

SDCWGA COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITIONS

In accordance with local orders, recommended health precautions, and industry best practices, SDCWGA has developed the following guidelines for its competitions, which are subject to change.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home
- Wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, and avoid touching your face.
- Refrain from shaking hands or coming into contact with others on-site.
- If social distancing is not possible, face masks should be worn in accordance with local guidelines.
- Familiarize yourself and follow best practices issued by the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), [World Health Organization](#) (WHO), and state/local governments.
- Blatant disregard for COVID-19 related guidelines will be considered a violation of SDCWGA's code of conduct.

COMMUNICATION PRIOR TO AN EVENT

- **Following the close of entries**, players will receive an email directing them to the Event Portal (tournament website) where they will find the player roster and other details associated with the event.
- **One week prior to the event**, pairings and final reminders, including information about COVID-19 related guidelines, will be emailed to players and posted on the Event Portal.
- **By the evening prior to an event**, the Notice to Players, and group-specific scorecards will be emailed to players, which **they may print at home** and bring to the event the next day. Players will **also receive message** with their Golf Genius ID (GGID) – a unique code that will enable players to enter scores digitally into the USGA Tournament Management mobile app (free to download).

WHAT TO BRING (PLAYERS)

marking pens, hand sanitizer, mask, and drinking water, as these items will not be provided on starting holes.

- Hand sanitizers may be provided at specific locations

ARRIVAL & PRACTICE

- Players are encouraged to arrive no more than 45 minutes prior to their tee time.
- There will **not** be a registration process unless otherwise noted on portal or via email
- If range balls are included they will be on the driving range or in a way that minimizes touchpoints.
- Players should limit their driving range usage to 15 minutes and maintain social distancing.
- Short games areas and practice putting green will be available unless otherwise noted on the Event Portal. Maintain social distancing.

HOST FACILITIES; FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Clubhouse, locker room, and golf shop availability will be subject to the procedures set forth at each host facility.
- As part of its preparations with each facility, SDCWGA will inquire as to what steps are being taken to sanitize items like golf carts, flagsticks, and other common touch-points. Players may bring disinfectant wipes to further sanitize items they contact (e.g. golf carts, etc.).
- Players should plan on drinking water NOT being available on the course.
- SDCWGA will not host banquet-style gatherings.

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GOLF CARTS

Walking Only Events:

- Some events may be restricted to walking only with exceptions made for medical or ADA reasons.

When Carts are Allowed:

In line with local guidelines, single-rider carts will be permitted at events that normally allow players to ride.

- Keeping in mind the need to provide a safe and equitable opportunity for all players involved, the number of available carts at a facility may dictate field size and whether an event will allow carts.
- In the event double-rider carts are being allowed, both individuals in one cart are required to wear face coverings while riding in the cart.

GROUPINGS & STARTING A ROUND

- SDCWGA events will utilize single-tee starts whenever possible and a minimum starting interval of 10 minutes to reduce traffic and promote social distancing. Shotgun starts will not be used.
 - SDCWGA will not distribute materials, nor will any supplies be available on the starting tee.
- While maintaining social distancing, SDCWGA will address pertinent topics with players when necessary
- Players will be required to serve as a marker for another player(s) by keeping score on:
 - The group scorecard emailed the day prior;
 - Any piece of paper, including a course scorecard, that can be referenced at the scoring area;
 - USGA TM mobile app. **It is highly recommended that players who keep score in the mobile app also keep a paper copy as a backup.**

AFTER THE ROUND; SCORING & AWARDS

- Immediately after the round, players will go to a scoring area while maintaining social distancing to review their scores with SDCWGA Official.
- The player, his or her marker, and SDCWGA official will verbally verify hole-by-hole scores and the player will attest the results.
- Scorecards will not be physically exchanged, signed, or handed over to the committee.
- Once the results have been attested and the player exits the scoring area, the scorecard is considered returned under the Rules of Golf.

ON THE COURSE

- Groups are required to maintain social distancing from other groups, whether on the starting tee or any other place on the course.
- SDCWGA will inquire as to what amenities, such as restrooms, practice putting green flags, bunker rakes, ball washers, coolers, etc., will be present on the course. Special accommodations may be requested on a temporary basis for SDCWGA events.
- Central to stroke play competitions remains the need to hole out on each hole, unless otherwise provided for in the format of play.
- **Players must not remove the flagstick.**
 - Adjustments to the hole (including inserts to minimize contact) may differ from course to course.
 - Due to the likely absence of bunker rakes and inconsistent bunker conditions, if a player's ball comes to rest in a bunker, she may:
 - Take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball:
 - Within one club-length of the original spot;
 - Not nearer the hole;
 - In the same bunker.
 - Smooth the sand with her feet, or a club, **after hitting their ball out of the bunker.**