

Back2Golf South Florida PGA Operations Playbook

The below playbook will be used to responsibly administer SFPGA Section and Chapter events until it is safe to lift the restrictions in accordance with guidelines by county or state authorities. The SFPGA will not plan to conduct any events until the county that an event will be taking place enters **Phase 2** of the reopening plan. It is possible that individual counties will have more or less strict guidelines that could amend this playbook for a particular event.

This playbook will NOT supersede any Local, State, or Federal Executive Orders or Requirements as it relates to golf.

GENERAL

Social Distancing: Strict social distancing practices will be required at all tournaments. These practices will be consistent with current CDC recommendations.

Communications: All of the South Florida PGA Operations Playbook will be communicated to the Membership, Partners, and Event Hosts through direct communications, registration pages, tournament pages, pre-event communications, and onsite signage. Should emergency information need to be communicated it will be done directly through email or text messages.

Field Size: Field sizes may be limited due to golf cart availability.

Starting Times: There will be no on-site registration or shotgun starts until mass gatherings are allowed by authorities. All events must be single or double tee starts until then.

PLAYERS

Site Arrival : Players must handle their own golf bags upon arrival until further notice. Players must not arrive more than 1 hour before their official starting time.

PPE: Players will be encouraged to bring their own sanitizers and a cloth mask in their golf bag. PPE will NOT be a requirement for players. It is the players' responsibility to bring their own PPE. (Ex. facemasks, gloves) at their own discretion.

Caddies: Caddies will NOT be permitted.

Stay at Home: In order to mitigate COVID-19 players should take their temperature before heading to the course if possible. If they have a temperature of 100.4 or higher they should stay home. Also, if players have a cough, trouble breathing or it is known they have been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days they should stay home.

Reporting Illness: If a player becomes ill after being at a Section/Chapter tournament, they should immediately contact the Section Executive Director at 561-729-0567 and report their illness.

Hydration: Players will bring their own water for proper hydration. Restrictions are lifted for personal coolers containing water, gatorade, etc. On-course water stations may be used if you bring your own cup and it's allowed by authorities.

Cart Riding: Individual carts will be used if possible. Each group may be limited to two carts based on

availability. Two bags can be placed on a cart with a designated driver and walker for the entire round. Players may not alternate who walks and who rides in the cart. In the case of an emergency situation (e.g. lightning) multiple riders may ride together to get to safety. If multiple riders are discovered in any other situations, the code of conduct penalties apply.

Practice Areas: Limited to 50 people or fewer and must follow social distancing.

OPERATIONS

Section Course Equipment: Staff must sanitize course equipment with spray when it is picked up from the course before it is stored. **Radios:** staff must wipe down with sanitized wipes radios before and after use. **Computers:** staff must wipe down with sanitized wipes computer keyboard before and after use.

Player Gifts : All player gifts must be sanitized and laid out on a table. Players will grab their own gifts.

Trophies: Award ceremonies will be held with social distancing in effect.

Cart Staging: Golf Carts should be staged to allow for social distancing.

STARTING AREAS & SCORING

Starting Area: A tent and table with a cover will be set up in the starting area. Starters will be required to wear a face mask. The Starter will issue a player's scorecard directly to the marker. Starters box will NOT be used and those items won't be available. Rope and stake will not be used.

Player Information: All Player Information will be published to BlueGolf and available via the BlueGolf APP. Hole location sheets and the notice to players will be emailed out in PDF format the day before the event. Players can take a picture of the local rules, hard card, or hole locations at the first tee, but paper copies won't be available to take.

Scoring:

- After completion of play, players MUST report to the designated scoring area. The scoring area will be set up for appropriate social distancing with taped marks on the floor for the players to stand to review their scores.
- Scoring will not have chairs (except for the scoring official) or any community supplies such as pencils or the like.
- Players will first verify their scores with their marker verbally. The marker will then read the hole by hole scores off to the scoring official. The scoring official will then verbally read the hole by hole, nine hole totals, and 18 hole total to the player to check that the entered information is correct. The scorecard is considered returned when the player confirms that scores are correct and leaves the scoring area.
- Once all players in the group have reported and confirmed their scores, they are to drop their scorecards in a box provided by the section and leave the scoring area. Note: to protect players from scoring issues, the golf facility property will be considered the scoring area. .

Scoreboard

The Section's digital scoreboards will still be used for tournaments. Players and staff must follow strict social distancing around the scoreboard.

COURSE SETUP & EQUIPMENT

Flagsticks

- Flagsticks shall not be removed from the hole in accordance with the code of conduct.
- The ball must be holed in accordance with the rules of golf.
- If still required, the hole will have something inside of it to limit how far players have to reach into the hole to retrieve their ball.
- If a player accidentally removes the flagstick before or after the ball is at rest there is no penalty. If the player purposefully removes the flagstick, it would result in a breach of the code of conduct and penalty(s) would apply.

Bunker rakes

- Rakes shall be removed until local / state authorities allow them back on the course. The following are procedures when a ball lies in a bunker. Players are encouraged to smooth the area of the bunker that they played from with their foot prior to exiting the bunker.

The player may lift, clean, and place the ball within 1 club length in accordance with the current SFPGA lift clean and place policy. The ball must stay in the bunker and the player may NOT create a lie prior to placing the ball in it's new spot.

Section Tee Markers: Section tee markers will still be used. Course tee markers will be set up daily by Section staff. Tee markers must be sanitized before they are put away.

Partner Areas: Partner areas will be allowed during events with strict social distancing. Partner areas may include a tent and banner flags, golf cart, tables, and table cover. Partners must handle their own equipment in getting it setup and taken down. Proxy equipment will NOT be provided. If a partner wants to host a hole contest they need to provide someone at the green to measure shots. Partners may NOT provide drinks to players.

Signage: Event signage will be placed on the practice facilities and course by staff. Staff will ensure equipment is sanitized before putting away.

Clubhouse Food & Beverage

Organized food service will be ordered from the menu or boxed. Indoor seating capacity will follow the current executive order. Outdoor seating must be set up for appropriate social distancing.

South Florida PGA Code of Conduct (Until further notice)

Flagsticks: Flagsticks shall not be touched or removed from the hole in accordance with the code of conduct. If a player accidentally touches or removes the flagstick before or after the ball is at rest there is no penalty. If the player purposely touches or removes the flagstick, the penalties are listed below.

Golf Cars: Until golf car restrictions are lifted, only one player will be allowed to ride in each golf car. Players may not switch who is walking and who is riding throughout the round.

Penalty Structure

- First breach of the Code of Conduct – one-stroke penalty
- Second breach – general penalty
- Third breach – disqualification