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Dear Golfer

COVID-19 Travel Restrictions for Golf

As the country continues its effort to suppress the spread of COVID-19 across our communities, new travel restrictions have been introduced as part of the Scottish Government's Local Protection Levels System.

South Ayrshire is currently a Level 4 Area and the law regarding travel for sport and exercise in Level 3 and Level 4 areas is as follows:

1. If you live in a Level 3 or Level 4 local government area you can take part in organised sport, activity or exercise in that area as detailed in the Levels Table in our guidance.
2. You should, however, not travel out of your local government area, if it is at Level 3 or 4, to undertake organised sport, activity or exercise (exception: u18s in a level 3 area can travel into other areas for allowable organised sport, activity and exercise).
3. At Level 3 and 4 you can travel to a place up to 5 miles outside your local government area to take part in **informal** exercise (household rules apply) as long as you start and finish at the same place.

Irrespective of Protection Level all affiliated golf clubs in Scotland are currently expected to adhere to Scottish Golf's COVID-19 Guidelines. This requires golfers to pre-book for Test and Protect purposes. This means that all golf in Scotland is currently being viewed by sportscotland and the Scottish Government as organised sport.

At all times our information is developed in partnership with sportscotland and is based on information available specific to sport and is subject to change. Should this happen, we will update your club as soon as is possible.

Golf is a game that prides itself on sporting integrity and as the national governing body, we must again emphasise that we all have a role to play in maintaining the integrity of the game. We urge everyone to respect the law and adhere to all guidance in place to ensure golf can be played safely.

Thanks once again, for your continued support and understanding during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,
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