



# **CABOOLTURE GOLF CLUB**

## **COVID-19 SHARED EQUIPMENT RULES**

In the current changing times under Covid-19 the Match Committee has decided to take the steps to clear up any confusion about shared equipment in use around the course.

After receiving feedback from members, the Match Committee has consulted with the PGA and Golf Australia for further guidelines in regard these rules.

To make these rules easier to understand and with the intent to encourage more enjoyment in everyone's game the rules stated below will become effective immediately and will be in place until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020\*.

### **BUNKERS**

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take relief once by placing the ball in the bunker no nearer to the hole and play it from a relief area.

The relief area will be within 1 club length from the spot where the ball stopped, and in the bunker.

Bunker Rule 19.3 (Rules of Golf) still applies if the player decides their ball in the bunker is unplayable.

### **REMOVAL OF THE FLAGSTICK**

The flagstick must NOT be removed from the hole by the player, caddie or any other persons prior to a stroke or while the ball is in motion and NOT removed when retrieving the ball from the hole.

The flagstick may be straightened by a player with the use of a glove, towel or sanitizer wipe.

If the flagstick is removed from the hole a ONE OFF 2 stroke penalty will apply to the offending player. Multiple offences may lead to that player being disqualified.

### **SAND BUCKETS.**

Sand buckets are sanitized by course staff. However, players would benefit from using the same sand bucket/s when using walking buggies or in their own private cart. All course motorised carts and push carts are sanitized by course staff. However, the use of sanitizer wipes and hand sanitizer is strongly recommended.

### **NTP**

Please check the NTP before you touch it. If you touch the NTP or the tape measure remember to use the appropriate sanitizer for your own personal protection. Use a towel or glove and use your own pen always.

Please remember these rules/precautions are put in place for all our protection and are in effect in one form or another at all golf clubs in Queensland. If players at our course show they cannot abide by these all flagsticks, NTP and sand buckets will be removed. We don't want this so please do the right thing. Thank you.

\*PGA current suggested date to have rules in place.

Match Committee.

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