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<b>GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update when government issues new public safety protocols</li> <li>• All golfers and club staff must stay informed, be prepared and follow public health advice.</li> <li>• Access to, or participation in, any golf sectors will NOT be permitted to an individual who is currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, as listed by Nova Scotia Public Health.</li> <li>• Access to, or participation in, any golf sectors will NOT be permitted to an individual who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms, as listed by Nova Scotia Public Health, in the past 14-days.</li> <li>• Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres between individuals. This applies to all public areas as well as employee designated areas such as break areas and pro shop.</li> <li>• Adhere to mass gathering limits.</li> <li>• Encourage frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains 60% - 80% alcohol</li> <li>• Ensure enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces</li> <li>• Encourage vulnerable individuals to exercise caution and minimize high-risk exposures.</li> <li>• If you are sick you must stay home.</li> </ul>
<b>EMPLOYEES AND STAFF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff will be educated to observe COVID-19 safety protocols and to recognize symptoms of COVID-19 in them and others.</li> <li>• An illness exclusion policy must be in place which requires staff to stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. Players exhibiting signs of illness will be asked to leave.</li> <li>• A detailed sanitation plan requiring frequent cleaning and sanitizing of clubhouse and on-course washroom facilities must be in place, with only one individual permitted entry at a time.</li> <li>• Staff will be provided access to protective equipment which may include gloves, non-medical masks (when required), and cleaning supplies.</li> <li>• Equipment (computers, mowers, etc.) should be assigned to one user as much as possible to avoid shared use and the continuous need to clean and sanitize between uses. Where equipment is shared, or reassigned to a new user, it must first be cleaned and sanitized.</li> <li>• Staff cleaning any rental equipment must be given Protective Personal Equipment – gloves, mask, eye protection.</li> <li>• All staff will be trained to wash their hands often and follow hand hygiene guidelines,</li> <li>• Staff lunch rooms, locker rooms and break rooms will remain closed, if proper distancing protocols cannot be maintained. Where they are able to be open, all shared appliances, such as microwaves, refrigerators, etc. will be cleaned and sanitized after each individual use.</li> </ul>

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<b>PLAYING GOLF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NS Government Public safety protocols must be enforced at all times.</li> <li>• When booking tee times, golfers will be made aware of the measures the course has taken to make it safe to play. If they book online they will receive information by email, if they call an operator will inform them.</li> <li>• Golfers without a pre-scheduled tee time are not permitted, they must arrange a reservation prior to arriving at the course. Last minute tee times are welcome however you must call ahead. It is strongly recommended that all tee times are paid in advance.</li> <li>• Driving ranges and practice areas will be managed to ensure that physical distancing is observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres between individuals.</li> <li>• Tee time intervals will be managed to ensure groups are evenly spaced throughout the entire round.</li> <li>• Groups will consist of no more than four (4) golfers.</li> <li>• Arrival areas will be managed to ensure that physical distancing is observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres between individuals.</li> <li>• Play will be monitored to ensure physical distancing is maintained.</li> <li>• Groups will be directed to the tee to start their round.</li> <li>• No handshakes after round.</li> </ul>
<b>COURSE EQUIPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golf club and bag rentals must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.</li> <li>• Removal of rakes from bunkers</li> <li>• Flags Sticks MUST NOT be touched. Any method or device can be used to eliminate the golfers from reaching into the hole for their ball.</li> <li>• Removal of ball and club washer stands</li> <li>• Removal of all water coolers, golfers are encouraged to bring their own water.</li> <li>• Benches on course are permitted.</li> <li>• Removal of all bulk scorecards, pencils and tees from the course. Scorecards and pencils will be available upon request.</li> <li>• Washrooms on course must be cleaned and disinfected regularly with only one person allowed at a time.</li> <li>• Garbage cans can remain on course provided that no touching is required.( i.e. no lids)</li> </ul>
<b>RENTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power carts must be used by one individual only, unless being shared by members of the same household or bubble households and adhering to the guidelines determined by the Province of Nova Scotia.</li> <li>• Shared carts can be used if dividers are provided.</li> <li>• Golfers will not be forced to share golf cars.</li> <li>• Power carts and pull carts must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.</li> </ul>

