

# SCGA COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITIONS

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## GENERAL

- If you're not feeling well, please stay home.
- Wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, and avoid touching your face.
- Refrain from shaking hands or coming into contact with others on-site.
- Face coverings must be worn whenever it is not possible to guarantee six feet of distance from another person. This includes at the starting tee and scoring area.
- Familiarize yourself and follow best practices issued by the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), [World Health Organization](#) (WHO), and state/local governments.
- Blatant disregard for COVID-19 related guidelines will be considered a violation of the SCGA's Code of Conduct.

## COMMUNICATION PRIOR TO AN EVENT

- **Following the close of entries**, players will receive an email directing them to the Event Portal (tournament website) where they will find the player roster and other details associated with the event.
- **One week prior to the event**, pairings and final reminders, including information about COVID-19 related guidelines, will be emailed to players and posted on the Event Portal.
- **By the evening prior to an event**, the Notice to Players and Hole Locations will be emailed to players, which **they may print at home** and bring to the event the next day. Players will **also receive a text message** with their Golf Genius ID (GGID) – a unique code that will enable players to enter scores digitally into the USGA Tournament Management mobile app (free to download).
- **By the evening prior to an event**, the Notice to Players

## WHAT TO BRING (PLAYERS)

- In addition to the documents listed above, players must bring their own tees, pencils, ball-marking pens, hand sanitizer, face covering, and drinking water, as these items will not be typically provided.
  - Hand sanitizer may be provided at specific locations (e.g. at the scoring area).
  - Refer to the Event Portal for updates on F&B availability at a given facility.

## ARRIVAL & PRACTICE

- Players are encouraged to arrive no more than one hour prior to their starting time.
- There will not be a registration process unless otherwise noted on the Event Portal.
- Range balls will be provided on the driving range or in a way that minimizes touchpoints.
- Players should limit their range usage to no more than 15 minutes and maintain social distancing.

## CADDIES & SPECTATORS

- Caddies and spectators are permitted and must wear face coverings whenever it is not possible to guarantee six feet of distance from another person.

## GOLF CARTS

- **Walking Only Events:**
  - Numerous events will continue to be restricted to walking only with exceptions made for medical or ADA reasons.
- **When Carts are Allowed:**
  - There will be a maximum of two carts per group and two bags per cart.
  - Players wishing to ride will be expected to share a cart with another player, and face coverings must be worn while riding in the cart with another person.



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## HOST FACILITIES; FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Clubhouse, locker room, and golf shop availability will be subject to the procedures set forth at each host facility.
- As part of its preparations with each facility, the SCGA will inquire as to what steps are being taken to sanitize items like golf carts, and other common touchpoints.
- The availability of food and beverage will be published on the Event Portal.
- Bottled drinking water will only be provided if the SCGA can do so in a safe and responsible manner.
- Players should bring their own drinking water.
- The SCGA will not host banquet-style gatherings.
- The SCGA will inquire as to what amenities, such as restrooms, bunker rakes, coolers, etc., will be present on the course. Special accommodations may be requested on a temporary basis for SCGA events.

## GROUPINGS & STARTING A ROUND

- SCGA events will utilize single or split-tee starts and a minimum starting interval of ten minutes whenever possible to reduce traffic and promote social distancing. Shotgun starts will not be used until further notice.
- While maintaining social distancing, SCGA starters will address pertinent topics with players, including instruction as to who each player will serve as a marker for.
- Groups are required to maintain social distancing from other groups, whether on the starting tee or any other place on the course.

## AFTER THE ROUND & SCORING

- Immediately after the round, players will go to a scoring area while maintaining social distancing to review their scores with SCGA staff.
- After completing the scoring process, players will be encouraged to leave the premises.
- All ties will be broken using the USGA suggested method of matching scorecards unless otherwise noted.
- In most cases, there will not be a public scoreboard with results. All results will be visible on the Event Portal.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[SCGA COVID-19 Updates](#)

[USGA COVID-19 Resource Center](#)



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