

GENERAL

- The UGA will have the following procedures and practices in place at events, but players should understand that it is their responsibility to follow these guidelines and take the necessary steps to protect themselves and those around them. If players have questions regarding the facilities sanitation practices during an event, they should contact the facility directly.
- There will be no player registration at events. Players will be expected to arrive to their starting tee 5-10 minutes before their starting time. Players will be asked not to arrive on site until 45 minutes before their starting time.
- If a player wishes to remove a flagstick, he or she may do so. Only one player or caddie should handle the flagstick in the group and should immediately sanitize their hands afterwards. The removal of flagsticks and the use of bunker rakes will depend on the host site and may vary throughout the year. If the removal of flagsticks or the use of bunker rakes are prohibited at an event, local rules will cover those situations.
- The use of golf carts will be permitted. The UGA will continue to require the maximum of two carts per group. This may require that players share a golf cart. The UGA will try to accommodate reasonable and timely requests for single riders where possible, but if the request cannot be granted, then the player may choose to walk, or they may withdraw from the event and will receive a full entry fee refund. Players should be prepared to share a golf cart or plan to walk when signing up for a UGA event.
- 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).
- UGA staff and volunteers will adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times and we ask that others do the same while around these individuals.
- Caddies are permitted and will be subject to the same social distancing guidelines as the players.
- To limit the total number of individuals on-site at an event:
 - It is requested that spectators be limited as much as possible. All spectators are always asked to maintain strict social distancing guidelines, including while in or around the clubhouse and on the course. Spectators are not permitted in or around practice areas and are not permitted to ride in carts with players.
 - Spectator carts will not be given at any championship or qualifier in 2020, unless otherwise noted.
- Policies for late entry fees and fees for withdrawing from an event will be modified to provide more flexibility for players. A full refund will be given for any reason up until the day of the event (defined as 12:00am).
- If a player is experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of the event start date, he or she 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** with 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 UGA will have limited hand sanitizing stations at the event.**
- Face masks are recommended but not required.
- Provide your own drinks and snacks.
- Respect all direction provided by UGA staff/volunteers and/or host club staff regarding safety measures in place.
- Adhere to all policies in place by the UGA 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.
- Players should not arrive earlier than 45 minutes before their starting time.

Group Starting Procedures

- Official scorecards will not be distributed. Players and their markers are asked to record scores by a method of their choosing that will be used in the scoring area.
 - Use of the USGA TM app is recommended to record scores.
 - A scorecard will be emailed out to the players prior to the start of the event. If a player does not wish to use the app for online scoring, they should print out the scorecard and bring it with them.
- Paperwork (if applicable) will not be distributed prior to the start of any round. Instead, it will be emailed to all players and available on the event portal (scoring website).
- There will be small individual plastic bags with UGA tees on the starting table that players may grab if they wish.
- 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.

Group 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:
 - During the round, one player per group will be in charge of entering the scores of the other players in their group on their mobile device. After the conclusion of each hole, the players should confirm their score with their markers before entering it into the mobile scoring app. Markers will be required to certify the player's score in scoring.
 - Following the round, the player that is keeping score for the group will verbally announce the hole-by-hole scores for each player, 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 the marker.
 - Any discrepancy must be communicated and resolved before scorecards have been deemed returned and players have left the scoring area. After that time, Rule 3.3b(3) applies.

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 wait for further communication via email, text message or a UGA staff member/volunteer in the parking lot. If the player does not have a car on site, they may wait inside but they are encouraged to wear a mask.
- 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 be a formal ceremony to announce winners, qualifiers or those that have won prizes. This will be held outdoors and social distancing measures will apply.
- All winners will be announced by email and results/payouts will be posted to the UGA's website.
- Redemption of gift certificates will be handled on a course-by-course basis, but there will be no gift certificate redemption on the final day of the championship. The player will need to coordinate with the host course about how they can redeem their certificate at a later date and time.

*The policies listed above will supersede other UGA Championship policies