ST ANDREWS LINKS RE-OPENING GUIDELINES
In the interests of our staff and other golfers we will re-open the courses in a phased manner. Initially this will be limited to the following:

Golf Courses and Access

The Old Course, New Course and Balgove Course will re-open.

In addition, in order to facilitate and encourage 9-hole golf, we will create two 9-hole loops on the Eden Course, namely Eden Front 9 and Eden Back 9.

The Jubilee Course, Strathclyde Course and The Castle Course will not open at this stage but will re-open in a phased manner in the future days and weeks – we will advise at least two days ahead of each course re-opening so that advance booking is available.

In the initial period following re-opening, access to the courses will be limited to our Yearly Ticket holders only. Guests and Visitors will be welcomed to the courses thereafter.

Start times will be at 12 minute intervals on all courses and there will be a maximum of TWO golfers per tee time made up as follows:

- Individuals playing golf on their own.
- Two ball games, with household members or with a non-household member so long as they adhere to the Government’s physical distancing rules.

Please ensure you respect the Scottish Government Travel Advice which is as follows:

*Be Sociably Safe*

You will also be permitted to travel short distances for outdoor leisure and exercise but advice to stay within a short distance of your local community (broadly within 5 miles) and travel by walk, wheel and cycle where possible.

To access a course, a player must:

- Not be displaying COVID-19 symptoms
- Not be in self-isolation
- Have not been out of the country in the last 14 days
- Have a pre-booked tee time using our online booking platform or telephone.

**Booking Tee Times**

The ballot will be used as the booking method for the Old Course. The arrangements in place for a ‘Saturday’ ballot will be used initially daily (except Sunday which will remain closed) i.e. local priority times from 8 – 10am and every alternate time in the afternoon.

Once the ballot is published any tee time not allocated may be booked by phone during the opening hours below.

All courses will be available to book in advance – Yearly Ticket holders can book a tee time online from 7pm two days before play and telephone bookings from 9am the following day (day ahead). The tee sheet will be set up with times available to book alternating between online and phone.

The phone number of 01334 466666 will continue to be used for telephone bookings and available at the times below. Please note that this will be manned by staff at home and in the Old Pavilion, so the normal call queueing process will not operate.

### Opening Hours

Anyone wishing to play must book a tee time in advance. Golfers will NOT be permitted to visit the Links on the day’s play without a pre-booked tee time.

A Starter will be present at each course as follows:

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Starting a round outwith the above times will not be permitted.

The Old Pavilion will also be open and staffed from 8am – 7pm and will help manage telephone bookings.

Please note there will not be a singles list in operation for the Old Course.

**Arrival**

Golfers should travel to the facilities alone, or with a member of the same household.

Ample car parking spaces are available, please be mindful of where you park to ensure adequate social distancing.

No changing facilities will be available and golfers should change in the car park.

The Links Clubhouse will be closed and the Eden Clubhouse will be open for access to the 1st tee only. Do not proceed to the Starter until no more than 15 minutes before your tee time.

### Social Distancing Measures

Social distancing measures will be in place at each Starters Box and practice putting green and we ask you to respect appropriate signage.

Hand sanitisers will be positioned at appropriate points for your convenience.

Social golf is only permitted at this time. There will be no competitive golf until further notice.

**NOTE:** Golfers are asked to observe social distancing always and resist the temptation to get together in groups regardless of size before or after play.

### Toilets

All toilets will be closed.

In line with Scottish Government guidelines and Scottish Golf guidance, all toilets will be closed during phase 1.
Check-in

All players must check in with the Starter no more than 15 minutes ahead of their tee time.

Only one person should check in at a time with the Starter and anyone waiting should observe social distancing and wait at a safe distance behind the yellow lines.

Should any payment be necessary it is card payment only, no cash will be accepted.

No club hire or rental trolleys will be available.

A reduced number of buggies will be available for those golfers with difficulty walking. As proper sanitisation procedures need to be in place and neither the Links or Eden Clubhouses will be open, our team of Starters will help with this process in the short term. Please call 01334 466710 to check on buggy availability. Please note it will be limited to one golfer using a buggy unless any person accompanying is from the same household.

Golfers who have been approved to use a single seater buggy may continue to do so.

Practice putting greens – only the game next to tee off should be on the putting green at any one time.

On the Course

PLEASE observe physical distancing throughout your round, particularly be mindful when on tees and greens

Rubbish bins have been removed and ball washers and benches are not in use. Please put rubbish and your broken tees in your golf bag.

Drinking fountains are switched off and shouldn’t be touched.

Bunker rakes are removed, and bunkers are not being maintained. Please smooth sand with your feet or a club after your shot.

Flagsticks MUST remain in the hole and must not be touched. Hole cups have been modified for simple, contact-free ball retrieval.

Once a hole is completed, the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next hole.

Equipment, food, and drink must not be exchanged between players.

Players must not pick up another player’s equipment or golf ball.

Players must refrain from any physical contact throughout the round.

Other Facilities

The Jubilee practice area and Eden practice area remain closed at this time.

The Golf Academy and all St Andrews Links Clubhouses and Shops are currently closed and we will closely monitor and follow all Government advice before making any further decisions on the re-opening of these facilities.

After Round

Post-round, players must return straight to their cars

PLEASE NOTE: Players must call or email St Andrews Links with any post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity. Help us help others, if at any time you are unwell or are showing symptoms please do not come to play golf until you have sought doctor’s advice.