



## **PLAYER GUIDANCE & ONSITE RESTRICTIONS**

### **Policy on running Tournaments during the Coronavirus outbreak for the competitors of the PGA EuroPro Tour.**

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This document provides information for players when competing in a PGA EuroPro Tour event during the coronavirus pandemic. The guidelines are designed to avoid cross contamination through reducing social gathering/maximising social distancing and demonstrating optimal infection control measures.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SANTISERS AND PPE AND USE WHEN NECESSARY.**

#### **Arrival, Clubhouse and Facilities**

- Closure of all but essential use of the clubhouse, i.e. we will allow access to toilet facilities and there will be a one-way route to and from bar and food areas.
- Face coverings must be worn indoors.
- You should not share accommodation or cars/private transport with another player(s) unless you are from the same permanent household bubble. As a consequence, no close tee time requests shall be permitted. In the event the Tour finds any players sharing, and one of those players fails a temperature test or displays symptoms of coronavirus, then that player shall be withdrawn from Qualifying School along with the other players they have been sharing with.
- We will allow changing of shoes in car park.
- We ask players to leave a complete parking space between vehicles in car park
- Players to be advised to arrive at the venue no earlier than 50 minutes before your tee time and only approach the tee when clear and safe to do according to social distancing regulations. Your time should be used as follows.
  - 10 mins in the car park.
  - 20 mins warming up at the range
  - 10 mins on the putting greenMake your way to the first tee 10 minutes before maintaining social distancing measures.
- Locker rooms may be closed to avoid players being in close proximity to each other. If they are open the club will be running a one way route to the toilets.
- We will ensure practice facilities allow for social distancing and safe sanitising practices.
- Availability of hand sanitisers throughout facilities that remain open (starting tee, toilets, recording area, by any doorways etc)
- Staff will regularly disinfect surfaces or areas where staff are working out of and any contact points (several times a day).

#### **Tee Times**

- We will be increasing the starting gap of all groups.
- The PGA will be managing access to practice putting greens, for example giving priority of use to the players in the next scheduled group.



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#### Starting and Branding

- Pin sheets, local rules and notices to be emailed out to players.
- Electronic scoring to apply, so as to avoid any handling or exchanging of scorecards. Please ensure you have downloaded the PGA EuroPro Tour App and have fully charged your mobile phone.
- Minimal branding to reduce the risk of contamination.

#### Social

- Common courtesies, handshakes and other embraces associated with the etiquette of the game are banned and we ask you only fist pump.
- No prize presentations
- No Registration Desk - Instead there is a function on BlueGolf where the pros can click a button to register on their phone. There will still be PGA representatives on site to answer enquiries.
- NO spectators, caddies or family members are permitted to attend the tournament. It is a player only event. Competitors can be dropped off and picked up, but only the players competing can leave the car. Exception: Anyone under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by a chaperone at all times whilst on site

#### On the Course

- Drinking fountains, ball cleaners, benches, bins etc to be taken out of play by course greenkeeping staff
- No divot bags provided
- There must be clear social distancing throughout the course including on the teeing grounds and putting greens.
- Flagsticks are always left in the hole and not removed or tended.
- Rakes will be removed. Players are advised to rake bunkers with their club or feet as best as possible. We will be operating a lift, clean & place rule in the Bunkers within 6 inches.
- Only 1 buggy to 1 person
- Do not share pens, tee pegs, pick up stray golf ball etc to avoid unnecessary contact

#### Bad Weather

- In the event of a suspension of play resulting in a course evacuation, all players MUST return to their cars and wait for further instruction.

#### After play



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- Social distancing remains important after a round so when the round is over players must leave the course and the club/facility immediately to limit social gatherings around the clubhouse and car park area

#### **Communication**

- To aid social distancing, notices will be emailed out as opposed to printed on paper.

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