



Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association

COVID MEASURES – EFFECTIVE JULY 19TH 2021

BCLGA has adopted the following Covid Measure for all BCLGA run Competitions, and/or Golf Club hosting BCLGA Leagues and Knock-Out Competitions, effective July 19th, 2021, until further notice.

Scoring in Stroke Play

- Rule 3.3b applies. A player's score is kept on a scorecard by a marker. The player and the marker must both sign the scorecard to certify the score on each hole and the scorecard must be returned to the committee.

Flagsticks

- There is no longer a requirement to leave the flagstick in the hole. The flagstick may be removed, attended, or left in the hole as requested by the player.

Bunkers

- Rakes have been replaced in bunkers and preferred lies are NOT ALLOWED.

Use of Caddies

- Normal BCLGA rules for the use of caddies apply.

Social Distancing and Face Coverings

Although social distancing and face coverings are no longer required, please be considerate of other players and maintain distance where possible and as requested.

Some golf clubs may require use of face coverings in indoor areas, please check the current requirements at the host club.

Covid Tests

Regular Covid tests are recommended by the government to reduce the spread of the virus.

From July 19th until further notice, BCLGA will require ALL ADULTS (aged 18 or over) playing in or officiating at BCLGA events to take a rapid lateral flow test before the event.

At registration for the event you will be asked to confirm that you have a recent negative test (up to 3 days before the event).

If you are unable to take a rapid lateral flow test before the competition, please let the organiser know and they will be able to provide you a rapid lateral flow test to take at the venue.

This applies to BCLGA run events, such as county championships and interclub foursomes, and to inter county matches hosted by BCLGA.

This does NOT apply to BCLGA leagues and knockouts where it is up to the clubs and/or individuals involved to agree on any precautions.

Withdrawing from Competitions

Players must follow current government regulations and withdraw from competitions if they are legally required to quarantine or self-isolate.

If you have to withdraw from a BCLGA run competition, please notify the BCLGA competition organiser. Please ensure that such withdrawal notifications are communicated by e-mail and/or telephone as appropriate.

All Players who withdraw from BCLGA run competitions will be entitled to a refund if appropriate notification of their withdrawal due to Covid-19 has been received.

Players are only allowed to return to BCLGA competitions, Leagues or Knock-Outs when they have completed their self-isolation or quarantine period.

Playing While Required to Quarantine or Self-Isolate

Any Player who participates in a BCLGA competition while they are legally required to quarantine or self-isolate, will be disqualified from the competition. Further sanction may be taken, for example suspension from all BCLGA events for a length of time.

This applies to caddies and advice givers in team competitions.

If the event is a knockout match, the match will be awarded to the opponents.

If the event is a club knockout or league, then the WHOLE match is forfeit and the opposing team will be awarded a 7 -0 win (Bucks Shield) or 3 -0 win (Summer League).