



LEBANON COUNTRY CLUB
SAFETY GUIDELINES
2020 GOLF SEASON

OVERVIEW

As the club plans to resume golf on Friday, there will be many changes to our daily operations as we adjust to the “present normal”. The following guidelines were created in conjunction with the Golf Committee, Greens Committee, Board of Governors, and the PAG (Pennsylvania Alliance for Golf) in accordance with CDC recommendations and requirements and will be reviewed and adjusted as time passes and things progress. These guidelines will be strictly enforced and your cooperation and understanding during this difficult time is appreciated.

******If at any time you or one of your family members are experiencing ANY symptoms of the virus, we ask that you refrain from coming to the club in order to protect the health and safety of all members and employees. If you or a family member is diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus and have been to the club within the last fourteen days, please contact Christian Sheehan at christianpsheehan@gmail.com or 717-272-1893.***

DAILY PLAY

In an effort to control mass gatherings and manage play, ONLINE tee times will be REQUIRED for all play once we resume operation. All tee times must be booked online. The Golf Shop will remain closed. Phone calls/messages may not be received/responded to answered as minimal staffing levels are exercised at this time. The following are additional requirements for play.

- For proper social distancing recommendations, **no player shall arrive more than 20 minutes prior** to their starting time.
- Upon arrival, players may request transportation if available, which shall be staged a few at a time.
- Players must service their own equipment, both prior to and following the round. Players must retain personal possession of their equipment until state recommendations are modified.
- Scorecards, Tees, Pencils, Ball Markers, and Towels will not be made available. Please come prepared with your own gear. (You can post your hole-by-hole score on your GHIN app while walking)
- Tee Sheets will be adjusted to 15-minute tee time intervals to ensure proper distancing both prior to play and on the course.
- When booking a tee time, ALL players must be included. NON-MEMBER GUESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED at this time, except Immediate Family Guests (i.e. adult sons/daughters/brothers/sisters)
- **GROUPS ARE LIMITED TO FOUR OR LESS.**
- Members are asked to wait for their tee time away from the first tee until the group in front has teed off. When arriving at any tee, social distance requirements are in play.
- Although traditions of the game, please avoid handshakes, high-fives, and fist-bumps.
- Following play, close gatherings are strictly prohibited. If you wish to discuss your round with friends, we recommend video and/or conference calls with your group off site.

CART USE

Golf Carts and Speed Carts use are permitted at this time.

- Cart usage will be limited to one rider with the exception of same-household riders.
- Staff will be present to distribute transportation, but ALL players must load and unload their equipment. Staff are prohibited from assisting.
- Players are asked to thoroughly remove their own garbage and equipment following use. Golf Carts are allowed in the parking lot to assist you. ***Please be careful at all times when entering general parking areas of the club.***
- Cart bodies and floorboards will be washed with water and touch points will be sanitized after use daily to be ready for the next rider. These areas include the dashboard, seats, steering wheel, cup holders, key, seat and roof handles, bag straps and levers, and the sweater basket. Any staff member on site will be required to wear gloves and face coverings.
- Sand Bottles have been removed on the carts and the on-course re-fill stations.
- Speed Carts will be disinfected after play and put away for the next player.
- Carts will be prohibited from the practice range in an effort to curtail shared rides and/or switched vehicles.
- **Golf Carts and Speed Carts will be distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis. If either method of transportation runs out, players must walk, or book an alternate tee time when the staff feels more product will be available. During this time, if a member owns their own speed cart, they are permitted to use it.**

PRACTICE FACILITY

The practice range will open with modifications. We ask that all players observe and practice the following guidelines.

- We highly recommend NOT touching practice balls, which includes teeing up drivers. While balls are water-washed after picking up, we cannot insure the cleanliness of practice balls.
- All players must walk to the practice range.
- Individual hitting areas will be spread further apart than normal to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Please bring your own balls to the chipping or putting greens.
- Cups have been removed from the Practice Putting Greens. Please ensure proper social distancing practices on the putting greens. Close gatherings of any kind will be asked to disperse by the staff on duty.
- Members may not park at the range to practice. Anyone wishing to practice must check in with the staff on duty at the Golf Shop.
- Any PRACTICE is limited to thirty minutes.
- The staff will monitor range capacity. Players may be asked to wait or tee off without warming up.
- An isolated Instruction Area may be identified. Please do not use this area for practice and/or warm up.
- When open, the practice facility hours of operation will be 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

ON COURSE

Please continue to practice social distancing and remain at least six feet from your playing partners on the course, including teeing grounds and putting greens.

- Initially, cups will be inserted upside down. Soon, the club will move to a “touchless device” as many have seen via social media. The ball will be lifted from the cup by lifting the lever attached to the flagstick with your putter. No hands should touch the flagstick or reach into the hole.
- All bunker rakes have been removed from the golf course.
- All Par 3 sand stations and on-course bottle refill stations have been removed.
- When arriving at a bunker, a player is allowed a smooth lie. If necessary, a player may mark their ball, smooth the nearest area of the lie, replace the ball, and play. After the shot, the player must smooth the area of the swing with their foot or club to the best of their ability. This is a temporary Local Rule being called “Smoothies”.
- All water stations have been removed from the golf course. We recommend all players bring their own water bottles.
- Please refrain from sharing or exchanging equipment. Rental Clubs are prohibited at this time.

BAG STORAGE

- The Bag Room and Locker Room will remain closed until further notice.
- Any staff on site will NOT be cleaning clubs until restrictions are lifted.
- Again, players must thoroughly remove their equipment and all garbage from any transportation and return equipment to your vehicle.
- If your bag is still in storage, a staff member may retrieve it for you only once. Please call the Golf Shop to make arrangements.

LOCKER ROOMS

Men’s and Ladies’ Locker Rooms will remain closed until the Clubhouse is open.

- When the Clubhouse opens, we recommend using the lockers rooms only for restroom services. We encourage all players to maintain their locker belongings with them at all times. Which includes putting on and taking off your golf shoes at your vehicle.
- Please do not congregate in the Locker Rooms.
- If you have not retrieved your locker belongings yet, please contact the Golf Shop to make arrangements. Arrangements may be made once. After that, please keep your equipment in your vehicle.

POSTING SCORES

With the clubhouse and Golf Shop closed, players must post all scores at home via GHIN.com or on their phone using the GHIN app. **REMINDER: Scores must be posted by midnight the day of play under the new World Handicap System.**

MERCHANDISE

The Golf Shop is partially stocked for season. Any requests for equipment (balls, gloves, caps, etc...) should be made in advance to christiansheehan@gmail.com.

SAFETY

Sanitizer Stations are being installed at the exterior to all entry ways to the Clubhouse and Golf Shop.

CDC REQUIREMENTS

For the Golf Department to operate it is imperative to follow CDC directives. The CDC defines Social Distancing as it applies to COVID-19 as “remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet) from others when possible.”

CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

The CDC, Board of Governors, and staff HIGHLY recommends that if you are showing “any” symptoms of an illness, please stay home and take care of yourself. Keep in mind, the safety and well-being of our members and staff is our highest priority. Please self-quarantine if necessary.

THANK YOU

We appreciate your cooperation during this time. We assure you that your Board of Governors and Staff are doing their very best to insure a safe and enjoyable time at the club. This continues to be a fluid situation and any changes will be communicated in a timely fashion. We will get through these challenging times.

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