Rutgers University Golf Course FAQ’s and Guidelines

We have been working hard to make sure that we make adjustments that ensure safe operating practices as well as maintain social distancing regulations. Below you will find an extensive list of guidelines we have established that will allow us to adhere to the requirements laid out in the latest Executive Order that was announced. We ask each of you to read this entire document, as all staff members will be enforcing these guidelines.

RU Golf Course Guidelines as of 5.18.20

- Tee times must be reserved online and pre-paid with a credit card. Absolutely no walk-ons permitted. If you are unable to make a tee time because you do not have internet access, please call the pro shop at 848-445-2637 during the hours of 8 am to 4 pm and we will make
- On weekdays the first tee time will be 8 am and the last tee time will be 4 pm. Weekends and Holidays the first tee time will be 7 am and the last will be 4 pm. This is subject to change without notice.
- Tee time intervals will be 16 minutes apart until further notice.
- Golf carts will be available. Single rider carts only unless living in the same household. We reserve the right to restrict golf carts due to course conditions, and will provide refunds for the cart if they are not available.
- We ask for you to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes for your tee time, and come down to the starter shed no earlier than 10 minutes prior to your tee time. If you are here early, we will ask you to wait in your car until it is your turn to come down and go to the first tee.
- Employees, players, and other individuals should wear cloth face coverings in all settings on the golf course where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, except where doing so would inhibit that individual’s health.
- The parking lot will open ½ hour prior to the first tee time and close at 7:30 pm.
- All golfers must be off the course and vehicles must be out of the parking lot by 7:30 pm each night. No exceptions. We will lock the parking lot each night to ensure vehicles do not park in the lot overnight.
- The starter will manage check-ins, the first tee and enforce social distancing measures.
- There will be no assistance handling your golf bag until further notice. You will be expected to be responsible for your bag at all times.
- Absolutely no guests will be permitted to walk with a group. Only golfers are allowed on the course.
- No rental clubs will be issued and players must bring their own set of clubs. No sharing of golf clubs will be permitted.
• Ball washers and rakes have been removed. Please use your feet to smooth over the sand when you have finished. Alternatively, you may, under penalty of one stroke, remove the ball from the bunker and place it outside the bunker at the closest point of relief, no nearer the hole.
• Please **do not** touch the pin and leave it in the hole. Consider allowing a "gimme" when you or your playing partners are within a foot of the cup.
• Foam noodles have been cut to allow for the ball to be “holed” but you will not have to reach into the cup and touch the pin to retrieve your ball. Cup liners have been raised to accommodate this addition so that you can pick your ball out of the hole without touching anything else.
• Pencils and scorecards will not be available. Please consider keeping score on your phone or download and print out a copy of our scorecard at home.
• Please help us by picking up and taking with you your broken tees,
• Scores can be posted for handicapping purposes, and the USGA has provided golf committees and golfers with some flexibility in the rules in response to the pandemic. Please [click here](https://www.usga.org/content/covid-19-faqs.html) to go to the USGA's COVID-19 FAQ's page.
• Do not bring on alcoholic beverages. You are encouraged to bring your own water or other non-alcoholic beverages, and there will be no availability of vending machines.
• Water fountains will be covered and have been shut off.
• The clubhouse, putting green, practice area and driving range will be closed until further notice.
• Snack bar will remain closed and patio will be locked.
• Until further notice, restrooms will be closed and locked.
• Porta-toilets on the golf course will remain closed and locked. We are working on a solution to opening them so we can remain compliant with sanitizing regulations.
• We are asking for a park/play/leave behavior while on property. No gatherings will be permitted anywhere at the facility.
• If you do not feel well, please stay home!
• Golfers who do not follow these guidelines will be asked to leave the facility.

We will continue to monitor the situation, and will provide updates to these guidelines as the situation changes. Also, in an effort to provide you with up to date information on our safety practices, a sanitation plan will be posted on our website and at locations around the facility. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us via email at [rugolfcourse@ipo.rutgers.edu](mailto:rugolfcourse@ipo.rutgers.edu) or via phone at 848-445-2637.

Be safe and I and the staff look forward to seeing you all!

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