

Good afternoon Members,

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the Kiama Golf Course will re-open for golf!!!

Tee times will be available from 10am tomorrow as staff have to re set the course.

We received this statement from GolfNSW (and a similar statement from ClubsNSW today).

“Golf NSW is pleased to provide an update.

After reconsideration, the Office of Sport – NSW Government has advised that golf is considered an activity that can continue to be played in line with Public Health Orders relating to public gathering limits, social distancing, and the elderly.

The statement from the Office of Sport - NSW Government is as follows:

The Office of Sport would like to clarify the advice that went out on Monday 30 March 2020.

As you know, there are now restrictions around public gatherings and rules around leaving your home. These new measures are in place to keep the community safe during the COVID-19 outbreak. But it is important to note that people are allowed to leave their homes for the purpose of exercise. For more information on the new restrictions, please visit <https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/public-health-orders>

### **What does this mean for sport and active recreation organisations?**

The NSW Government has issued guidelines allowing people to go outside and exercise. Any form of exercise is to be undertaken in compliance with the Public Health Orders, meaning that people must not participate in groups greater than two persons at any point in time. Therefore, individual sports such as golf and tennis can continue provided the Public Health Orders are complied with.

Maintaining the public's physical and mental well-being is now as important as ever. Where possible, it is important sporting clubs and organisations continue to allow people to exercise, so long as social distancing is practised and rules around public gatherings of no more than two people are complied with.

*We trust this information will help your organisation to make informed decisions.*

Golf NSW understands and respects that it is ultimately a Club's decision to open or remain closed, based on individual circumstances related to COVID-19.”

## Conditions of Play

Kiama Golf Club will adopt the following polices to maintain the safest possible venue for our members and staff;

- **ALL** play must be booked on a time sheet with the Pro Shop.
- All play in groups of two.
- Tee times are for members or a member with a guest when the guest resides in the 2533 postcode.
- Strict adherence to social distancing rules.
- No carts or pull buggies are available for hire.
- No touching the flagstick (cups upside down to reduce cup depth).
- No rakes in the bunkers and 30cm preferred lies in the bunkers.
- All bubblers, ball washers etc are covered and must not be used.
- Mark your own card.
- No gatherings of more than two people anywhere including the car park, putting green or practice facilities.
- The Pro Shop is open for takeaways but members are encouraged not to mingle before or after their round. Enjoy your takeaway at home.
- The return of competition golf is still being reviewed.
- At this early stage Pro Shop and tee time hours are restricted to 8am – 2pm but this is under review pending safe, ongoing operation of the course.
- There is strong advice that people aged 70 and over should stay at home and self-isolate for their own protection to the maximum extent practical.
- These arrangements should also apply to those with chronic illness and indigenous people over the age of 50."

For more information from the Government about Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for older people visit

[tps://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/advice-for-people-at-risk-of-coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-older-people](https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/advice-for-people-at-risk-of-coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-older-people)

I thank all our members for their patience while the Club assesses and acts on this rapidly changing environment.

Welcome Back!!

Kind Regards  
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Kiama Golf Club.