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Good Evening,

As I'm sure you've all heard by now, Governor Wolf is allowing the state of Pennsylvania to play golf again beginning this Friday, May 1st. We are very excited that many of our members are going to be able to enjoy a tiny slice of normalcy amidst what has been a historically abnormal time.

This has been a stressful time for everyone and we all just want to play the game we love. While we look forward to having an active golf course again it's important to remember our place in the community and that our course is in a very visible location. The actions of individuals are reflections on our club as a whole and never has that been truer than now. Please respect these guidelines as we navigate this process together.

The Executive Committee, in conjunction with the staff, has created a list of guidelines that we are going to use as we reopen. Please be sure to read it in its entirety and know that you can reach any of us with any questions you may have.

In an effort to control mass gatherings and manage play and social distancing, tee times will be required for all play. The tradition of not having tee times is part of Northampton's culture and there is no intention to use them longer than what is necessary to guide us out of the pandemic. This tenet along with the other conditions will be reassessed every week.

You will have the ability to book tee times through the club's website (preferably) or by calling the Golf Shop. We will be using our tournament software to reserve tee times. You will receive a separate email with detailed instructions about how to use it.

Please take note of the following procedures we are implementing for everyone's health and safety. Failure to follow these processes will result in loss of cart or golf privileges. These preparations include meticulous, frequent sanitizing practices, and cart procedures that

include designated pick up and return areas as well as sanitizing stations.

****If at any time you or any of your family members are experiencing ANY symptoms of the virus, we ask that you refrain from coming to the Club in order to protect the health and safety of all members and employees. ****

- All golfers and staff must use proper social distancing practices at all times. Stay at least six feet apart at all times and even farther when possible. Bring hand sanitizer with you if you can.
- Play is limited to members only. No guests are permitted at this time.
- Curbside food and beverage will be available on the first tee and at the halfway house. Hours and menus will be posted at the club, on the website, and emailed to the membership.
- Water stations have been removed and you are permitted to bring your own water bottle. As always, bringing your own alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited.
- We will begin using the Event-Man tee time system to organize play and limit gatherings. A detailed email will be sent about how to reserve a time. Tee times will be made in 12-minute intervals beginning at 7:30 am on weekends, 8:00 am Tuesday to Friday and Monday at 12 noon.
- In order to reserve a tee time prior to 12 PM, you must have a foursome and all four names are required to reserve it. Please do not reserve a time prior to noon for less than four players if you are unwilling to be potentially paired up. To be guaranteed to play in a group of less than four players, you may do so after 12 PM.
- All play will begin on the first tee. Entering the course from another hole is not permitted.
- The following will be the schedule for securing a tee time:
 - o Tee times for Friday 5/1 & Saturday 5/2 will open at 9 am Thursday 4/30
 - o Tee times for Sunday 5/3 will open at 9 am Friday 5/1
 - o Tee times for Monday 5/4 will open at 9 am Saturday 5/2
 - o Tee times for Tuesday 5/5 will open Sunday 5/3
 - o Tee times for Wednesday 5/6 will open Monday 5/4
- To follow social distancing recommendations, players are not permitted to arrive more than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time. Please do not gather around the first tee or Golf Shop staging area
- Contact with staff must be minimal. They will retrieve your bag from storage but once it is in your possession, you must keep it. Staff has been instructed not to clean clubs or get clubs out of cars in order to minimize interactions. There will be no physical contact between players and staff.
- Restrooms will be available at the snack bar and behind the 17th tee.

- Carts are available but are limited to one rider per cart, with the exception of those who live in the same household. Walking is encouraged as we have a limited number of carts. Walking and Pull Carts are now permitted at any time. Carts will be sanitized before and after use. Upon completion of your round, please remove everything from your cart, including refuse, and leave it in the designated cart return area near the barn.
- Flagsticks will be equipped with E-Z Lyft, no touch ball retrieval systems. and must remain in the cup at all times. The Flagstick should not be touched at anytime.
- There will be no rakes for bunkers, please smooth your footprints as best you can with your feet upon exiting the trap. We have adopted a local rule that allows for disturbed areas of the bunker to be treated as ground under repair and thus the player is able to drop within one club length without penalty in the bunker.
- The Golf Shop will be closed. However, items such as balls or gloves can be arranged for pick-up prior to your round by emailing Brent.
- No extra tees, scorecards, pencils or towels will be available. There is a printable version of the scorecard on the website if you need one. Additionally, there are free apps for your phone such as Hole19 that have our club's card built in.
- If you require something from your locker, you can make arrangements with the staff to retrieve it for you and place it outside for pick-up.
- The driving range and short game area will not be open at this time. The putting green will have raised foam in the cups and we ask that you refrain from congregating there and continue to practice social distancing. We recommend that only the foursome on deck putt prior to moving to the first tee.
- Although the Golf Shop and Locker Rooms are closed, members should post their scores on their home computers or by using the GHIN app on their smartphones.
- ALL members must be off the club property by 7 pm daily. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- No congregating will be permitted before or after your round of golf. Take-out food may be ordered and picked up at the conclusion of the round.
- The NCC dress code remains in full effect.
- Please do not request exceptions to any of the above conditions.

We appreciate your patience during this time. We will be reevaluating all of these procedures weekly as much as necessary, following government recommendations, with the best interest and safety of our membership in mind. It is our hope that we can ease these restrictions gradually over time until we exit the "new normal." Thank you again for understanding the need for all of our members to be safe and protected through this pandemic.

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