

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

General

- The NVGA will work with host facilities to ensure that proper sanitizing practices are in place for unavoidable touchpoints such as golf carts, practice golf balls and bathrooms.
- Local Rules will be in place to limit or restrict additional touchpoints such as flagsticks and bunker rakes.
- Each side will be provided one cart. The two players on the side must decide who rides and who walks (both golf bags may be transported). Alternatively, both players may walk and the team forecaddie will operate the cart. The same person should operate the cart throughout the round.
- Social distancing measures will be in place for all individuals on-site at an event and there will be no gatherings of any kind (e.g. on-site registration, shotgun starts, scoreboards of any kind and lunch buffets).
- To limit the total number of individuals on-site at an event, no spectators will be allowed.
- Policies for late entry fees and fees for withdrawing from an event will be modified to provide more flexibility for players.
- If a player is experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of the event start date, he is asked to withdraw from that event: coughing or shortness of breath, or two of the following: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. A full refund will be issued.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Be patient.** Allow more time than usual for things such as warming up on the driving range, use of the practice putting green, scoring and awards announcements.
- Wash your hands whenever possible but because this is not possible frequently on the golf course, bring your own hand sanitizer and use it regularly. **The NVGA will not be providing hand sanitizer for player use.**
- Face masks are recommended but not required.
- Provide your own drinks and snacks.
- Respect all direction provided by NVGA and/or host club staff regarding safety measures in place.

- Adhere to all policies in place by the NVGA and host club. Failure to do so may result in disqualification and rejection of future entries.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social distancing measures will be in place in all practice areas, which may result in limited availability of space.
- Players must be courteous and limit their time on practice areas to allow everyone the opportunity to warm up. Restrictions on practice area use may be enforced and will be made on a course-by-course basis.

GROUP STARTING PROCEDURES

- Official scorecards will be distributed. The marker for each side should be the only person to handle the scorecard.
- Paperwork (if applicable) will not be distributed prior to the start of any round. Instead, it will be emailed to all players.
- The official starter will not have any physical contact with players and will not distribute any items.
- There will not be any water or snacks available to players on the starting tee.

OFFICIAL SCORING PROCEDURES

- Players must remain at least six feet away from each other and the official scorer at all times while in the scoring area.
- Score certification procedure:
 - Scorecards will not be traded between sides for signatures.
 - The marker for a player or side will verbally announce the hole-by-hole scores for that player or side, which will be recorded by the official scorer.
 - The official scorer will repeat the hole-by-hole scores, as well as the 9 and 18-hole totals, which will then be verbally certified by the player or side and marker.

WEATHER DELAYS

- In the event of a weather delay, all players are asked to maintain social distancing measures.
- Unless otherwise indicated, all players should evacuate to their cars and await for further communication via email, text message or a NVGA member or club official in the parking lot.

- If there is a threat of severe weather, additional time (more than normal) will be provided so that players can get to a safe place.
- Sometimes the weather is unpredictable and can change instantly. In some cases, players will have to use their best judgement on protecting themselves from all dangers.

AWARDS / GIFT CERTIFICATES

- There will not be a formal ceremony to announce winners or those that have won prizes.
- If there is a tie for any prize, the USGA's recommended scorecard play-off procedure will be used: last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes, then final hole. If this process does not result in a winner, the winner will be determined by tossing a coin.
- All winners will be announced by email and results will be posted to the NVGA's website.
- Redemption of gift certificates will be handled on a course-by-course basis, but players should be prepared to redeem by phone or at a later date in order to maintain safety precautions.

Please note that these guidelines and procedures are subject to change and will be updated as the COVID-19 environment evolves.