



Spring 2020 Temporary Operation Rules & Regulations

These temporary operational procedures **MUST ALWAYS** be followed by **ALL MEMBERS** in order to keep ACC a responsible place for members and staff. **Please note that these temporary operation rules & regulations are fluid; and are subject to change due to the changing environment & federal, state, and local regulations.**

Furthermore, and most importantly always keep in mind the current 'social distancing' requirements (at least 6 feet away from other people). This requirement dictates the level of service the club can provide to our members.

Golf Operations

- **Starting Tee & Time** - All groups/players will be required to start on #1 (nobody can start on #10) after a set opening time to limit staff/member interaction.
- **Tee Order** - Allow the first tee to clear before making your way to the teeing ground.
- **Group Size** - The maximum group size at any time is 4 golfers (**NO fivesomes**).
- **Guests** - At this time, **all guest charges will go on the members account**.
 - **Driving Range** - The driving range will be set up with proper spacing. Only apple crates with golf balls will be set up, use your club to retrieve a new ball. Range balls will be washed/sanitized daily. Bag stands and tees will not be out. **No electric carts for Range Use ONLY.**
- **Putting Greens** - All putting greens will be open with limited access and modified holes. Signs will be posted as a reminder, please self-monitor.
 - Clubhouse - Max of 6 golfers.
 - 1st Tee - Max of 4 golfers & **ONLY for use prior to your round.**
 - Green on the Range Tee - Max of 2 golfers.
 - Nursery Green (behind 17 tee) - Max of 4 golfers.
- **Golf Bag/Push Cart Storage** - The Golf Shop Staff ONLY will get your clubs/push cart out of the bag storage area the first time you show up at ACC. Once they are out of storage, **YOU MUST KEEP THEM WITH YOU** (until further notice), **staff members will NOT be allowed to handle bags once they leave the bag room.** If you just want to pick-up your clubs or cart, just call 507/433-7736 in advance for a pickup time. **At this time, members are not allowed in the Bag Room.**

- **Locker Rooms** - Locker Rooms are **MUST BE CLOSED**. If you need anything from your locker, ACC staff will assist you with getting it
- **Golf Shop** - The Golf Shop **MUST BE CLOSED**. The Golf Staff **ONLY** will be inside and can assist you with any merchandise you may need as we are fully stocked! We will put any purchases you make in a bag with your name on it and place them on a table outside the Golf Shop or you can call and arrange a curbside pickup. **Unfortunately, we have a NO RETURN POLICY on purchases made**, so please be sure of your size/choice. Once touched it cannot come back into the Golf Shop. Your support of the Golf Shop is appreciated, and we look forward to helping you!

New Online Golf Shop – Check It Out!

www.accgolfshop.com

Password Protected (case sensitive) **ACC1919**

View the new apparel, equipment, shoes, etc.

The website is password protected because member pricing is below manufacturer minimum advertised price.

- **Electric Carts** - Electric carts can be operated/used by **SINGLE RIDERS ONLY** when ACC is ready for carts. Immediate family living in the same household (i.e. husband/wife or parent/child) are the only exception that allows 2 people to share a golf cart. We will clean and disinfect the carts after each use and a saran wrapped steering wheel indicates a clean cart. **Carts ARE NOT available for the range use only.**
- **ACC Push Carts** – ACC will sanitize the push carts after each use.
- **Push Carts/Golf Cart Return** - A designated area will be used to collect all used carts. Follow the return signs to park **ALL** carts for proper cleaning/sanitization.
- **Towels/Water Bucket** – A treated water bucket will be placed near the scoreboard. Use this for keeping your towel(s) wet for club and golf ball cleaning. **Please bring your own towel(s) as ACC will not be providing towels. THIS IS FOR DIPPING YOUR TOWEL ONLY – NO HANDS IN THE BUCKET PLEASE.**
- **Scorecard Boxes have been removed**
 - Scorecards will be on the push carts/carts or can be requested.
 - Pencils available by request, but reminder we do not want them back.
 - Tees & ball markers available by request.
- **Score Posting** - With the setup of the golf course and local rules during this time, all acceptable scores at Austin CC **MUST be posted for handicap purposes.**
 - All scores must be posted via GHIN Mobile App or online at home.
 - ****New**** Maximum Net Double Bogey replaces ESC.
 - Computers in the clubhouse are not available.