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<b>CLUBHOUSE &amp; PRO-SHOP AREA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubhouse food and beverage operations will adhere to the guidelines mandated by the Province of Nova Scotia.</li> <li>• Retail sales are permitted provided operations adhere to the guidelines mandated by the Province of Nova Scotia.</li> <li>• Signage will be placed throughout the facility encouraging physical distancing and COVID-19 safety practices.</li> <li>• Restricted number of people inside the pro shop at any given time while adhering to physical distancing and flow.</li> <li>• On course food and beverage service, including beverage carts, are permitted. to operate however social distancing requirements of 2-meters between staff and golfers.</li> <li>• Debit or credit card payments are encouraged.</li> <li>• If Credit card terminal is touched by a customer for pin pad entry, it must be cleaned after each use.</li> <li>• Club and electronic caddy storage is permitted provided protocols are in place to ensure staff safety.</li> <li>• Increase the frequency throughout the day of cleaning, sanitation and disinfecting of all common areas locations, especially high traffic areas such as counter surfaces, tables, public restrooms, POS system, credit card terminal, door handles, telephones, pens, golf carts and more.</li> <li>• Create a log sheet for cleaning frequency tracking, and must be visible to the public.</li> <li>• Washrooms will be made available in the clubhouse with occupancy reduced to one individual at a time.</li> <li>• Access to locker rooms is permitted; however physical distancing must be maintained and a log sheet for cleaning frequency tracking, and must be visible to the public.</li> <li>• Work stations must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each shift or personnel change.</li> </ul>

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<b>LESSONS &amp; GROW THE GAME INITIATIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nova Scotia Government Public safety protocols must be enforced at all times.</li> <li>• All lessons and clinics must be booked in advance.</li> <li>• All teaching areas must be clearly defined to ensure enhanced social distancing (minimum 8 feet to account for wind, and other variables).</li> <li>• Adequate time between lessons will be allotted to properly clean and prepare the area, including sanitation of any necessary items.</li> <li>• Student and instructor must sanitize hands before and after lesson. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the club.</li> <li>• There will be no direct contact between student &amp; instructor.</li> <li>• If requested, a mask will be worn at all times by instructor.</li> <li>• Private lessons, and group lessons must maintain a maximum ratio of 1 instructor to 4 students, as per the guidelines set out by the Province of Nova Scotia.</li> <li>• On-course/playing lessons are permitted as long as physical distancing measures are enforced.</li> <li>• Junior instruction is permitted, so long as the student: instructor ratio of <b>4:1</b> is maintained.</li> </ul>

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<b>CLUB FITTING/ DEMO DAYS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres between individuals.</li> <li>• Club fittings are permitted by trained professionals provided that all physical distancing measures can be observed and that all equipment will be sanitized after each use.</li> <li>• Product Demo-days are permitted, allowing that public safety measures are enforced.</li> <li>• All fittings must be registered/booked in advance.</li> <li>• Fitting area must be clearly defined with posted signage.</li> <li>• Club fitters will be supplied with a face covering (if necessary), gloves, sanitizing wipes, a bucket, scrub brush, soap and towels</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will be available to the golfer.</li> <li>• Only the club fitter and golfer will be permitted inside the fitting area during the appointment.</li> <li>• Golfer and club fitter must sanitize hands before and after the fitting. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the club and/or fitting company.</li> <li>• If requested, a mask will be worn at all times by the club fitter, and/or gloves.</li> <li>• The club fitter will take extra care to handle clubs by the head/shaft. Golfer will be asked to only touch the grips of the clubs.</li> <li>• Between fittings additional time will be allotted to properly clean and prepare the area, including sanitation of any necessary items.</li> <li>• Grips will be thoroughly cleaned with soap and scrub brush for a minimum of 20 seconds between every fitting.</li> <li>• All surfaces and materials, such as club heads, shafts, balls and tees, must be cleaned after each fitting with sanitizing wipes.</li> <li>• The fitter will wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds after every fitting.</li> </ul>

