



## **MUSIC CITY GOLF ASSOCIATION SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES**

Below are the following social distancing guidelines for all Music City Golf Association 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 MCGA will be providing bottled water stations. Hand sanitizer will be available at each station and participants are asked clean their hands before reaching into the cooler.

### **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.
- Golf Carts and range balls are included with the entry fee.



### ***Clubhouse Access***

● Clubhouse access may be restricted to a limited number of people inside at one time. Face coverings may be required (Details of clubhouse restrictions and access will be announced in the days leading up to the event.)

### ***On-Site Check-In***

● Players are not allowed on the property until 1 hour 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 at the time of the event.

○ 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 50 minutes of their tee time. Players will be given 30 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 greens will be limited to only scheduled players. (20 minutes prior to their tee time.)

● Spectators will not be allowed on the practice areas (range, putting and chipping greens) to help with social distancing.



### ***Starting***

- Tee time intervals will be a minimum of 10 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 available to the players at the first tee and will be available on the website [www.mcgaonline.com](http://www.mcgaonline.com).
- 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.
- 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.



### ***Golf Course Touchpoint Areas***

- Bunker rakes/rules will be posted on the day of the event based the current phasing of the host facility.
- Water coolers, ball washers, and other convenience items will be removed from the course.
- 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, they may pull their golf cart into the cart barn and remain seated in the cart 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 at the front of the pro shop where players will return their scorecard to a scoring box.
- Players will not exchange scorecards. Instead, verbally confirm scores with their marker and then if the scores are correct, the player will say the scores are correct. The marker must then sign the scorecard and place a check mark on the player's signature line to verify the player has confirmed their scores.
- Once scores are confirmed, players will drop the scorecards in the box provided.

#### **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 the website and email. Guest prizes will be mailed to their address on file, MCGA member prizes will be processed to their gift certificate accounts.