



NORTH HAVEN GOLF CLUB

2020 Guidelines and COVID-19 Preparedness

As we grow out of the larger community of the Fox Islands, the health and safety of our members and the larger communities of North Haven and Vinalhaven guide our decisions in this uncertain time of COVID-19 and the unique challenges that face us during the summer of 2020. With special attention to the guidelines set forth by Governor Mills, the State of Maine, the Town of North Haven and the Maine State Golf Association, we have developed the following rules and structure to help ensure a successful season this summer as we provide a reasonably safe environment for the diverse set of users of our course. We look for your cooperation in helping to keep our course and our friends healthy in these trying times.

As the summer evolves, please be aware these guidelines could change at any time so be flexible and stay safe as we protect each other by protecting ourselves.

GENERAL TERMS

- If you or any member of your immediate household are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, including but not limited to fever, coughing, shortness of breath or other reported symptoms, self-quarantine, seek medical attention and do not visit the course in any capacity (walking, golfing, etc.).
- All visitors to the course will be required to observe all current state and local requirements regarding social distancing, the wearing of masks and increased sanitization.
- Weekly memberships are offered only to people who have satisfied the 14-day quarantine or the Governor's current guidelines (which presently include a negative test result within 72 hours of entering the state). However, as is standard practice, all dues are expected to be paid BEFORE you begin play for the season. Daily fees should also be paid in advance of your round.
- As our cost structure is made up of many fixed costs, we will not be able to offer refunds on memberships. Please understand even if you play little or no golf this season, you are valuably supporting the ongoing finances of the Club, and we appreciate that contribution.
- Daily memberships include as much golf as you can play that day. You are a "member for a day" and will be treated as such with regard to any Maine State Golf Association guidelines.

PREPARING TO PLAY

- We plan to test the viability of weekly Wednesday scrambles. Participants will sign-up online before 5pm on Tuesday and will receive an e-mail with a starting hole. Proceed directly to that hole on arrival and do not interact with other participants.
- All home and away tournaments with Tarratine and Megunticook have been cancelled.
- For the time being, the hitting net in the parking lot has been removed. It is closed until further notice.
- No more than two people are allowed in the Buzz Barn at any one time, including those using the rest room.
- If you are able, please take your clubs home with you and allow the club storage for those who cannot easily do so. If you are retrieving clubs, avoid touching other bags and store clubs in a manner that allows others to easily access clubs without coming into contact with your clubs or other clubs that do not belong to the owner.
- Push carts and walking are always encouraged. Cart use in general will be limited to one person. Exceptions include members of the same immediate family or unrelated parties assuming a plastic barrier is in place between the seats.

- In order to provide opportunities for increased social distancing, we are blocking certain times for usage by regular groups and other times for people seeking a more intense socially isolated experience. Please be aware of the following blocks of time when the course will be in use:
 - **2:00pm to 4:00pm Daily** – a tee sheet will be available at the desk to reserve 15-minute intervals during this block. This time slot is provided for members seeking additional social distancing and safety measures when visiting the course. Please respect these members’ desire to avoid contact during their time at the course. Advance sign up for a tee time during this window is strongly suggested.
 - **9:00am to 11:30am Wednesday** – if weekly scrambles are taking place, non-participants should avoid the course at this time as it may be difficult to fit additional users safely into the course of play after the scramble starts.
 - **8:00am to 8:45am and 10:00am to 10:45am Sunday** – reserved for Sunday morning play group unless cancelled with email notification to the membership.
- A sign-up sheet (with instructions) will be posted. If there is a backlog of people waiting to play, please sign up on a first-come first-served basis and prepare to remain social distanced from others until your slot becomes available.
- Groups larger than four (4) people are not allowed unless they are one family living in a single house together.
- Rental clubs will not be provided by the Club. If rentals are needed, guests should work that out with a friend who can provide sanitized, safe clubs before arriving to the Club.
- Scorecards, pencils, markers, divot repair tools and tees may be available by request but will not be out and available. We recommend bringing these items with you before you arrive.
- Signing in will still be expected. Ideally, use your own pen or pencil. However, the book will contain a sign-up sheet with a set of pens marked “clean” and “used”. Retrieve a pen from the “clean” box, sign in ALL members of your party, and leave the pen in the “used” box. Pens will be sanitized regularly.

ON THE COURSE

- Masks should be worn until you reach your starting tee. If you choose to remove the mask to play, it must be readily available in case you encounter others on the course.
- Always attempt maintain a minimum of ½ hole distance between groups on the course. If a group is behind you and waiting, try to speed up by limiting the number of shots you take, the time to look for balls and time over shots to keep moving along. If you prefer the group behind to bypass yours, then signal, stand aside and wait until they are at least one shot ahead before proceeding.
- Flagsticks are “touchless” with a foam “stop” in the cup to prevent the ball from dropping into the hole. Golfers should avoid touching the hole, flagstick or anything other than their own ball. Do not attempt to remove the flagstick.
- Rakes have been removed. Golfers are asked to smooth over footprints and other marks with their foot or a golf club. If you find your ball in a bad lie due to uneven sand, pick it up and replace it in a flat area of the sand trap no closer to the hole.
- Trashcans and ball washers have either been removed or are non-operational. Plan accordingly.
- At the end of the round, proceed directly to your vehicle and depart. Congregating and socializing at the Clubhouse is disallowed.
- Non-golfing recreation guests to the Club (jogging, dog-walking, etc.) should not congregate anywhere on the course or around the Clubhouse. Also, please maintain a significantly greater distance than typical social distancing (greater than 10 feet) as golfers may not expect you to be there. Dogs must be leashed or kept under verbal control by owner.