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<b>GOLF COMPETITIONS</b>	<p><b>General Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NS Government Public safety protocols must be enforced at all times, including physical distancing.</li> <li>• Competitors are responsible for knowing the Covid-19 protocols prior to the competition.</li> <li>• Protocols for competitions will be emailed and posted in advance of the competition.</li> <li>• Competition protocols will be available to competitors by email, website, notice board etc.</li> <li>• All competitive formats are permitted provided social distancing can be maintained.</li> <li>• All competitions must use a progressive tee time intervals.</li> <li>• Shot-gun events are not permitted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Competitors Arrival</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide concise directions to organize a one-way flow from the time a player arrives to when the leave (parking lot, practice facilities, starting tee, scoring, etc.) Plan is based on each host facility.</li> </ul> <p><b>Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player tee gifts will be individually packaged ahead of time; volunteers or staff packing bags must wash hands before bagging.</li> <li>• All tournament documents available online or via email, e.g. rules, draw, pin sheet, etc.</li> <li>• Tournament information board posted in advance of registration and to remain up throughout event.</li> <li>• Volunteers and staff should refer players to championship info board and online tournament info webpage for important information and updates.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes available at all player &amp; volunteer touch-points</li> <li>• Two volunteers assigned at registration table in order to assist in maintaining physical distancing</li> </ul> <p><b>Practice Facility during competitions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage practice facilities to ensure physical distancing.</li> <li>• Club staff will manage distribution of practice balls as per clubs operating procedure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Food &amp; Beverage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Food &amp; Beverage service must meet the requirements as mandated by Public Health.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tee Time &amp; Starting Procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 tournament official in starting tent, physical distancing measures in place.</li> <li>• Supplies at first tee will need to be removed (tees, pencils, sunscreen, bug spray, scorecards). Players reminded to bring their own supplies.</li> </ul>

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<b>CADDIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caddies are permitted provided they adhere to NS Government safety guidelines and the following Covid-19 protocols:</li> <li>• Caddies will be required to be screened for Covid-19 symptoms prior to looping</li> <li>• While social distancing is required by all golfers and caddies, the following are other key points for all caddies to adhere to:</li> <li>• Caddies will be prepared with proper PPE for loops.</li> <li>• Caddies are not to touch flags</li> <li>• Caddies are not to touch players individual golf clubs or golf balls unless they are in the same household or social bubble</li> <li>• The players golf bag will be sanitized prior to use unless player and caddie are in the same household or social bubble.</li> <li>• Caddies must have their own towels and they are not to be shared, nor allow guests to use.</li> <li>• Caddies are not to touch a player's yardage finder device, only their own, and must not share their device.</li> <li>• When searching for players golf balls, ensure social distancing is observed.</li> <li>• Caddie may replace divots</li> <li>• During play the caddie will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proceed ahead of the player, and when reaching the players golf ball the caddie will set the guest clubs down, step away for physical distancing, provide yardage and information for the shot.</li> <li>○ The guest will take their own club out of their bag, execute the shot, put the club back in their bag and walk away. Once clear, the caddie will pick up the bag and proceed to the ball while physical distancing from any player.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• On and Around the Green: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No one is to tend or touch the flagstick. Carefully repair ball marks when appropriate while social distancing.</li> <li>○ Provide a read if requested while social distancing.</li> <li>○ Do not clean or touch a players golf ball.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Group Caddie – While group caddies do not carry golf bags they will be required to follow the protocols of a regular caddie.</li> <li>• A group caddie will provide information and direction to players, and help find a players golf ball, all while social distancing.</li> </ul>