



Dear Members,

Since the return of Community Sport on 1 July, there has been an increased number of community transmitted Covid-19 cases in NSW. The NSW Government and Chief Health Officer have implemented a range of additional measures, aimed at restricting community sport to local areas/regions. In line with these measures and Golf NSW recommendations, Harrington Waters will be allowing visiting golfers from our Lower North Coast (LNC) Golf Clubs\* only until at least early October.

Our Golf Members are entitled to accompany 1 guest from the Lower North Coast area without a current golf membership for social golf, and are responsible for their guest strictly complying with current social distancing and HWGC visitor conditions of play. Visitors who are a current golf member of a NSW LNC Golf Club (from Bulahdelah in the south to Port Macquarie in the north) with a Golf Link number may play on the course for social or competition golf (for our popular Wednesday competition, bookings can only be made 2 days prior to competition date). Competition visitors are limited to 2 people per tee time if space is available and, and all visitors are subject to strict conditions of play and social distancing requirements. To comply with our mandatory Covid-19 Plan, our staff are unable to allow any exceptions with regards to the current conditions of play.

If you have travelled outside our local region in the past 14 days (especially south towards or into the Greater Sydney Region), we ask that you consider whether it is necessary to participate in golf, either social or competition, at this time.

With the guidelines 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 and Visitors who go out on the course to play golf whether competition or social, will be required to 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 20 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 wellbeing 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. Check the board for other daily local rules.

- 4 people plus staff in the golf shop at any time. Our preferred payment method for golf is tapping your eftpos card or using your fob.
- Seating in the Café is compulsory and restricted to current NSW Government capacity requirements. You must follow the direction of the cafe staff at all times. Everyone entering the clubhouse must register their details, and remain seated to consume their food and beverage purchases. Consider the people coming in after you, and limit your time in the cafe and on the veranda if necessary.

The above restrictions for members and guests are mandatory at all times, there are no exceptions. As a golf member of Harrington Waters, we expect that you understand your obligations to strictly comply with current course restrictions at all times. If you see someone, either when you are out on the course or from your home around the course, contravening any of the above obligations, please contact the golf shop immediately.

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 cannot afford to incur these kinds 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 stringently 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 make every effort 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