



Houghton le Spring Golf Club – Golf Taster Sessions – Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Golf Taster Sessions?

They are 45-minute sessions, and the day will be split into sessions for different age categories, adult and child and family sessions.

When do they take place?

They will take place Friday 9 April 2021.

Where will they take place

On the Academy practice area at Houghton le Spring Golf Club.

What time do the sessions start?

09.00 - 09.45 - Age 4 - 6

10.00 - 10.45 - Age 7 - 9

11.00 - 11.45 - Adult & Child

13.00 - 13.45 - Age 10 - 12

14.00 - 14.45 - Age 13 - 17

15.00 - 15.45 – Families

What time to do you need to arrive for my allocated session?

10 - 20 minutes prior to start time

Who do I register with on arrival?

Club volunteers will meet and greet participants. They are easily identifiable as they will be wearing Hi-Viz jackets.

How do I get to the Academy Practice area?

Club volunteers will escort participants to the academy practice area as the route crosses two fairways. The route is sign posted with crossing instructions.

How much does it cost?

All sessions are free.

How many people will be in each session?

Between 6 and 8.

Can children take part independently?

Yes.

Are spectators allowed?

Only the adult bringing a child to a session will be allowed. Due to Covid guidelines there is a limit to one adult accompanying a child, please note an adult may accompany more than 1 child. The accompanying adult will be shown to a designated spectator area and club volunteers will be there to assist with social distancing.

How do I book a place at one of the sessions?

Booking is available by e mailing; stormygolfer@gmail.com

On receipt of your e mail a booking form will be sent to you which should be completed and returned. Please note there are only 6 - 8 spaces available per session, so we would advise that you book early to avoid disappointment.

Why do I need to book?

To help us manage the number of participants on site, there is a limited number of spaces available for each session and this will be managed via our e mail booking system.

Will I receive confirmation of my booking?

Yes. Once you complete your booking form a confirmation e mail will be sent to you.

Can I turn up on the day?

Unfortunately, no. We require everyone to pre book so session numbers can be managed in line with Covid guidelines.

How do I participate safely?

Check for COVID-19 symptoms and health conditions

Before attending any sporting activities, all participants, officials, volunteers and spectators must self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

If you have one or more of these symptoms you should not attend any sporting activity, and must follow [NHS and PHE guidance on self-isolation](#).

People with health conditions that put them at increased risk should consider the risks of participating in group activities like sport and physical activity.

Will the event be managed in accordance with current government COVID guidelines?

Yes, absolutely. We will be following current government and England Golf guidelines and can advise

- The sessions have been designed to maintain social distancing
- All participants will be allocated a coaching area
- Clubs and balls will be cleaned prior to each session. No sharing of equipment is permitted.
- Hand sanitizer will be widely available, however please feel free to bring your own
- Adults supervising under 18s will be in separate and distinct groups consisting of up to 6 people or two households.
- Changing rooms will not be used although toilet facilities can be accessed (usage signage is clearly displayed).
- NHS Test and Trace will be in operation

Can I bring my own food and drink?

Yes, if you wish to bring your own water bottle and ensure it is labelled or highly distinguishable.

What do I need to wear?

Comfortable clothing and footwear which allows you to move freely is recommended. Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions on the day. If rain is forecast, it is advisable to carry a lightweight waterproof jacket. If the sun is very bright, consider wearing a hat and please remember to apply a suitable sunscreen.

Are clubs and balls provided?

Yes, the club has a range of left and right-handed clubs of varying sizes. Participants will be allocated their own club which will be sanitized prior to and after each use. No sharing of equipment is permitted. All golf balls will be washed before and after use.

Who will be coaching the sessions?

PGA Professional Mark Robson from the Graeme Storm Golf Academy will be coaching all the sessions. He has also received his first COVID vaccination.

Are changing rooms available?

No, the changing facilities will not be open. Please arrive in suitable clothing ready to participate in your session.

Will there be any toilet facilities?

Yes. Toilets are available, please adhere to the usage signage which is clearly displayed.

How do I get there?

Houghton le Spring Golf Club is located on the B1404
Copt Hill
Houghton-Le-Spring
DH5 8LU

If using public transport, please visit www.nexus.org.uk or www.gonortheast.co.uk for the latest bus timetables.

Is car parking available on site?

Yes, there is ample free parking available on site.

Are dogs allowed?

Unfortunately, no dogs will not be allowed within the club boundaries.

Will we be photographed/filmed?

Please be aware your photograph or footage of you may be taken and Houghton le Spring Golf Club and Graeme Storm Academy may use this photograph/footage in any media. Please inform the photographer/film maker if you do not wish your photograph to be taken or you do not want to be filmed.

Can I take photos?

If your photographs are for personal use and memories, then snap away.

Will there be a first aid presence at the events?

Yes. There will be first aid available.

Will the sessions go ahead if it's raining?

Yes, the academy practice area has a driving bay which will provide cover from the rain.

Where can I find out more about the sessions?

Further details can be found on;

Houghton le Spring Golf Club website: <http://www.houghtongolfclub.co.uk>

Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/houghtonlespringgolfclub>

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