



Kingfishers Golf Course Covid Update – March 2021

We are very excited to be able to welcome our golfing community back on 30 March 2021 in line with the government easing of the lockdown. We have been working hard over the last few months to ensure the safety of both you and our team whilst onsite and we would be very grateful if you could review the details within this notification to ensure we continue to keep safe and keep in line with the guidance from the government.

Main Café Bar / Restaurant and Facilities

On 30 March Kingfishers will see the initial start of the easing of restrictions by the opening of the golf course. However, we are unable to open for refreshments. We will be opening the toilets which will be accessible via the rear doors. Please ensure you sanitise your hands on entry and wear a mask at all times while in any inside space to protect you and those around you.

The key touch points will be cleaned regularly, and the doors will all be propped open to restrict the contact points. We would welcome your support in not closing doors and ensuring all paper towels are placed in the bins provided.

Golf Re-opening

As we move through the easing of restrictions the following Kingfishers's roadmap has been set in place.

Please note this will be based on the data and we will be responding to any changes in guidance as and when this is released to us. We have experienced, from previous easing of restrictions, that some of the guidance has meant rapid changes at short notice so please ensure patience with our teams if we have to make changes to the plans that have been outlined.

The practice area, situated next to the main building (and for existing members on the site of the old 9th green) will re-open on the 30 March together with the golf course.

The driving range will re-open on 30 March, tokens for the ball machine will be available from reception.

Please ensure all baskets are returned to the righthand side of the ball machine so it is clear which baskets have been used and therefore need to be cleaned.

Ladies and Men's Section

The wonderful Tina Daubney, Jon Steer and for those of you who know him, the legendary Brian Falcous will continue to run the regular ladies and mens roll ups.

Ladies Roll Ups

The intention is that once current restrictions are lifted, the Tuesday morning roll ups will continue, enabling players to mingle socially before and after golf. However, until 21 June or as such as time as the government guidance permits, members must book their own tee times via BRS on Tuesday mornings from 9am, in groups of up to 4 and following the 'Rules' as outlined below.

Mens Roll Ups

Once restrictions are lifted to allow larger groups to meet and play, the regular Wednesday and Friday roll ups will resume. Wednesday roll up are open to all. Friday roll ups is for seniors. As stated we hope restrictions are able to be lifted from 21 June however, we will need to receive formal confirmation of this from the government before regular roll ups are permitted to continue.

In the meantime, it is intended that, subject to the Rules as set out below, members enjoy golf together (up to four people per group) by booking their own tee times for Wednesday and Friday mornings using the BRS booking system. Meetings will start at 9am (or 8:50am where necessary), starting from Wednesday, 31 March and Friday, 9 April.

Playing at Kingfishers - Rules

The rules from a golfing perspective have not changed since before the last lockdown. Golfers will continue to have the choice of playing in groups of up to four players.

You are not confined to playing with the same group of golfers (of up to four) but as stated by England Golf players should be mindful of the increased risk by widening the scope of social contacts and that social distancing rules must be observed at all times.

Ten minute intervals will remain between tee times to ensure appropriate social distancing.

In addition, we kindly ask that:

- you do not touch the flags on the course;
- if playing in a group of up to four you should only use your own golf ball, which is then only handled by you;
- that you do not gather in groups in the car park outside of your playing partners; and
- that you adhere social distancing guidelines at all times.

You may bring your own mini rakes for the bunkers should you wish to do so, but again the rake should only be handled by you.

Booking Tee Times

In line with the guidance, we ask that everybody books online using the BRS system including for regular roll ups.

Please ensure that at a minimum the name and telephone number for each and every player is added to the booking system. This assists with NHS Track and Trace but also so that we are aware of who is on site.

An official NHS QR Code for track and trace purposes remains available for use.

Buggy Rental

We are pleased to be able to offer buggy hire but the advice from England Golf, which they have taken from the government guidance, is that buggies cannot be shared as they do not allow for appropriate social distancing. The exception being if golfers are from the same household or support bubble.

For anybody wishing to hire a buggy, we ask that when you book your tee time, you add buggy hire into your booking so we can have it cleaned and ready for you.

We will also be asking, on initial opening, that you pay in advance. Details will be sent through to you on booking. This is to reduce contact for both you and our teams: you will receive full information on which buggy is yours for the allocated session and the where the keys will be left for you.

If you have any issues or questions about booking or collection please do not hesitate to email info@kingfisherscretingham.co.uk and one of our team will respond as soon as is possible.

Scorecards

Scorecards will be available as before lockdown in the plastic pocket dock outside the clubhouse main entrance.

Planned Re-opening of the Wider Site

16 April : We plan to run our first Pizza Friday (and yes you can have a plate, knife and fork and a pint of beer or glass of wine in a real glass). This will be table service only or takeaway. Get there early and you will be able to cosy up by the new fire pit in the Nook, our newly designed outdoor seating area.

17 April: The next stage will be the opening of our new Village Store and Café. Come in and shop for some essentials or delicious goodies. Or to enjoy some refreshments at the café take a seat outside and one of our team will come and serve you. The café will also be table service only. Take away hot and cold drinks and foodie delights will also be available.

Site wide, all payments will continue to be card only.

Fitness: Starting from 8 March, 612 Fitness at Kingfishers, is able to start tailored 1:1 outdoor, personal training and from 29 March outdoor exercise groups will recommence. Going forward, from 12 April 612 Fitness will also be able to provide indoor personal training and from 17 May a full fitness timetable will be available. 612 Fitness still continues to provide live and on demand classes online. See our website for further details. Classes are suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

Beauty Treatments: We are also pleased to welcome beauty treatments to Kingfishers, provided by The Lady Garden. Sarah lives locally and has moved her business to Kingfishers. The treatment room will be located within the 612 Fitness studio. Sarah is highly experienced and will be able to provide beauty treatments from 12 April. Please see our website "Treatments" for further details and bookings.

We also plan to re-open The Boat Shack café at the boating lake from early summer 2021.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and look forward to welcoming you back on to the course from 30 March.

The Kingfishers Team