



# Chicago District Golf Association

## COVID-19 Tournament Procedures

### (2021 Edition – as of 4/9/21)



**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, 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 curtesy 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:**

- It is suggested that players arrive to the golf course no more than 60 minutes prior to their starting time.
- **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.
  - Only players and caddies are allowed on the practice facility. 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.
  - 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 paperwork will be available in the CDGA Tournament App, a player may take a picture of the permanent copy located at the starting table, or have their printed copies from home.

- No handshaking or contact between players, staff, or CDGA volunteers.
- **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.
- 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 (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 and is no longer a participant in a CDGA event. (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 will be asked to social distance in all areas at the course.
  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.