

# Southern Ohio PGA

## COVID 19 Tournament Operations

### Playbook



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The following policies have the potential to be changed or expanded throughout the season dependent on requirements and policies set forth by local health departments, the State of Ohio and the CDC. We have also provided a Facility Playbook to all of our host facilities with the best practices that should be maintained to ensure the safety of our participants and staff members. Our website, [www.thesouthernohiopga.com](http://www.thesouthernohiopga.com), will have the latest information.

When registering for events players must be aware and understand that the ability to have events relies solely on following these policies and taking every possible preventative measure to keep all individuals at the event as safe as possible. If you should show any symptoms related to COVID-19 before the event please contact the Section office at 937-754-4263 or Tim Grieser at [tgrieser@pgahq.com](mailto:tgrieser@pgahq.com) for a full refund of your registration.

The Tournament Committee STRONGLY recommends participants to walk. Each facility will be limited on the number of carts thus limiting the number of participants. The more participants who walk the more participants we can have in the field. There will be a spot during registration for you to indicate your decision. This will allow the tournament administrators to increase the field size based on the number players electing to walk. The Tournament Committee and Section staff thank you in advance for your support.

#### **REGISTRATION**

- All Section and Chapter events will open for registration two weeks prior to the event at noon.

#### **ARRIVING AT THE EVENT**

- Participants should arrive at the facility no more than 30 minutes prior to their tee time.
- Participants should eliminate the need to enter the clubhouse prior to their tee time.
- Upon arrival at the course, a member of the staff will inform participants of putting green and driving range restrictions. This will also be posted at the facility, when possible.

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#### **PRE-ROUND**

- The practice range will be available 30 minutes prior to the participants tee time and appropriately spaced apart to maintain social distancing.
- Short game areas/putting greens may be available but will be limited to the number of participants based on the square footage.
- Host courses will be asked to remove flagsticks from the practice areas.
- Starter boxes will not be used to reduce touch points.

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#### **ARRIVING TO THE FIRST TEE**

- Participants will arrive at the first tee after the prior group has teed off.
- Participants need to refrain from shaking hands.
- Players will be encouraged to sanitize hands upon arrival to the first tee using the product provided when you arrive.
- Participants will be given score keeping assignments along with how to obtain rules sheets and hole location sheets for the day.

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#### **DURING THE ROUND**

- The Tournament Committee strongly encourages all players to walk. This will maximize tournament participation. Thank you in advance for your support.
- Individual carts will be available.
  - If playing in threesomes, one player will be asked to walk. Their golf bag can be transported by one of the other participants if requested. Players can rotate walking/riding at the turn. A sanitation station will be available to sanitize the golf car before switching drivers.
  - In a partner event, each twosome can receive a cart but it will be limited to one driver. A sanitation station will be available to sanitize the golf car before switching drivers. This will be mostly at Chapter events.
- A condition of competition will be in place for flagsticks to remain in the hole. We will use a ball retrieval system to eliminate the need for reaching in the hole or touching the flagstick.
- Rakes will be removed from bunkers and lift, clean, and place within one club length, remaining in the bunker, will be utilized until further notice. Players are asked to smooth their footprints the best they can after playing from a bunker.
- Players are encouraged to eliminate usage of benches, restrooms, and other common areas on the golf course to reduce touch points while playing.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own food and drinks for their round. Coolers on the course will not be provided to reduce touch points.
- Participants are expected to maintain six (6) feet of distance between themselves and all other participants or tournament staff. This includes but is not limited to walking down the fairway/rough, when preparing for a shot, on the teeing ground, and on the putting green.
- Caddies will be prohibited until further notice.
- Spectators will be prohibited until further notice.

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#### **SCORING AREA**

- Participants must use the sanitation station upon entering the scoring area.
- Only one group will be allowed in the scoring area at any one time.
- Without trading cards, players will verbally confirm their hole by hole and total score with their marker and the tournament administrator who is in the scoring area.
- Groups/Participants must leave the scoring area once scores have been verbally confirmed to the tournament administrator.

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#### **POST ROUND**

- Participants must return to their cars and exit the property upon completion of their rounds.
- NO congregation will be allowed post round.
- Any events where a playoff is needed to determine the winner, tournament staff will have a designated area for the potential playoff participants.
- All tournament results will be available on our section website as well as the BlueGolf App at the completion of the tournament.

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#### **WEATHER DELAYS**

- During any weather delays, players will report to their vehicles and will be notified via text and email on updates of the delay.
- No warmups will be allowed after a weather delay.

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## SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

Do your part to get **Back2Golf**



<p><b>1. ALWAYS</b> stay six feet apart from others.</p> 	<p><b>2. STAY HOME</b> if you have a fever or feel sick.</p> 	
<p><b>3. AVOID</b> large gatherings on the first tee, driving range or after the round.</p> 	<p><b>4. If in doubt... DON'T TOUCH IT.</b></p> 	
<p><b>5. ALWAYS</b> mark your ball clearly.</p> 	<p><b>7. AVOID</b> handshakes and high-fives.</p> 	<p><b>8. RESPECT</b> the game and all involved.</p> 
<p><b>6. WEAR</b> a facial covering when taking a lesson.</p> 	<p><b>9. REMEMBER</b> to wash your hands after playing.</p> 	<p><b>9. REMEMBER</b> to wash your hands after playing.</p> 