



Chicago District Golf Association

COVID-19 General Policies



All members and participants should understand the CDGA is committed to strict compliance with all applicable government and health organization orders to keep the safety and well-being of all constituents. These procedures were created on the guidance of international, national, and local health organizations and administrations, as well as the Golf Operational Restrictions set by the State of Illinois and Back2Golf. All procedures and policies set forth in conducting our events shall be subject to change should restrictions be lifted or modified.

GUIDELINES:

- It is expected that all participants adhere to the guidelines in place at each event. The CDGA will monitor compliance. **Failure to comply with guidelines may result in Disqualification and removal from the event.**
- All participants, CDGA staff, and volunteers must maintain social distancing.
 - This means, regardless of a player's position on the golf course, players **maintain 6 feet of distance** between themselves and other players. This includes when they are preparing for a shot, walking down the fairway/rough, standing on the teeing area, standing on the putting green, and all other areas of the golf course.
- All players must refrain from touching other participants in any way, unless they are from the same household, including shaking hands prior to and following the round.
- Players must not touch, handle, or share each other's equipment.
- **Bunkers** – All rakes will be removed from the golf course. Reference COVID-19 Local Rules for proper relief procedures.
 - Players should smooth the sand using their feet or club when exiting the bunker.
- **Flagstick** – Players must not touch or remove the flagstick. Attending the flagstick as outlined in the Rules of Golf is suspended until further notice. Reference COVID-19 Local Rules for penalty statement.
- **Holing Out** – To allow players to remove the ball without touching the hole, a hole insert might be used. Please reference COVID-19 Local Rules for definition of when a ball is holed.
- **Caddies** – Individual caddies are permitted but are **DISCOURAGED**. Reference COVID-19 Spectator and Caddie policy for information.
- **Spectators** – Spectators are allowed with restrictions. Reference COVID-19 Spectator and Caddie policy for information.
- It is encouraged that players wear a mask when not able to maintain social distancing.
- Players should wash hands frequently and bring hand sanitizer to use during the round.
- CDGA staff will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant for scoring and starting areas.

ILLNESS OR COVID-19 RELATED:

- **Individual Events** – If a player is feeling ill or has been exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the event start date, we ask that you withdraw.
- **Partner/Team Events** – If a player is feeling ill or has been exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the event start date, the partners should work together to find replacement players or play by themselves.
 - Partner changes at Social Events or Qualifiers will be accepted up until your tee time. The CDGA will not find replacements.
 - Partner changes at the Championship will be allowed after Qualifying only if their partner has fallen ill or been exposed to COVID-19, within 14 days of the Championship.
- If a participant tests positive with COVID-19 shortly after an event, they should inform the CDGA.
- If a CDGA staff member tests positive for COVID-19, it could result in a suspension of the event schedule until we can guarantee that fellow staff members are in good health and can be onsite at future events.

WITHDRAWALS/REFUNDS:

- We understand that circumstances and safety concerns may change at the last moment. For 2020 events, all players who withdraw will receive a full refund as long as notification is sent via email prior to the player's tee time. **Withdraws must be sent via email to withdraw@cdga.org.**