



Dear Members,

After reconsideration from the NSW Government Office of Sport, Golf Courses in NSW have been advised that they may open for the time being. This may change again, unless golfers are seen to be strictly following all Social Distancing Obligations (Remember, these are not optional, these are mandatory for everyone, no exceptions).

As such, Harrington Waters has decided we will not allow anyone who is not a golf member of the club to play on the course during this time. This includes competitions, social golf, members guests and locals. This is to limit contact for our members with people from outside our immediate local community, and because we hope we can rely on our own members to strictly and without question follow the requirements that will be laid out below at all times. All competitions for the foreseeable future will be 9 Hole Mixed Stableford open to both Ladies and Men, with 2 people only per tee time. Please keep in mind that the state government recommends people over 70 not to go outside unless necessary and consider your own health before making the decision to play golf.

**All Members who go out on the course to play golf whether competition or social, will strictly comply with the following at all times:**

- 2 People Only per tee time at all times - tee off at the time you are booked, not before
- Maintain at least 100m separation between each group of 2 people on the course at all times.
- Do not mill around in groups waiting to tee off, even when you are following the strict 1.5m distancing; arrive close to your tee time
- The practice putting area and nets are closed, warm up for golf at home
- Maintain Social Distancing of 1.5m from all other people at all times, even if they are part of your household. This is before, during and after golf.
- 1 person only and **1 set of clubs only in a cart** - no exceptions for anyone. You may **NOT** have 2 sets of clubs on the cart at any time.
- Follow the new temporary local rules - mark your own card, preferred lies in bunkers, do not remove flags; leave your cards outside the golf shop
- Maximum 2 people plus staff in the golf shop at any time; preferred payment method for golf is tapping your eftpos card
- If you get take-away from the cafe after golf, you must leave the premises to consume your purchase; cafe cart will go out on course on busy days

The above restrictions for all members are compulsory at all times, there are no exceptions. You can either reply to this email that you (and your husband/wife/partner) have read and understand your obligation to strictly comply with these restrictions, or you will be asked in the golf shop to confirm you have read and understand your obligation to strictly comply with these restrictions and your name will be ticked off on a member list in the golf shop. There will also be printed copies available in the golf shop.

If you see someone, either when you are out on the course or from your home, disobeying any of the above obligations, please contact the golf shop immediately. Members caught disobeying these requirements will be removed from the course immediately, and will be subject to a suspension from the course, the length of which will be at the discretion of the board. We have had non-members who live on the golf course call the club since social distancing restrictions came into force earlier in the month, complaining about golfers not following these government imposed restrictions. If they decide to call the police instead of the club, there are financial penalties that the police can impose on both the individual and the club.

Breach of the current orders made under the Public Health Act 2010 is a criminal offence and attracts heavy penalties in NSW. For an individual, the maximum penalty is \$11,000 and/or imprisonment for 6 months, and a further \$5500 penalty for each day the offence continues. The NSW Police may also issue on-the-spot fines of \$1000 for an offence. In the case of a corporation, the maximum penalty is \$55,000, with a further \$27,500 penalty each day the offence continues. The club can not afford to incur these kind of financial penalties, on top of the hugely decreased monthly income we are currently facing, so we will be heavily enforcing these restrictions the government, and our club has put in place.

Golf Courses in NSW continuing to stay open over the coming months is contingent on golfers complying strictly with the Government Regulations put in place to attempt to limit the spread and severity of this virus, and keep the most vulnerable people in our communities as safe as possible. We will attempt to keep you as informed as we can regarding updates and changes as they happen.

You can stay up to date by clicking on the link <https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>.

Thank you sincerely in advance for your commitment to follow and rigorously comply with these restrictions, and for supporting the club through this challenging and unprecedented period in our shared history.

Belle Williams

Golf Shop Manager

On Behalf of the Harrington Waters Golf Club Board