



TENNESSEE PGA SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

Below are the following social distancing guidelines for all Tennessee PGA events. These guidelines are based on recommendations from the local, state, federal governments, and the Back2Golf phasing. Due to the fluid situation, these guidelines may change and a final set of guidelines may be created for each event. Any player who blatantly disregards these guidelines may be subject to disqualification and removal from the facility.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed at all times:

- Do not play if you feel sick or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks.
- For players feeling ill after the deadline, but before the first round, a refund will be given.
- Staff will emphasize that players must not congregate anywhere on property.
- Stay at least six (6) feet away from anyone at all times.
- Players should not touch or handle any tournament supplies or equipment that do not belong to them.
- The TNPGA will not be providing any food or beverages.

BEFORE A PLAYER'S TEE TIME

Registration

- All registrations and payments must be completed with a credit card through BlueGolf before arriving at the facility.

On-Site Check-In

- Players are not allowed on property until 45 minutes before their tee time. If a player arrives before that time, they will be directed to stay in their vehicle until they are allowed on property.
- Carts will be staged at least six (6) feet apart in the staging area. Single or double occupancy will depend on the current phasing stage and capacity of the golf course.
 - If double occupancy is allowed only one player will be allowed to drive the golf cart.

Practicing

- Players may only practice at the facility within 45 minutes of their tee time. Players will be given 25 minutes on the range, 15 minutes on the practice putting green, and they will arrive at the starting tee 5 minutes before their given starting time.
- The driving range will have stalls set up at least 10 feet apart. Balls will be placed on the ground to limit the contact needed to hit them.



- The practice putting green may have a limited number of players allowed on it at any one time depending on the size of the putting green.
- Spectators are asked to not be on the practice areas (range, putting and chipping greens) to help with social distancing.

Starting

- Tee time intervals will be a minimum of 12 minutes.
- Players may come to the 1st tee within five minutes of their tee time or once the previous group is off the tee if tee times are delayed. Under no circumstance can more than one group be allowed at the starting tee.
- Normal starter's box items (tees, pencils, and markers) will not be available at the 1st tee.
- Local rules and hole locations will be emailed to the players and will be available on the TNPGA App.
- A staff member will distribute scorecards appropriately so no player has their own scorecard. Each player will be a marker (scorekeeper) for another player in the group and will also be expected to keep their own score in the designated area on the scorecard they're keeping. It is highly recommended that scores are verified on each tee for the previous hole.

DURING THE ROUND

Social Distancing on the Course

- Take special precautions on the teeing area and the putting green as players will be in the closest proximity to the other players.
- If there is a backup or delay on any hole, please stay at least 50 feet away from any other group on the course.
- Caddies are permitted but cannot ride in the golf cart. Only players may operate/ride in the golf cart.
- All spectators are asked to stay on the cart path or along tree lines when paths are not present. When helping players search for lost balls, spectators must maintain their distance when helping search for the ball.
- Players are asked not to shake hands after the round has been completed.

Golf Course Touchpoint Areas

- Bunker rakes will be placed in each player's golf cart. The rake can only be used by the driver or passenger of that cart.
- Water coolers, ball washers, and other convenience items should be removed from the course but if they are not, please do not use them.
- Bathrooms on the course will be open and cleaned throughout the day. If the club can't guarantee these are being cleaned throughout the day then the bathrooms will be locked.
- On-course scoring stations will be unmanned. Volunteers will be eliminated from this duty.



Severe Weather

- During a stoppage of play, players will drive their golf cart directly to their car in the parking lot (if possible) and get in the car for safety.
- If they do not have a car on the property, chairs will be spread out throughout the clubhouse to maintain social distancing.
- Texts and emails will be sent out when it is safe to return to the golf course.
- Due to social distancing guidelines, practice will not be allowed before the resumption of play.

AFTER THE ROUND

Scoring

- There will be a scoring area outside near the 18th green when possible. There will be a table for the scorer and a separate table that will have a box for scorecards. Tape/paint will be on the ground to direct players where to stand during scoring.
- Players will not exchange scorecards. Instead, verbally confirm scores with their marker and then read off the scores to the scorer. If the scores are correct, the player will say the scores are correct and that will certify the scorecard.
- Once scores are confirmed, players will drop the scorecards in the box provided. These scorecards will only be referred to if there is an error with BlueGolf.
- A camera will be set up to record the verification of scores.
- In Pro-Am events, only the professional should report to scoring.
- Using BlueGolf live scoring throughout the round will be encouraged to speed up the scoring process.

After Scoring

- Once scoring is complete, players will be asked to leave the facility as quickly as possible, the practice facility will be closed after play.
- All results and prize money allocations will be communicated to the field at the conclusion of the event through email.