



PGA

North Florida Section

To: Section Members, Associates and Guests
From: North Florida PGA Leadership
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RE: NFPGA Back2Golf – Operation Protocol

Practice Facilities

Practice facilities may be open. Range stations will be set at least 8 feet apart, and the course must have enhanced practice ball sanitation protocol in place. No more than 50 people may be on the Range Tee and must follow strict social distancing. Short game ranges may be open, but all flagsticks, rakes, and the like must be removed, and players must use their balls. Putting Greens holes should be filled and have flagsticks removed. Alternatively, cup-less flagsticks could be used. The number of players using the short game range and putting green will vary by size. Players must use their balls and only one per hole. All practice facilities are closed to players after their round. The exception is if a player qualifies for a play-off. Strict social distancing must be followed.

Cart Riding

Only one person may ride in a golf cart at a time unless the cart has a plexiglass shield or transparent plastic barrier, players wear a mask when in the cart, and the driver remains the driver, and passenger remains the passenger. In Pro-Pro and Pro-Am events, players in approved pairings can share a cart, but no switching of driver and passenger role. Under no circumstances will spectators be allowed to ride in a player cart.

Spectator Carts

Spectator carts will be allowed at tournaments based on availability. Only individuals living in the same household will be allowed to ride together in a spectator cart. Spectators will be allowed to provide transportation to players only during a weather evacuation.

Starting Area

When arriving at the starting area, players shall stand in front of a red stake. Scorecards and player information will be handed out in a prepacked plastic bag. The Starter will be wearing a face mask and sanitize their hands when all players have arrived. The scorecard handed out will be for the player you are assigned to be the Marker. Note: no traditional starter box will be available, so be prepared and bring your bug spray, sunscreen, sharpies, band-aids, pain relief medicine. Water will be available in the starting area and distributed by the Starter upon request.

Money Games

Money games like skins, player pools, and 50/50 will continue. Cash will not be accepted. To participate, a player will pay using the Venmo APP. Alternatively, some Chapters will require payment done at the time of entry.

Scoring

After completion of the round, the Player and Marker, while observing social distancing, should review the scorecard before entering the scoring queue. When the Scoring Area is open, Players should stand on the BLUE X. The Marker will read scores in 3-hole segments, e.g., 4 4 3 to the Scoring Official. The scorecard is considered returned when the player whose scores were read confirms it is correct. Once all players in the group have reported their scores, scorecards must be placed in the designated scorecard box, and they must leave the scoring area. For the protection of players, the scorecard is considered returned when they have left the clubhouse.

Weather Evacuation

When a play is suspended for a dangerous situation, the players will have the option of going to their car or going to a designated area inside the clubhouse or other indoor structure. A Weather Evacuation plan will be created for all events and document the designated areas in the clubhouse, e.g., players on holes 1-6 (Zone A), holes 7-12 (Zone B), holes 13-18 (Zone C). Digital messaging will be used to communicate during any suspension, as well as sharing the plan for resumption. It is the player's responsibility to ensure the BlueGolf APP has their mobile phone number.