



Dear Members,

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

Harrington Waters has eased its conditions of play for visitors, and will be allowing certain visitors under strict conditions to play golf on our course. With the guidelines being put in place for visitors, we will continue to limit contact for our members, and we hope we can rely on our golfers from other clubs and members' guest's to strictly and without question follow the requirements that will be laid out below at all times. Consider your own health before making the decision to play golf, and if at any time you don't feel well, please stay home.

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

- Tee off at the time you are booked, on the time sheet for competitions or for social golf. Group size for each tee time is currently varied depending on each competition.
- 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. There is a maximum of 10 people allowed to gather in a group anywhere outside.
- The practice putting area and nets are now open, but have time limit restrictions in place.
- Maintain Social Distancing of 1.5m from other people at all times. This is before, during and after golf.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> July, anyone may share a cart, but please consider your own health and well being before making the decision to share with someone not from your household
- Follow the new temporary local rules - mark your own card, preferred lies in bunkers, do not remove flags; leave your cards outside the cafe.
- 4 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. Seating is compulsory and restricted to current NSW Government requirements, and you must follow the direction of the cafe staff at all times. Consider the people coming in after you, and limit your time in the cafe and on the verandah if necessary.

The above restrictions for all members and guests are compulsory at all times, there are no exceptions. By becoming a golf member of Harrington Waters, and reading this, we expect that you understand your obligations to strictly comply with current course restrictions.

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 may be removed from the course, and 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 in March, complaining about golfers not following these government imposed restrictions. If they decide to call the police instead of the club, there are still 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. 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. The club can not afford to incur these kind of financial penalties, on top of the decreased monthly income we are currently facing, so we will be rigorously enforcing the Public Health Order and restrictions the government, Golf NSW, and our club has put in place.

Golf Courses in NSW continuing to stay open over the coming months is contingent heavily 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 at home by clicking on the link

<https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>.

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

Belle Williams

On Behalf of the Harrington Waters Golf Club Board