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MGA COVID-19 Guidelines for Championships

Due to the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, the MGA continues to follow guidelines provided by the CDC and local governments to provide the utmost safety for each participant, spectator, club member or staff and MGA staff. The MGA has introduced these guidelines which each participant and spectator must adhere to during MGA-sanctioned events. Upon entering an MGA event, players agree to the Rules and Regulations established by the MGA. The Rules and Regulations have been modified to incorporate all the guidelines included in this document in addition to the standard Rules and Regulations all players agree to upon registration (included at the end of this document). Thank you for your cooperation!

The MGA reserves the right to penalize a participant under the [MGA Code of Conduct](#) who knowingly and willingly disregards these policies put into place. **These guidelines are in effect as of May 28, 2021 and are subject to change at the discretion of the Rules & Competitions Committee throughout the season.**

MGA Participants must adhere and be aware of the following guidelines to promote Social Distancing at each MGA Event:

Self-Screening

- All players, spectators, staff, and volunteers are required to self-screen prior to being on-site at MGA administered events. The questions players need to review ahead of their round include:
 - o Within the last fourteen (14) days, have you...
 - Been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?
 - Been personally requested to quarantine by a doctor or other medical authority?
 - Run a fever over 100.4° Fahrenheit?
 - Experienced shortness of breath?
 - Experienced abnormal coughing symptoms?
 - Experienced loss of taste or smell, chills, shaking, sore throat or muscle aches?
 - Experienced any other unusual flu-like symptoms?
- If you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath or display any symptoms of COVID-19 or you answered yes to any of the above questions, please stay home. Full refunds will be issued to encourage your safety and if questions arise regarding these topics, please reach out to the Championship staff prior to the event.

Face Coverings/Masks

- All players are required to have their own face mask/covering while they are on property at an MGA event.
- Players must abide by host club policies which may include wearing a mask in certain situations.

Player Supplies

- Players must bring all the equipment they need for their round. The MGA will limit the number of tees, pencils, ball markers, etc. at the Starting Tees.

Tournament Information

- Each player will be provided with Tournament Information, which includes Hole Locations, Notice to Players and Scorecards via email and text message the day prior to each event.
- The MGA will provide one physical copy of the Hole Location Sheet and Notice to Players on the first tee so players may take a picture before their round.

Player Scoring

- Players will be provided a physical scorecard along with a GGID, one player in each group will be required to keep the group score for live scoring purposes.

Food and Beverage

- The MGA will follow all applicable host state guidelines as it pertains to Food & Beverage, players should consult the Memo to Players for event specific details.

Bottled Water

- Players are encouraged to bring any water or snacks they may need for their round.
- The MGA will provide Nestle Water for all players at each event.

Clubhouse

- The MGA will defer to host club facility practices on whether the clubhouse is open to guests or not. Players should reference the Memo to Players for additional information.

Flagstick

- Players may remove the flagstick, there are no longer any restrictions on touching the flagstick.
 - o Players are encouraged to disinfect the flagstick after use.

Bunkers

- Bunker rakes will be provided on course, players are expected to rake any disturbed areas that they create in the bunker.
 - o Players are encouraged to disinfect bunker rakes after use.

Caddies

- Caddies and forecaddies will be permitted at MGA administered events.

Spectators

- Limited spectators will be permitted at MGA administered events, additional information on event specific restrictions will be communicated in the Memo to Players.

Course Evacuation/Weather Delays

- During a suspension for a dangerous situation, players must immediately evacuate the course and head directly to their cars. Players will be required to walk to their cars or a designated evacuation area. All updates will be provided via text message and on mgagolf.org

Additional Links

[Code of Conduct Policy](#)

[Spectator Policy](#)

[MGA Mobile Scoring Instructions](#)

Tournament Policies

Players are deemed to have read and agreed to the MGA Rules & Regulations and MGA Refund Policy prior to registering for a tournament. Questions regarding the Rules & Regulations, or the MGA Refund Policy should be directed to the MGA Championships Department at (914) 347-4653, or championships@mgagolf.org.

Rules and Regulations

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all MGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Form for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. The Committee reserves the right to amend this program before or during the Championship if considered advisable. Contestants entering the Championship shall be considered to have subjected themselves to the authority of the Committee, whose decision on all points shall be final. The Committee reserves the right at its discretion to disqualify or default any player at any stage of the Championship. No contestant may bring his own caddie unless specifically authorized on the event "Memorandum to Players."

Publicity and Promotion

The MGA may arrange for (i) promotion of the Championship, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in any and all media throughout the world, whether now known or hereafter developed, and (ii) the design, manufacture and sale of merchandise which commemorates or memorializes the Championship. By this application, the player consents to the use by the MGA, or persons authorized by the MGA, of his name, likeness, voice and references to him and photographs and other images of him and his play connected with his appearance in the Championship, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship and design, manufacture and sale of commemorative merchandise. The MGA may utilize the rights granted it here under in connection with the promotion and/or commemoration of the Championship as well as future Championships, other MGA Championships, and the MGA. The cooperation of players with authorized representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with.

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By agreeing to the Rules and Regulations you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the event, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the Metropolitan Golf Association, its officers, board of directors, members, partners, employees, agents, sponsors, contractors, and all of their successors and assigns, as well as, all facilities hosting MGA activities, their respective officers, board of directors, members, employees and all of their successors and assigns harmless from all claims and damages, including any liability for any illness or injury.

Refund Policy

Entry fee, less \$25.00 service charge, will be refunded regardless of reason if the MGA Championships Department is notified by phone:(914) 347-4653 or email prior to the close of entries. Refunds, less service charge, for serious illness or injury after the closing of entries require written confirmation. No refund for any reason after the tournament date.