- **Hole In Ones** - Due to the set-up/local rules of the golf course, any “official” holes-in-one, for the hole in one club, must remain in the hole.
- **Hitting Bay** – CLOSED, until further notice.
- **Dress Code** - The club’s dress code for the golf course is in effect for all golfers.
- **Golf Instruction/Club Fitting** - Can be accommodated by appointment only. Please call 507/433-7736 to schedule.

Golf Course Set Up

- **Bathrooms On Course** - Bathrooms on the course will be open and cleaned daily.
- **Greens** – Greens will be maintained as normal.
- **Bunkers** – No rakes on the course – we ask that you smooth the sand with your feet or club and move on. **See local rule below.**
- **Sand for Divots** – No divot bottles or boxes on the course. Please attempt to replace your divots if there is any substance left.
- **Tee Markers** – Tee markers will be used, **PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH.**
- **Benches/Ball Washers/Water Coolers** – All benches, ball washers and water coolers have been removed.
- **Flagsticks** - Flagsticks will be in with a modification to the bottom of the flagstick:
 - Pool noodle around the flag stick just below the green surface. **LEAVE THE FLAGSTICK IN & DO NOT TOUCH.** Please remind others if needed.
 - Our main goal with this is to eliminate as many mutual touchpoints for the members and for the grounds staff.
 - See local rules below.
- **Garbage Cans** – The small trash containers have been removed. We will have 1 or 2 larger trash receptacles on each nine to put your trash while on the course. Please remember not to leave any trash lying on the golf course-which means you might need to keep it in your golf bag until you can get rid of it in a receptacle.
- **Penalty Area Stakes** – These will continue to be used, **PLEASE NO TOUCHING.** Penalty area stakes should be treated as immovable obstructions. We will paint these areas when course conditions allow.
- **150 Yard Stakes & Cart Directional Signs** – These will continue to be used, **PLEASE NO TOUCHING.** 150 yard stakes & cart directional signs should be treated as immovable obstructions.

General Notes

- Please make sure to pick up your tees after your tee shots!
- Social media – Be careful what you post.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

Local Rules on the Golf Course

- Your golf ball is considered 'holed out' when it hits any part of the material that is just below the surface of the cup and/or flagstick and stays within a 3-foot circle around the cup. Most putter lengths are between 34-36", so you can use that as a guide.
- Disturbed areas (Footprint) in sand bunkers are considered 'Ground Under Repair'. If your ball ends up in a disturbed area, the player is allowed free relief in the bunker. Relief for golf ball only, not stance. The player may place the ball.
- Maximum score: New handicap rules state that a 'Net double bogey' (double bogey + # of strokes received) is your maximum score on any hole. If you get to that point, please pick up to keep the pace of play moving if you get to that score.
- 150 stakes, penalty area stakes & cart directional signs are to be treated as immovable obstructions. Free relief for swing or stance.

Club Operations

- **Access to Clubhouse** – The Clubhouse MUST REMAIN CLOSED to member/guest access. If you need anything please call General Manager, William Budion at 507/279-3996 or email him at wjb@austincountryclub.net
- **Congregation** – Please do not congregate in parking lot before or after your round, on or near the 9th or 18th green or at the turn. All the social distancing requirements apply to the entire grounds of the club.
- **Patio Areas** - Patio furniture will not be set up as members/guests are not allowed to congregate on any of the patios before golf, at the turn or after golf.
- **Food & Beverage** - Food and beverage will be available for consumption on the golf course by calling/texting us at 507/437-7631 or by emailing us at wjb@austincountryclub.net. This take-out service will be available from 11 AM – 8 PM Tuesday thru Saturday with BEVERAGE ONLY on Sundays from 11 AM to 5 PM with the club food & beverage operation being closed on Mondays. The designated pick-up area for take-out is outside of the Grill Room door. **NO outside Food or Beverage is allowed; however, we encourage you to bring your own water bottle as there are NO water coolers on the course. Also, please do not leave any garbage on the course unless there is a trash receptacle – if not please put it in your golf bag until you can dispose of it properly, thanks.**