

PGA of Alberta COVID-19 Tournament Guide



ALL players must adhere to the below procedures for ALL tournaments in response to COVID-19. Any player that does not adhere to the below will be suspended from playing in future tournaments and subject to possible discipline.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE COURSE

IMPORTANT: If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 before the tournament, please contact the office to **WITHDRAW** from the tournament to protect the health and safety of others.

- Players will receive a full refund for withdrawing due to COVID-19 like symptoms.
- All players that withdraw due to COVID-19 like symptoms will be **REQUIRED** to get tested and send their negative results to the office before being eligible to play in another tournament. This will be **MANDATORY** to protect the health and safety of others. The refund will not be rescinded if the player tests negative.
- You are legally required to isolate for 14 days if you returned from international travel or are a close contact of a person with COVID-19, plus an additional 10 days from the onset of symptoms or until they are gone (should they occur), whichever is longer, or until you test negative.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to view symptoms OR take the COVID-19 Self-Assessment online.

Players will be emailed the **supplementary local rules sheet** and/or pin sheets prior to the event. Please review them in advance, **print a copy for yourself** and bring with you to the event if you wish. Any questions may be asked at the registration table the day of.

- Please disinfect your golf clubs with soap and water.
- Please pack your own food & drink in case the clubhouse will not offer window service at the turn.
- There will be no food and water stations setup by the PGA of Alberta at Championships or 2-day GSH Series events this season.
- Caddies and Spectators will NOT be permitted at PGA of Alberta events or Play Ability Tests this season.

ARRIVAL TIME

Players will only be able to access the practice facilities at the course **30-MINUTES** prior to their tee time. Any player arriving before then will be prohibited from using the practice facilities to warm-up. This is **MANDATORY** for all players.

REGISTRATION AT THE COURSE

- Registration will take place around the first tee at all events unless stated otherwise.
- There will be NO supplies (tees, sharpies, pencils, etc.) at the registration table.

- Social distancing measures will be in place all day and **MUST** be practiced. Please ensure you are giving a minimum of 6 feet or more of space between yourself and all other players, staff, etc. at **ALL times** during the tournament.

MOBILE SCORING

- We will be utilizing online scoring this season through the Golf Genius software to avoid exchanging scorecards.
- Players will be emailed the necessary information in advance of the event and use their phone to score for one of their playing partners. Players will determine amongst themselves whose scores they are tracking on the first tee.
- Players will keep track of their own score on either their phone or by another means. NO physical scorecards will be given at events.

NO SMARTPHONE/DATA?

For players without a smartphone/data, we will ask someone in your group to keep track of the other two players in the group for stroke plays.

ON THE COURSE

- **Caddies/Spectators** - No caddies or spectators will be allowed at PGA of Alberta tournaments or Play Ability Tests.
- **Intervals** - Tee times will be spaced 10 minutes in 3-somes (unless host venue requires bigger intervals).
- **Team Events** - For Team Events, we will again be using tee time format to reduce the number of players at the course at once.
- **Bunkers** - No rakes will be used in bunkers on the course. A local rule will be included on the supplementary local rules sheet and will be sent to players before round.
- **Flagstick** - The flagstick will always remain in the hole - **DO NOT REMOVE THE FLAG**. You will be able to putt the ball in the hole and retrieve using the [Pin Caddy](#) tool (or similar device). Players will be allowed to spin the Pin Caddy device around before they putt if they feel the pole will affect their shot.
- **Carts** - The cart policy will be dependent on the host venues internal policy. This policy will be communicated in advance to players in the event.
 - If two players are permitted to ride in the same cart during an event, players should maintain appropriate distancing when accessing their clubs. Players will still have the option to ride individually if they prefer for health and safety reasons.
 - If there are not enough carts at the facility for all players, then carts will be prohibited for that tournament unless for medical exemptions. Players will be notified in advance if carts are NOT permitted.
- No handshaking, elbow bumping, or physical contact during the tournament is permitted.
- Always maintain at least six feet of separation from everyone.
- Bring hand sanitizer and use as often as you can, especially before and after using any washrooms.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY

In potentially dangerous situations, play shall be discontinued immediately following a suspension of play by the Tournament Committee.

- **Players will proceed to their vehicles during suspension of play and wait for instructions from the Tournament Committee to prevent any mass gatherings in or by the clubhouse. If riding a cart, players will park the cart in the designated area(s) at the facility and then walk to their vehicle.**
- If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he/she shall be disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving such penalty as provided in Rule 20. All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a potentially dangerous situation until the Tournament Committee has declared them open.

Note: A suspension for a potentially dangerous situation shall be signalled by one prolonged air horn (or siren) note. Resumption of play shall be signalled by two consecutive air horn (or siren) notes.

AFTER YOUR ROUND

A scoring area will be established outdoors (weather permitting) using social distancing measures whereby you can check your scores and your playing partner can attest them.

- You will be asked to re-read your scores to your playing partners and to our Tournament staff for verification.
- Scoring will be final once all players have verbally verified their scores and left the designated scoring area (reminder - we will NOT be handing out scorecards).
- **If a player fails to report to the designated scoring area after their round, they will be disqualified and receive a monetary fine.**

MEALS

In-person service at clubhouse restaurants is currently not permitted indoors. This rule will be monitored throughout the season and adjusted accordingly to reflect current government regulations.

- Any events with a meal included will be served after the round either on the outdoor patio (if applicable) or with a boxed meal to go. This will be communicated to players before the round.

PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

There will be no prize presentations after conclusion of events to prevent group gatherings at the course. Winner of the event will have their picture taken with the trophy.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact:

- ❖ **Trevor Rioux**, Tournament Manager – trevor.rioux@pgaofalberta.com
- ❖ **Chris Schatzmann**, Tournament Chair – CSchatzmann@scgolf.ca
- ❖ **Scott Anderson**, Tournament Chair – SAnderson@thewinstongolfclub.com

Thank you for reviewing the updated COVID-19 Tournament Guidelines. We look forward to seeing you on the course!

