

SAFEGUARDING ADDENDUM COVID 19

During times of enforced social isolation, the vulnerability of many children and adults is increased. It is therefore very important to consider their safeguarding at this time.

1. Ensuring all children and vulnerable adults are aware of the Covid 19 social distancing rules at golf venues. Advice for children regarding social distancing can be found at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51896017> Supervision

2. With lower staff levels there is likely to be less support for children and vulnerable adults during the phased return to golf. The Club will need to consider whether individuals should be allowed to play without the supervision from a parent/guardian or carer. This may be appropriate for experienced and independent golfers, but not for others. The Club may need to make arrangements for parents/guardians or carers to walk the course with the golfer while maintaining compliance with rules about meeting with individuals from other households.

3. If supervision for a child or vulnerable adult is provided by someone other than a parent/guardian or carer, it should be with the consent of the parent/guardian or carer and should be someone the child knows and is confident with or has played with before, or is DBS checked and a professional/registered volunteer.

4. Children and vulnerable adults should be reminded of the need to remain vigilant and informed of whom to speak to if they have any concerns. The Club has a welfare officer in place to whom concerns can be reported at any time.

5. All children and vulnerable adult golfers should have a charged mobile phone, with the number of an emergency contact.

6. Concerns can be reported to England Golf by email: safeguarding@englandgolf.org or via <https://www.safegolf.org/Facilities>

7. Children and vulnerable adults should not be left unsupervised in shared toilet or washroom facilities. 15 May 2020 2

8. Coaching guidance can be found through the following links:

<https://www.englandgolf.org/government-clarification-on-coaching-and-retailprovision/>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/lone-working>

<https://www.pga.info/covid-19-resource-hub/> Further support and Guidance

- England Golf <https://www.englandgolf.org/club-support/safeguarding/>

- Child Protection in Sport Unit <https://thecpsu.org.uk/new>