



COVID-19 CART POLICY

Background

Currently, the demand to participate in SCGA events far outweighs the number of golf carts typically available at most facilities to provide each player his/her own cart. Our goal is to safely provide playing opportunities for as many players as possible, while maximizing the use of available carts and ensuring players know what to expect at SCGA events. Per the COVID-19 policies governing the play of golf in the State of California, the following cart policies are in effect at SCGA events until further notice or unless otherwise stated in the event-specific information distributed to players.

Team Events

At facilities that don't have enough single-rider carts for each player in the event, each team may be issued one (1) golf cart. Two (2) golf bags may be placed on each cart. One (1) partner will be the designated driver, and the other partner **must** walk for the entirety of the round. **Partners may ride in the same cart if, and only if, a divider has been installed in the golf cart by the host facility.**

Individual Events Including Member Outings

In general, only two (2) carts will be issued to each pairing group, and two (2) golf bags may be placed on each cart. One (1) person will be the designated driver, and the other player **must** walk for the entirety of the round. **Players may ride in the same cart if, and only if, a divider has been installed in the golf cart by the host facility.**

On the day of an event, golf carts will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. The SCGA will attempt to ensure that every player who wishes to ride is able to do so; however, this can't be guaranteed.

In general, field sizes will be based on:

- Arrangements with host facilities;
- The number of carts at a given facility;
- The number of players who, at the time of registration, expressed a willingness and ability to walk during the event.

At certain events (space permitting), those on the waiting list will receive an email around the close of entries, indicating that they are welcome to play but will not be guaranteed a cart.

In general, the pairings at most events will be developed based on:

- Maximizing the efficiency of a facility's carts, such as pairing those who require a cart with those who are willing to walk while having their clubs transported;
- Entry order.

Miscellaneous

- Members of the same household may ride in the same cart – even without a divider – so long as it is permitted by the host facility.
- Players sharing a cart may touch and/or handle only their equipment (bag and clubs) from beginning to end of play; they may not touch or handle the equipment of the other player sharing the cart.
- In most instances, spectators will not be able to rent a cart, as all available carts will be reserved for players and officials.