



Philadelphia Section

2020 COVID-19 Section Tournament Playbook

When registering for events, players must be aware and understand that the ability to have events relies on following these policies and taking every possible preventative measure to operate in a responsible manner. While operating events, the PPGA will adhere to social distancing guidelines and follow local government mandates and orders. The following guidelines shall remain in effect until further notice.

Tee Times

- All tee times will be adjusted accordingly to successfully administer an event
- All originally scheduled shotguns may have been switched to tee times to avoid large gatherings of people
- Walking is encouraged to help with limited golf cart availability
- Day of tournament applications will not be accepted. If a player/alternate shows up without a tee time, you will be asked to leave the property immediately.
 - Alternates or players on a Waitlist should wait in their car for further updates

Arriving at an Event

- Please arrive no more than 45 minutes prior to your tee time to use the practice facilities
- Riders:
 - Carts will be staged near the clubhouse.
 - Load your clubs onto a cart and proceed to the practice facilities. There will not be an Outside Operations staff member to assist you with your bag
- Walkers:
 - Please proceed to the practice facilities, putting green or 1st tee.
- Please do not congregate at the practice facilities, putting green or 1st tee
- Proceed to the 1st tee after the prior group has cleared the teeing area.

Practice Facilities

- Practice facilities will only be available to players with an upcoming tee time
 - Players in contention for a playoff are permitted to use practice facilities
 - Players may use practice facilities if permitted by staff after weather delays
- Practice stations on the driving range will be spaced more than 6 feet apart
- Please practice social distancing while at the practice facilities. Do not come within 6 feet of another player

Pro Shop

- Golf Pro Shops may not be available for players

Locker Rooms

- Locker rooms will not be available for players to use
- At the host course discretion, bathroom facilities may be available for use at the main clubhouse and/or on the golf course

Section Cart Policy

- 1 rider per cart. Same driver for the entire round, only exception is for a dangerous situation.
 - Spectators are not permitted unless allowed by the host facility.
- Walking permitted, no caddies / no forecaddies. Push carts permitted at the discretion of the host facility. Please check the event tournament page for further details on push carts at each facility.
- Maximum 2 carts per group regardless of the pairing size (ex. threesome: 2 riders, 1 walker; foursome: 2 riders, 2 walkers). A group can consist of all walkers.
- 1 golf bag permitted per cart.
- Fees: A rider will be charged a cart & range fee set by the host facility (ex. \$35). A walker will be charged a trail & range fee of \$20. Players that choose to walk, PPGA staff will manually adjust your entry fee.
- All tournament applicants will be required to answer if they'll be walking/carrying their bag, walking with a push cart or riding on Golf Genius. No changes permitted after the registration deadline. For players already registered, staff will reach out to those players on their preference of walking or riding.
- **Carts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.** PPGA staff will manage the amount of available golf carts at each event. Once the maximum number of carts is reached, tournament registration pages on Golf Genius will be updated informing players that only walking registrations will be accepted.
- For a facility that has enough carts for every player to have a cart, we would defer to everyone riding.

Caddies

- Caddies / Forecaddies are not permitted until further notice.

Starting Hole

- Starter's boxes on starting holes will not be available. Please bring your own supplies. This includes:
 - Tees
 - Sharpie Markers
 - Ball Markers
 - Divot repair tools
 - Bug Spray
 - Sun tan lotion
- Participants should refrain from shaking hands

- There will be sanitation stations near the 1st and 10th tees. Players are encouraged to sanitize their hands prior to arrival at each tee.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own Personal Protective Equipment (Sanitizers, Masks, etc.)
- Rules & Hole Locations sheets will be available
- Official scorecards along w/ pencils will be available
 - Starter will wear a mask and gloves to distribute these items

Scorecards

- **MANDATORY:** 1 player from each group is required to keep the groups' scores via the Golf Genius app. Please download the Golf Genius ([App Store](#) / [Google Play](#)) App to ensure there are no delays. Enter the GGID from your Official Scorecard to begin keeping score via the App.
 - Having multiple players keep score for the group will override another player's online scorecard
- All players will receive an official scorecard at their starting hole to attest everyone's score.
- Once all 18 scores have been entered and submitted for all players via the App, each player will receive an email to verify their scores on their phone.
- All players will have a reasonable amount of time to verify their scores from the timestamp of the email and report any changes to a PPGA staff member.
- If no changes are received within a reasonable amount of time, that scorecard is considered to be signed, the scores are confirmed and no further changes can be made.
- A PPGA staff member will be present behind the 18th green or in a central location in the clubhouse for any scoring discrepancies, rulings, etc.

On Course

- Please do not touch another player's equipment (Clubs, towels, golf balls, stray golf tees, stray golf balls, etc.).
- Flagsticks must remain in the hole. Do not touch or remove the flagstick
 - No penalty for accidental removal of flagstick if replaced before line of putt is read or next stroke is played; For purposely removing flagstick:
 - 1st Offense: Warning
 - 2nd Offense: 2 stroke penalty
 - Flagstick can be recentered with a player's club
 - PVC pipes will be set in the bottom of the hole to eliminate touching the flagstick so the ball can be holed and retrieved with ease.
- Rakes will not be permitted. Please smooth the sand as best as you can with your feet.
 - All bunkers are to be played as lift, clean and place within 1 club length of your ball, the ball must remain in the bunker and not closer to the hole.
 - Players can rake the area of sand with their feet before placing their ball.
- Players are encouraged to reduce the usage of common areas on golf course to reduce touch points

Food and Beverage

- Food and beverage services will be available at the discretion of the host facility
- Please bring your own snacks and beverages
- Water may not be available at the host facility. Please plan accordingly.

Weather Delays

- When severe weather is imminent, PPGA staff will provide additional evacuation time.
- Players that are walking are encouraged to walk in if possible
 - Players walking are permitted to seek a ride from a player or PPGA staff member, only if necessary
- Players should seek shelter in their cars.
 - Please do not access the clubhouse for shelter as proper social distancing can not be maintained
- Communication on resuming play will be sent via text message
- Please do not congregate when resuming play and return to your hole
- When reasonable, players are not permitted to ride in a golf cart with another player when resuming play.

Departing an Event

- If riding, upon completion of your round, proceed to the cart staging area
 - Please keep in mind your time as your cart may have to be turned around for the next group.
 - Discard any trash from your cart, grab your golf bag/personal belongings and proceed to the parking lot
- If walking, please proceed to the parking lot
- You must leave the facility within a timely manner (Exception: Unless your eligible for a playoff, you may wait in your car)

Playoffs

- Playoffs will be held for Player of the Year points events only
- Players are encouraged to wait in their car until the playoff is ready to begin
- Players may access the range 30 minutes prior to the last group finishing their round

Additional Notes

- All persons on property must have a mask with them at all times
- All staff will not come within 6 feet of any player. This includes remaining distant with rulings, administering pace of play, etc.
- All staff will wear masks and gloves in the presence of others.
- If you're not feeling well, please stay home.

Disclaimer: Participating in the Philadelphia PGA Section events may expose you to the COVID-19 virus. Your decision to use the golf course, golf carts and access the host club's facilities is made knowingly and voluntarily by you with the full knowledge of the risk. If you do not agree, please do not participate in a Philadelphia PGA Section event. Participating in a PPGA event, using a golf cart and accessing the facilities at the host club shall constitute as a waiver and will release the Philadelphia PGA Section and the Host Facility from any and all liability to exposure of the COVID-19 virus.