



WSGA COVID-19 CERTIFICATION, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER

As a condition to participate as a player, caddie, spectator, volunteer, host facility staff, or official in Wisconsin State Golf Association (WSGA) competitions through December 31, 2021, I hereby acknowledge, certify, and agree to the provisions contained in this COVID-19 Certification, Assumption of Risk, and General Release (the "Release").

COVID-19 CERTIFICATION

By participating as a player, caddie, spectator, volunteer, host facility staff, or official in any WSGA competition in 2021 (each a "Covered Event"), I shall be deemed to have certified and acknowledged the following as of the date of any Covered Event in which I participate:

- 1) Within the last fourteen (14) days, I have not been diagnosed with COVID-19, nor have I knowingly been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- 2) Within the last fourteen (14) days, I have not run a fever of over 100.4° Fahrenheit (and I have taken my temperature on the date of the Covered Event) nor have I experienced a loss of taste or smell, chills, shaking, sore throat, or any other symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- 3) From the time I arrive at the host venue for the Covered Event, I will adhere to social distancing and will make every effort to maintain at least six (6) feet of space between myself and all other persons.
- 4) I will follow all signage, instructions, policies and procedures communicated to me by the WSGA and/or the host club/facility and understand that I may be subject to penalty, including disqualification, should I knowingly violate any of these instructions, policies or procedures.
- 5) If, prior to or during any Covered Event, I am not able to certify as to any of the foregoing statements, I will immediately withdraw from, and not participate in, the applicable Covered Event.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I understand that there are various risks inherent in playing the game of golf and participating in any Covered Event, including the risk of serious injury and death. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, I understand that the risk of participating in a Covered Event includes potential exposure to various viruses or infections that could result in sickness or death. I understand that the WSGA has implemented policies and procedures in an effort to help provide a safe environment for me and others to participate in each Covered Event, but neither the WSGA nor the host facility can guarantee a risk-free environment. Each participant must make their own determination regarding the risks and benefits of participating in any Covered Event and, by participating, I understand that I am assuming all risks associated with participating in the Covered Event.

GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER

I, on my own behalf, and on behalf of my past and present agents, representatives, executors, administrators, insurers, predecessors, successors, and assigns, hereby irrevocably, unconditionally, voluntarily, knowingly, fully, finally, and completely forever waive, release, discharge, and disclaim any and all claims, rights, charges, causes of action, injuries, demands, liens, judgments, encumbrances, losses, and liabilities, of whatever kind of nature, whether in law, equity or otherwise, including without limitation, all expenses, costs, and attorney's fees and for damages of every kind and nature or basis, whether direct or indirect, fixed or contingent, foreseeable or unforeseeable, matured or unmatured, absolute or contingent, determined or determinable, liquidated or unliquidated, known or unknown, accrued or unaccrued, anticipated or unanticipated (collectively, "Claims"), against the WSGA, and its past and present affiliates and their respective equity holders, directors, officers, managers, members, partners, sponsors, contractors, employees, agents, representatives, executors, administrators, insurers, predecessors, successors, and assigns, as well as all facilities hosting WSGA events and their past and present affiliates, as well as their respective equity holders, directors, officers, managers, members, partners, sponsors, contractors, employees, agents, representatives, executors, administrators, insurers, predecessors, successors, and assigns resulting from or in any way arising out of my presence or participation in any Covered Event.

For purposes of this release and waiver, my release and waiver include, but is not limited to, any and all Claims related to COVID-19.

All policies and guidelines below are subject to change based on Local, State, CDC and host facility regulations and may vary depending on event (see Notice to Players). Check tournament information page and player communication (text/email) to confirm final guidelines and procedures.

RULES OF GOLF ADJUSTMENTS

These modifications have been made in order to have a competition during Covid-19.

Definition of Holed – a ball is considered holed when it is at rest on an object that is placed inside the cup to prevent the ball from falling to the bottom of the cup (i.e. pool noodle) and is at rest below the surface of the putting green, unless it is resting against the flagstick, then Rule 13.2c applies.

All possible measures will be taken by the WSGA to ensure that whatever object is placed inside the hole (i.e. pool noodle) will indeed allow the ball to come to rest completely below the surface of the putting green. The object will be at least two inches below the surface of the putting green. However, if the object in place deflects the ball out of the hole, the ball is NOT considered to be holed.

Flagsticks – For the safety and well being of all involved, the flagstick should NOT be touched, removed, or attended and should remain in the hole at all times.

A player is prohibited from making a stroke with the flagstick removed from the hole.

Any person who inadvertently touches, removes, and subsequently replaces the flagstick is not liable for penalty. Please take proper precautions to sanitize hands if this happens.

Code of Conduct penalty for making a stroke with the flagstick removed:

- **First Offense** – One (1) stroke penalty
- **Second Offense** – Two (2) stroke penalty
- **Third Offense** – Disqualification

Bunkers – Unless otherwise noted in the Notice to Players, all bunker rakes will be removed from the course. After playing from a bunker, all players should attempt to do their best to smooth the area from which they played their ball and the path from which they entered and exited. All players should attempt to take the shortest and least disruptive path to their ball within the bunker.

