



# Chicago District Golf Association

## COVID-19 Tournament Procedures



**These guidelines and procedures are subject to change and will be updated when needed.**

### PRIOR TO THE EVENT:

- Players will receive an email with their tee time and any relevant information 10-14 days prior to the event.
- All tournament paperwork, including hole location sheets, notice to players, CDGA Hard Card, and local rule sheets, will be provided electronically 1-3 days prior to the tournament. A player is encouraged to view and read these materials on their own before their round.
  - Links and PDFs to these materials may also be found on the tournament schedule page of the website.
- A phone number to be used for emergencies or rules questions on the course will be provided within an email. Please note that the number could change depending on the event.
- Players must bring any equipment needed including pencils, yardage book, markers, tees, ball markers, or sunscreen, as they will not be provided by the CDGA.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE:

- **Clubhouse F&B** – If food and beverage services are available at the host facility, players may order “to go” items.
  - To keep gatherings down to a minimum, organized lunch will not be provided by the CDGA.
- The Halfway House should be open, but if not available, the CDGA will encourage the host facility to stage a beverage cart as to provide easy access to any snacks, bottled water, or the like.
- Golfers should bring an adequate supply of water for the round.
- Water, Gatorade, and the like will be provided at the halfway house/beverage cart, courtesy of the CDGA, to limit the exchange of money and overall contact.

### ARRIVAL:

- Players are NOT allowed to arrive at the golf course more than 45 minutes prior to their starting time. If a player arrives to the facility prior to this time, he or she must stay at one’s vehicle. The player may use the time to change shoes, stretch, get their push cart and/or golf bag ready and otherwise prepare for the round.
- **Practice Facilities** – The practice facilities will be provided courtesy of the CDGA. The general policy below allows players a window of access to practice facilities on a limited time. The intent of the policy is to provide a flow through the practice tee, short game area (if available), and putting green. Every player should have fair and equitable opportunity to warm up prior to play. Be respectful to fellow players when preparing to play.
  - Players are first allowed on practice areas within **40 minutes** of their tee time. The suggested flow should begin with the practice tee for **20 minutes**, then to the short game area and/or putting green for the remainder of time before reporting to the tee. This will help retain social distancing guidelines and prioritize access to each area.
  - As the size and access to practice areas differs, this general policy may be adjusted for specific events. This will be communicated 1-3 days prior to the event.
  - Only players are allowed on the practice facility. Please reference the COVID-19 Spectator and Caddie Policy.

### GOLF CARTS:

- Dual-rider motorized golf carts are permitted. If two people who do not live in the same household share a cart, they are encouraged to wear a face mask while in the cart.
  - Only two carts per group will be allowed.
  - Pull carts are permitted at all events.
    - This applies to Social Events, Partner Events, and Individual Events.

## STARTING:

- Players should check in at their starting tee immediately after the group in front of them has left the teeing area.
- The CDGA will not provide normal items such as tees, pencils, and permanent markers.
- No paperwork such as Notice to Players, CDGA Hard Card, or Hole Locations will be available.
- No handshaking or contact between players, staff, or CDGA volunteers.
- **Scorecards** – Players will each be provided their own scorecard. Each player will need to keep score for all players/teams in the group on the same card. It does not matter where the score is written for each player.
  - For a partner event, this means one scorecard per team.
  - Players will NOT exchange scorecards
- A CDGA Staff/Official/Volunteer will stand at the starting tee to provide a scorecard and start players.
- Social distancing must be followed at all times.
- CDGA Officials/Volunteers are required to wear a mask when working a starting assignment.

## SCORING:

- After completing the round, ONE group will be allowed to enter the “scoring area” at a time. Players must maintain social distance and will be instructed where to stand by CDGA staff.
  - All players must report to the scoring area. Failure to report to the scoring area will result in **Disqualification**.
  - A player’s scorecard is considered returned and final after all players in the group have verbally agreed to the hole-by-hole scores while at the scoring table with the CDGA staff member. No signature is required. Please view the COVID-19 Local Rules on scorecard verification.
  - Once the players exit the scoring area, no additional changes can be made.
- Once scoring is finished, each player must leave the scoring area and is encouraged to return to their car to exit the property. (See playoffs below)
- Practice at the host facility after a player’s round is complete is **prohibited**.
- All Results will be online.

## PLAYOFFS:

- Playoffs will be determined in two ways:
  1. CDGA Championship - In the event a player is close to the lead or in contention for a qualifying spot, the player will immediately be asked to return to his car or social distance in the practice areas. Only players that are in contention are allowed to stay on property.
    - Players will be contacted by cell phone (call or text) to inform them if a playoff is necessary.
  2. CDGA Social Events - Ties will be broken by matching scorecards, as recommended by the USGA Rules of Golf.

## AWARDS:

- No awards ceremonies will be conducted at the Championship.
- Any trophies will be shipped after the conclusion of the Championships.
- Any gift certificate amounts will be sent to the host facility and emailed to the players. Players winning certificates will arrange with the facility to redeem gift certificates.

## WEATHER DELAY:

- In the event of a horn blast signaling a discontinuance of play for a dangerous situation, all players must proceed directly to their vehicles.
  - Communication regarding resumption of play will be sent by email and or text message.