



# Chicago District Golf Association

## COVID-19 Tournament Procedures

### (2022 Edition – as of 4/1/2022)



**These guidelines and procedures are subject to change and will be updated when needed. The CDGA will continue with many of the implemented procedures even though COVID restrictions have been modified.**

#### **PRIOR TO THE EVENT:**

- The CDGA will continue with a paperless environment, even with the modified COVID restrictions.
- Players will receive an email with their tee time and any relevant information 10-14 days prior to the event.
- All tournament documents, including hole location sheets, notice to players, and Hard Card will be posted electronically 1-3 days prior to the tournament. A player is encouraged to view and read these materials on their own before their round.
- A phone number to be used for emergencies or rules questions on the course will be provided in the posted material. Please note that the number could change depending on the event.
- The CDGA will offer tees and pencils. Players are responsible to bring any additional equipment as deemed necessary. This could include, yardage book, markers, ball markers, sunscreen, etc.

#### **FOOD & BEVERAGE:**

- **Clubhouse F&B** – If food and beverage services are available at the host facility, players may order food.
  - If lunch is provided courtesy of the CDGA, it will be noted with the tee time information.
- 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., Players are limited to 1 drink at a time.

#### **ARRIVAL:**

- **Practice Facilities** – The practice facilities will be provided courtesy of the CDGA. Every player should have fair and equitable opportunity to warm up prior to play. Be respectful to fellow players when preparing to play and maintain social distancing if a fellow competitor makes the request

#### **GOLF CARTS:**

- Dual-rider motorized golf carts are permitted. Only two carts per group will be allowed.
- Push carts are permitted at all events.
  - This applies to Social Events, Partner Events, and Individual Events.

#### **STARTING:**

- Players should arrive at their starting tee immediately after the group in front of them has left the teeing area for a tee time event. If the event is a shotgun, follow the directions given at check in.
- No paperwork such as Notice to Players, CDGA Hard Card, or Hole Locations will be available. All documents will be available in the CDGA Tournament App, or on CDGA.org through the link located next to the event.
- **Scorecards** – Scorecards will **NOT** be provided. Players will be given access to the CDGA Tournament App. There will be one official scorer per group. All other players/team will be able to use the marker feature within the app. If players want to utilize a paper scorecard for marking purposes only, they may do so, but will need to take a club scorecard.

- For tee-time starts, a CDGA Staff/Official/Volunteer will stand at the starting tee to start players and make sure someone has volunteered as the official scorer. If the event is a shotgun, follow the directions given at check in/during the pre-event announcements.
- Anyone in attendance at a CDGA event is encouraged to maintain social distancing. This means regardless of your position on the course or grounds maintain 3-6 feet of distance between you and anyone you engage with. Please be respectful of everyone's personal space.
- **COVID-19 MASK MANDATE:**
  - The CDGA has removed all mask mandates for CDGA conducted Championships and Social Events.
  - It is expected that all participants be respectful of any facility COVID requirements and the facility staff/CDGA staff who are required to implement these policies. The CDGA will try to inform players in advance of any COVID restrictions that might be in place for the day. **Any behavior that is deemed to be disrespectful to facility staff or CDGA staff will be considered a breach of the CDGA's Code of Conduct and may result in Disqualification.**

#### SCORING:

- After completing the round, ONE group will be allowed to enter the "scoring area" at a time.
  - All players (or one player per team in a team event) must report to the scoring area. Failure to report to the scoring area will result in **Disqualification**.
  - A player's official electronic 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.
  - Once the players exit the scoring area, no additional changes can be made.
- Once scoring is finished, each player must leave the scoring area. (See playoffs below)
- 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 should remain at the course and close to the scoring area for announcements.
  2. CDGA Social Events - Ties will be decided by matching scorecards, as recommended by the USGA Rules of Golf.

#### AWARDS:

- Awards ceremonies will be conducted at the Championships and Social Events using social distancing guidelines. It is encouraged that all players who win a trophy or gift certificate stay to accept their prize.

#### WEATHER DELAY:

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