



Chicago District Golf Association

COVID-19 General Policies

(2021 Edition – as of 4/9/21)



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. Even if players have been fully vaccinated, the following must be adhered to. 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 applicable social distancing** 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 personal contact with other participants in any way, unless they are from the same household, including shaking hands prior to and following the round.
- Players should not touch, handle, or share each other's equipment.
- **Bunkers** – Bunker rakes will be on the course. If the course has a set policy regarding bunker rakes, players will be notified prior to the start of the round.
- **Flagstick** – The Flagstick may be attended or removed when putting. If the course has a set policy on flagsticks remaining in the hole, players will be notified prior to the start of the round.
- **Holing Out** – All players must hole out. If the course has a policy that requires a hole insert to be used, players will be notified prior to the start of the round.
- **Caddies** – Individual caddies are permitted. Reference COVID-19 Spectator and Caddie policy for information.
- **Spectators** – Spectators are allowed. Reference COVID-19 Spectator and Caddie policy for information.
- It is encouraged that players wear a mask when not able to maintain social distancing. For example, at a tee time event, this would be on the tee or scorecard verification. At a Shotgun event, this would be registration, shotgun announcements, and scorecard verification.
- Players should wash hands frequently and utilize hand sanitizer during the round. Hand sanitizer will be offered at the beginning of the round.

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 not be allowed after Qualifying.
- 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. The CDGA's withdraw policy for all events is in effect, please contact the CDGA directly with COVID related withdraw concerns. **Withdraws must be sent via email to withdraw@cdga.org for Championships and socialwithdraw@cdga.org for Social Events.**