



March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Golfers,

Happy spring! We want to take this opportunity to remind you of the operational policies and procedures that are in place to begin the golf season this year. Most will be a continuation from last year, but we do have some new items that have been added to specifically address operations during the drainage project. We encourage you to read through the entire list to make sure that you are up to date these latest policies. Please note that these are subject to change, and any modifications will be posted on our website homepage at <http://golfcourse.rutgers.edu>.

We will be operating under our off peak rates until May 3<sup>rd</sup>. To view these rates please go to our website by clicking this link – [RUGC Rates](#).

#### **Weekday Operations**

- We are limiting play to one 9 only during the week. Golfers will play the same 9 twice for 18 holes. This will provide safety for both the golfers and the construction team as they work on a hole at a time. We expect this disruption to be for the first two weeks of the project, but it may be extended due to weather delays. All updates will be clearly displayed in email communications and online.
- 12 minute tee time intervals.
- Tee times start at 8:00 am
- Green fee rate of \$33 to walk (off-peak rate) weekdays and cart rate of \$18 per person for 18 holes.
- \$24 walking twilight rate. \$15 later in the day.

#### **Weekend Operations**

- Full 18 holes are open for play, no restrictions.
- 12 minute tee time intervals.
- Tee times start at 7:00 am and end at 5:36 pm (will change with sunset).
- Green fee rate of \$43 to walk (off-peak rate) weekends and cart rate of \$18 per person for 18 holes.
- \$24 walking twilight rate.

#### **Range Operations**

- **Range and short game area will be closed on Saturday, March 27 and Sunday March 28.**  
When the Range opens:
- Range balls will be available ½ hour prior to first tee time and the range will close at 5 pm. This will allow for range to be picked and prepared either in the morning before play or at night.
- 14 mats in every other stall for at least the first two weeks. This will help manage the range use while we get staffing settled. Expect that additional mats will be added and hitting bays will be at full capacity.
- Short game area closed for at least the first week.

### **On the Course:**

- Ball washers and rakes have been removed. Please use your feet to smooth over the sand when you have finished.
- Do not take out or touch the flagstick.
- Pencils and scorecards will be distributed at the starter shed upon request.
- Water fountains will remain covered and are shut off.

### **General Guidelines:**

- Practice putting green outside the pro shop will be open to players with a tee time for warming up only. No general practice will be allowed.
- Everyone must book a tee time for play – no walk ons are allowed at this time.
- USGA handicap season starts on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be posting a local rule that allows for winter rules/ground under repair (to be determined with help from the USGA).
- Golf cart policies:
  - Cart rentals will be on a first come first serve basis and NOT guaranteed.
  - Cart purchases must be paid on the day of your reservation upon arriving to the golf course.
  - Shared carts will now be permitted. Single rider carts are available upon request.
  - Starters will continue the practice of not going into the parking lot to pick up bags, unless a golfer needs help due to a disability. Please have someone in your group let the starter know that you need assistance, and they will come up to the parking lot to your vehicle.
  - Pull carts will be available.
- Pre-payments will continue to be encouraged, but the pro shop will be open for payments and we will enforce no more than 4 customers in the shop at any one time.
- Pro shop will close by 5:30 pm to allow for manager on duty to help with range or putting golf carts away.
- Absolutely no guests will be permitted in a group. Only golfers are allowed on the course.
- Restrooms continue to be open and are being sanitized according to CDC guidelines.
- Pace of play is still in effect, and we need your help to make sure that all of our customers have a timely round. For those of you not familiar with our pace guidelines, we look for an overall finish time of 4 hours; two hours on the front and two hours on the back. To help pace your group, you should be walking off the 5th green an hour after your tee time, and off 13th green three hours into your round.
- Social distancing guidelines are still in effect. Please maintain a 6 ft. distance or more, and if you cannot do so, please wear a mask.
- Do not bring alcoholic beverages. At this time you are encouraged to bring your own water or other non-alcoholic beverages, and there will be no availability of vending machines. We are working on a solution to sell water and other products. Snack bar will remain closed.

### **Full Time Rutgers Students**

- The Rutgers student booking class will not be password protected. Full time Rutgers students may book a tee time through that booking class. Pre-payment will not be allowed. All players must pay individually in person at the pro shop before play. A valid RU ID must be presented.
- All reservations should be made online at <http://golfcourse.rutgers.edu>.

Student rates are applicable all day on weekdays and after 3 pm on weekends.

- Each student must have their own set of golf clubs and cannot share out of one bag.

As always, if you do not feel well, please stay home and consider calling a health care professional.

We take the responsibility of running a safe operation very seriously, and staff will enforce guidelines as needed. We will continue to monitor the situation, and will provide updates to these guidelines as the situation changes. If you should have any questions, please reach out via email at [rugolfcourse@ipo.rutgers.edu](mailto:rugolfcourse@ipo.rutgers.edu) or by call the pro shop at 848-445-2637.

Be safe,

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