

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO GOLF DURING COVID-19



Following the announcement of Portuguese Government, Golf Courses in Portugal were authorized to open in May 2020. This decision reflects the intention of gradually reopening sport, tourism and leisure operations, as allowed by the containment of the pandemic in Portugal and, particularly, in the Algarve. Golf is an open-air sport and it was accepted that the game can be played, provided that new safety procedures are followed by all players.

We want to provide the same unique Golf experience, but also to keep everyone safe. We request all golfers wanting to play the Vale do Lobo golf courses to adhere to the following instructions.

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BOOKING

- Booking a tee time in advance is mandatory – via website, app, email or phone;
- Visitors should book and pre-pay online at **www.valedolobo.com**
- We require all players to provide a phone number and email address to facilitate contact;
- All golfers will be made aware of our procedures prior to their arrival to the course.



BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Golf equipment should be washed before a player leaves home;
- Arrive at the course no more than 20 minutes prior to reserved tee time;
- Observe social distancing of 2 metres at all time;
- The use of sanitary mask is also recommended when contacting other clients or staff members;
- Locker rooms are closed. Players should arrive wearing their golf attire and change shoes at the car.

CHECK-IN: GOLF RECEPTION

- All players must check-in at the Golf Reception;
- Please respect the 2 metres queue distance;
- Please wear a sanitary mask inside the golf reception building;
- When checking-in or paying for any rentals, please use electronic means of payment;
- Scorecards will be available at the Golf Reception.

CLUBHOUSE

- Toilets will have open entrance doors and are cleaned regularly;
- Hand dryers are disabled, paper towels will be provided;
- Sanitized trollies and buggies are available for hire, single person use only;
- It is recommended for golfers to use their own set.



ON THE FIRST TEE

- The use of buggies is limited to one player per buggy. Exception for people who are living together in the same house;
- Tee times will have 10 minutes intervals;
- Putting green is open, limited to 4 players, at a time;
- Warm up at the academy is allowed;
- All players should arrive at the first tee no more than 5 minutes prior to the reserved tee time;
- If a player or group of players are waiting to play, the recommended social distancing should be observed at all times;
- All players must observe the Covid-19 recommendations and follow the instructions from the staff.

ON THE GOLF COURSE

- Please keep minimum 2 metres distance at all times, particularly on tees and greens;
- The rakes were removed from the bunkers for your safety. Players must smooth the sand with their club or feet;
- The ball washers were removed from the course;

- Flag sticks remain in the hole and must not be touched;
- Hole cups were lowered 1 cm from the grass level for contact-free ball retrieval and will be disinfected regularly throughout the day;
- Players must not touch other player's equipment (clubs, golf balls, buggies);
- It is recommended that players disinfect their hands before, during and after the golf round. Each player should bring their own disinfectant in their bag;
- Equipment, food, and drink must not be exchanged between players;
- Players must avoid any close personal contact such as handshaking or kissing after the round, or any kind of social proximity;
- It is recommended that players leave the course as soon as the games ends;
- Hands may be washed and sanitized in the toilets;
- Ensure clubs and equipment are cleaned thoroughly after use.

We are sure that together we will overcome the situation and return to usual playing practices soon. Until then, it is critical that we all, individually and as a group, follow the new rules carefully and help to stop the spread of this virus

Thank you very much for your understanding and your cooperation. Stay safe and enjoy golf

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