

SBS Bank Invercargill Golf Club

IMPORTANT MESSAGE – PLEASE READ

Golf at Alert Level 3

New Zealand Golf has continued to work with Government on what a move to **Alert Level 3** will mean for golf.

We can now confirm that **limited playing of golf at Otatara will be possible at Alert Level 3.**

Whether a golf course opens for play is entirely a decision for each golf course to make.

The Invercargill Golf Club Board have agreed that our Otatara golf course will open at Alert Level 3, subject to players abiding by the conditions below.

We acknowledge that exercise and recreation is an important part of maintaining our health and wellbeing, but we must continue to be aware that the playing of golf presents a very high risk of transmission of COVID-19 if we come into contact with others, use [or touch] common equipment or surfaces, or need rescuing or medical care.

The most important principle is to stay safe and physically distant from people outside of your bubble.

Golf can therefore be played at Alert Level 3, if it does not involve interacting with people outside of your bubble.

When our golf course opens on Tuesday 28 April, the following regulations/restrictions will apply:

- To enable contact tracing if required, **all players must register** to play on [or visit] the golf course. This can be done via the **DotGolf App**. The app is free, and it's easy to use – download it to your smartphone. Here's the link <https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/dotgolf/id1150533678> If you cannot use the app, you need to phone or email Scott between 9am – 10am on the day you wish to play, and he will register you. Phone 021 187 0699, email scott@invercargillgolf.co.nz.
You must register on every day that you play.
- You can play alone or with others from within your bubble. **Do not arrange to meet anyone else.**
- Players must maintain a **minimum distance of at least two metres** between themselves and all other players who are not in their bubble. If you arrive at the Club and there are other players waiting to tee off, you must wait for them at an appropriate distance and only proceed when the tee off area is clear.
- **Do not congregate** with people who are outside of your bubble. **Arrive, play, leave.**
- The Clubhouse, Greens Shed, Pro Shop, Changing Rooms and Toilets are **closed** to players and visitors. This includes on-course toilets. Buildings are only available to be accessed by essential staff on site.
- The Pro Shop is closed, and therefore motorised cart hire and equipment hire is unavailable.
- Pins/Flagsticks have been removed from the course. Holes have been cut in the centre of each green. Bunker rakes have been removed, and drinking fountains are not to be used.
- Scorecards are not available, and no scores are currently being accepted for handicapping purposes.

- Players must adhere to regional travel restrictions. Players can only travel within their region, and across a regional boundary only if it is in their local area.
- Golfers must leave the facility immediately after play.
- At risk players (such as those over 70) may need to take extra measures to protect themselves.
- The practice areas are available to be used, subject to maintaining the 2 metre distancing rules between players. **Do not meet and practice with anyone who is not in your bubble.** Only use and collect your own golf balls on the practice fairway.
- **Equipment cannot be shared with people who are outside of your bubble.**
- The personally owned Golf Carts which are stored at the Club, and anything you touch while accessing those carts, must be completely cleaned and sterilised after each use. These carts must only be used by the owners [and not lent to others].
- Bunker upgrade work and Clubhouse upgrade work is in progress. You must stay clear of the staff and contractors who are completing this work. Some holes may be closed temporarily due to the bunker work – simply move on to the next hole. No physical interaction between staff and players can occur.
- **Visitors are welcome, subject to the same conditions as detailed above.**
- Green Fee payments must be made electronically, via the DotGolf app or by direct credit transfer to our bank account **03 1355 0123127 01** prior to arrival at the course. [Cash or EFTPOS not available].

The situation will be reviewed regularly.

In the best interests of everyone, the Golf Course will be patrolled to check that players are complying with the regulations. If you are concerned about an issue of non-compliance, phone Scott immediately.

If you are reading this and trying to think of ways to get around the regulations – YOU CAN'T. The rules apply to everyone. Don't be the person who ruins this opportunity for everyone else.

If people do not comply, the Board will be obliged to act to close the Golf Course.

We do want people to get out and enjoy their golf - but stopping the spread of the virus is a serious matter and we must continue to do our part.

You cannot play or practice with anyone who is not in your bubble.

You must register to play. You must stay in your bubble.

If you have any questions, please email Scott and he will be able to assist.

The Board

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