds or any symptoms of COVID-19 are to stay away from the golf course/clubhouse.
- Physical distancing rules are to be observed by all members at all times in the car park, clubhouse and on the course.
- Play is restricted to:
  - members only
  - casual golf only. There will be no competitions in this Phase.
- The staff and committee members of Edenderry Golf Club will be on hand to monitor adherence with physical distancing rules and the rules for golfers set out in this document.

- All Tee times are to be booked in advance online or over the telephone (046 97 31072). We are required that players names are recorded on timesheets to help assist with contact tracing should the need arise. **Under no circumstances should you arrive at the club without booking in advance.**
- Daily timesheets are restricted to 14-minute intervals.
- Up to 3 golfers may play per start time.
- The Bar and Restaurant will remain closed and off-limits as per government policy.
- Clubhouse access will be limited. Toilet facilities will be available at the back of the clubhouse near the Ladies 10<sup>th</sup> tee.
- Those who have equipment stored in the Locker Room, please contact the club to arrange retrieval of the equipment as clubhouse access will be limited.
- There will be no social gatherings, of any size, at the facility, on the course or in the car park.
- Members are instructed not to touch the flag or flagstick. We have put measures in place where this should not be required.
- Rakes have been removed from the course. Players are requested to smooth bunkers using their feet or a club.
- Hire trolleys must be sanitised prior to each use.
- We ask that Members of the same household should play together, rather than split into mixed groups.
- Caddies are not permitted except where the group of golfers and the caddies are from the same household.

### **Further Measures in place**

Edenderry Golf Club staff and Committee have also put in place the below measures to ensure further safety measures are in place to further help reduce the risks around Covid-19 and our return to our beloved game.

- Signage to reinforce physical distancing rules has been erected around the course.
- Holes/cups have been altered to facilitate easy retrieval of golf balls.
- Hand sanitisers will be available with Ken in the pro shop.

- Regular cleaning of toilets will take place.
- Bins, benches, divot boxes and other non-essential furniture have been taken in off the course.
- Ball washers, benches and other fixed furniture have been covered and must not be tampered with.
- The practice area including nets and putting greens are **closed** for use during this period.
- Where a golf buggy must be used, it should be used by one person only and cannot be exchanged between people during the round unless golfers are from the same household. Buggies must be sanitized thoroughly after each use.
- Junior members are required to play with an Adult member at all times.

Please also refer to the Guidelines for Golfers found on the Golfnet website. See link below.

<https://www.golfnet.ie/Documents/Protocol%20for%20Republic%20of%20Ireland.pdf>

***“Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you”***  
***– Arnold Palmer***

Phase I of the plan will begin on May 18<sup>th</sup> and will remain in place until at least June 08<sup>th</sup>. We as golfers have a great opportunity at this time to be able to play the sport we love. This is a privilege not everyone has at this present time.

We require your total effort and we trust that you will adhere to above guidelines and measures that ultimately have been put in place to allow us to play Golf and to help protect us all from Covid-19.

We thank you for your continued support over this tough period in all our lives and we are really looking forward to having you all back on the course over the coming weeks.

**Stay Safe**

**Signed:** The Committee of Edenderry Golf Club.

