

WASHINGTON GOLF

COVID-19 TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – EFFECTIVE 1/1/2021

WHAT TO EXPECT AT WA GOLF WINTER SERIES TOURNAMENTS IN 2021

Washington Golf (WA Golf) cares deeply about the health, safety and well-being of our players, spectators, staff, volunteers, as well as everyone at our host facilities. The intent of the following policies and guidelines is to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 by utilizing publicly available guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), but WA Golf cannot guarantee a risk-free environment. Everyone is responsible to do their part by following these guidelines to make our tournaments as safe as possible. The following policies and procedures may be updated and/or modified at any time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Before arriving on-site, please be certain that you have signed and returned the WA Golf's *COVID-19 Participant Release and Waiver* that will be sent to you electronically after the close of entry.
- We will communicate with host facilities prior to and throughout each tournament to ensure that recommended sanitization practices for common touchpoints are met.
- Before arriving on-site for a practice round or tournament, if you feel sick or show any symptoms of COVID-19, or if within the last *ten days you have felt sick, have shown any symptoms of COVID-19, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, we request that you stay home and notify us before your starting time. If you are unable to start the tournament due to any of these, a refund will be granted.
*When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available, then quarantine can end after day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring.
- Social distancing must be practiced at all times by maintaining a minimum 6-foot distance from others.
- A mask or facial covering must be worn in accordance with state/provincial government guidelines.
- Wash your hands frequently. If you are unable to wash your hands, use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be available on the starting tee and at the scoring area.
- Players are asked to refrain from handshakes, hugs and high-fives.
- There are no restrictions on caddies. Caddies must sign WA Golf's *COVID-19 Participant Release and Waiver* on the starting tee and maintain proper social distancing for other spectators and players.
- There are no restrictions on spectators attending tournaments. Spectators are asked to remain on cart paths and to maintain proper social distancing for other spectators and players.

BEFORE YOUR STARTING TIME

- Players are asked to not arrive to the golf course more than **60 minutes** prior to their starting time.
- Practice range stations will be spaced to promote social distancing. Practice balls will be set out at each station and practice putting green cups will be removed or modified.
- Players must register with WA Golf staff on their assigned starting tee. Contestants are expected to arrive at their starting tee arrive 8 minutes prior to their scheduled starting time. Contestants will receive their tee gifts, \$10 Puetz Bucks, scorecard, and local rules before teeing off.
- Tee prizes will be safely handled using PPE.

STARTING AREA

- Players are asked to report to the starting tee **8 minutes** prior to their starting time.
- Players are responsible for providing their own pencil, golf tees, ball markers, divot tool, marking pens, etc. Starter boxes with supplies will NOT be available.
- Tournament paperwork (Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, Notice to Competitors, Pace of Play Policy, etc.) will be emailed to players the evening prior to each round and posted on the Championship Portal. (No paperwork will be provided on the starting tee other than the official scorecard).
- Scorecards will be provided and picked up by the player from the starting table.
- WA Golf staff starters will wear face coverings.

GOLF CARTS

- Motorized carts will be restricted to one player for individual events.
- Motorized carts may be limited and based on availability. Carts will only be guaranteed if pre-paid during registration.
- Pull carts may be available at the discretion of the host facility.

CADDIES

- Caddies are permitted and should follow the same player guidelines.

DURING YOUR ROUND

- Players and caddies must leave the flagstick in the hole.
- All bunker rakes have been removed from the golf course. Players may treat disturbed areas in the bunker as ground under repair (such as footprints), meaning that you can take free relief within the bunker.

- WA Golf staff and volunteers will wear face coverings when engaging with players and unable to maintain social distancing.
- Players should call, text or email the WA Golf Official in Charge (contact info will be provided) with any questions. This number may also be used to call in rules assistance is needed during the round.

AFTER YOUR ROUND

- Proceed to the scoring area immediately after the round is complete. Tables (no chairs) will be setup to provide proper social distancing.
- Scorecards need to be signed and verified and returned to the Committee. Players will be required to provide their own pencil.
- Players can use the USGA Tournament Management app to follow live scoring using the event GGID.