

2021 COVID-19 TOURNAMENT POLICIES

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The New York State Golf Association (NYSGA), Buffalo (BDGA), Syracuse (SDGA) District Golf Associations have adopted the following COVID-19 policies for the 2021 season. These policies may be amended as new guidance from governing agencies becomes available. Tournament specific guidelines that are more restrictive will supersede these policies (e.g. restrictions on caddies/spectators).

WAIVERS

To participate in a NYSGA/BDGA/SDGA competition, players must complete the 2021 General Liability Waiver.

SELF-SCREENING

All players, spectators, staff, and volunteers are required to self-screen prior to being on-site at events. If a player answers yes to any of these questions, they are asked to withdraw from the competition and will be provided a full refund.

MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Masks are required to be worn at the following locations/times:
 - While inside or near the clubhouse/pro shop
 - During starting/scoring
 - Anytime when social distancing is not possible.
- Per 4/27 CDC guidance, fully vaccinated players are not required to wear a mask outdoors. If a player misrepresents their vaccination status, they will be subject to disqualification from future competitions.
- Maintain at least 6' social distance whenever possible, including when on the golf course.
- Avoid touching other players and/or their equipment, including shaking hands.
- Sanitize your hands frequently, including after touching common touchpoints (such as flagsticks)

ARRIVAL TIME

- Players may arrive to the tournament site no earlier than one prior hour to their starting time.
- It is the players responsibility to know their time of starting and be on the starting tee ten (10) minutes prior OR after the group in front of them has left the tee. There must be only one group on the tee at any time.

GOLF CARTS

- Players are required to wear a mask when sharing a cart, unless (1) a physical barrier is installed, (2) both players are fully vaccinated, or (3) you're from the same household.
- The 'One-Seat' Cart Policy remains in effect for NYSGA competitions and USGA qualifiers that permit the use of a golf cart.

CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

- Caddies are permitted, they must also complete the 2021 General Liability Waiver and pass self-screening requirements.
- Caddies and players must follow social distancing guidelines unless it is not possible due to the nature of the act.
- Spectators are permitted and limited to two per player. They must abide by all mask and social distancing protocols, and they are asked to complete the self-screening questionnaire prior to the event.

DIGITAL 'PAPERWORK' & SCORING, SUPPLIES

- All tournament related paperwork, including the Notice to Players and Hole Locations, will be emailed directly to players.
- Scoring is now managed digitally by the player entering hole-by-hole scores via the USGA Tournament Management Mobile App. A physical scorecard will be available *only in limited circumstances*.
- Players must proceed *immediately* to the designated scoring area after completing their round.
- Players must bring all the equipment they need for their round. Historically available supplies will not be available at starting.

WEATHER DELAYS

- In the event play is discontinued, players, caddies and spectators must proceed directly to their vehicles. Information pertaining to the resumption of play will be communicated to players via text. There will be no access to practice facilities after a weather delay.

Failure to abide by these policies may result in suspension from participation in future competitions