

## Ladies & Gentlemen

On behalf of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Irish Ladies Golfing Union Ltd.

The Prime Minister's statement on Sunday 10 May has led to Golf Clubs, in England, getting ready to open on Wednesday 13 May. The conditions of play follow an R&A statement last week which seem to have been accepted, other than for the make-up of the various groupings.

Unfortunately, it is not so clear in N.Ireland, and therefore **Clubs MUST remain Closed until further advised.**

A 50-page explanatory document, concerning the prime Minister's statement and the next steps, is being published today in the House of Commons. This will be followed by a statement by him which is scheduled for 3 pm, with questions from members.

The N. Ireland Executive will consider its plan for a phased, strategic approach to recovery at its meeting later today. The First Minister has previously stated that the lockdown will remain for a further three weeks but that some adjustment to the exercise rules would be introduced. It is anticipated, subject to the final agreement of the Executive, that this plan will be published on Tuesday 12 May.

To determine when golf can resume in N.Ireland, we will require confirmation from the N.Ireland Executive. In the meantime we are working at protocol documents, for clubs in N.Ireland, following both the UK and the Republic of Ireland approach.

We have written to the office of the First & Deputy First Minister as well as the Dept. of Communities & Sport NI, to seek clarity on these matters. **We will update clubs as soon as any further information is to hand.**

Kind Regards

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