Due to the uncertainty of the condition of bunkers and to provide the easiest method for taking relief from disturbed/unmaintained areas, **“preferred lies” will be played in the bunkers.**

When a player’s ball lies in a bunker (see Rule 12.1), the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball and playing it from the relief area:

- **Reference Point:** Position of the original ball
- **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** within one club-length from the reference point
- **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - Ball must be placed in the same bunker

When proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty (Rule 14.7a)

ENTRY FEES & WITHDRAWALS – ILL OR COVID-19 RELATED

1) Individual Events

- If a player is feeling ill, been exposed to someone that has Covid-19 or is diagnosed with Covid-19, the player should withdraw from the event. The participant will be provided a full refund.

2) Team Events

- If a player is feeling ill, been exposed to someone that has Covid-19 or is diagnosed with Covid-19, the player should withdraw from the event and work with their team member to find a replacement player.

WHAT IF A WSGA STAFF MEMBER, VOLUNTEER OR EVENT PARTICIPANT IS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19

- 1) If a participant tests positive with Covid-19 or is experiencing those symptoms shortly after participating in an event, they should inform the WSGA so we can relay that information to their fellow playing competitors.
- 2) If a WSGA staff member or volunteer tests positive for Covid-19, it could result in a suspension of the event schedule until we can guarantee that fellow staff members are in good health and can be onsite for future events.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES THAT WE WILL USE CONDUCTING THE EVENT

- 1) Practice social distancing **AT ALL TIMES** including in the practice areas.
- 2) Please respect all individuals and their personal space.
- 3) Do not touch or remove the flagstick
- 4) No player registration. Announcements will be given to players on the starting tee prior to the start of their round.
- 5) Hole Locations, Local Rules & event information will be made available to all players prior to the start of the event
 - Tournament website
 - Email
- 6) If permitted, any food and beverage service will be provided in accordance with applicable government requirements at the time of the event.
- 7) If food is not to be provided, please depart from the course after golf is completed.
- 8) WSGA staff may wear protective items while administering events.
- 9) Minimal WSGA signage and tournament products. Only tents and tables for tee boxes and scoring areas.
- 10) Individual plastic bags of tees and pencils will be available at your starting hole or placed in the golf cart.
- 11) We encourage all players to bring their own supplies (i.e. hand sanitizer, wipes, masks, etc.)
- 12) Follow event results on WSGA website or mobile app.

SCORING

All scoring will be done electronically using the WSGA BlueGolf App. There will be NO "traditional" scorecards used for submitting scores to the WSGA Committee.

- One player from a group will be assigned to score the group on their mobile device.
- The player scoring will receive a link and code at the 1st tee that will allow them to enter the scoring portal.
- It is recommended players still keep track of scoring on their own scorecard
 - Generic scorecards will be made available to players who wish to keep their score for verification purposes of digital scoring in group.
- At the conclusion of the round, all players within the group need to certify scores with the person who is keeping the scores digitally for the group.
- Once scores have been certified with the digital scorer, he/she will then proceed to the scoring area to confirm that all scores have been verified by group members.
- If a Rules situation needs to be addressed before the submission of scores, those players involved will be allowed to enter the scoring area to discuss the situation.
- Once the "official" scorer and/or other members of the group have left the scoring area, the scorecard is considered returned.
- Handicap Events (Individual & Team)
 - Unfortunately, BlueGolf's electronic scoring does not identify handicap shots on its mobile app and will only publicize the course handicap at 100%.
 - The official scorer for the group will need to record the GROSS score for each member of the group in the app and confirm with members of the group at the end of the round, prior to submitting scores to WSGA official.
 - Scorecards and official course handicaps to be used for the event will be posted and emailed to all players prior to the start of the competition.
 - Results on the website and mobile app will reflect the proper handicap calculation for each event.

MOTORIZED CARTS

1) Individual Events

- Players will be paired with another player to ride with in a motorized cart.
- A player may request to share a motorized cart with another player in the competition by listing them at the time of online registration. The WSGA will make every effort possible to pair players together that have given preference.
- The WSGA will allow a player, who has a verifiable medically necessary reason to NOT be in a cart with another person, to reserve his or her own single rider cart during competition. However, a player who needs a single rider cart for competition will be charged an additional \$25.00 to do so, on top of the entry fee. If you are willing to pay the additional fee of \$25.00, the player should choose YES during the registration process and the fee will be collected prior to the start of the competition.

NOTE: It is possible that the host course or the WSGA will NOT be able to accommodate single rider cart requests due to unavailability of the number of carts needed to be brought in. If a player requests the use of a single rider cart and that request cannot be fulfilled, the player will be offered a 100% refund of his or her entry if the player chooses not to play.

2) Team Events

- One motorized cart per team and must be used by one member of the team at all times
- Members of a team are allowed to ride in the motorized cart together if allowed by the course.
- One member of a team is allowed to use a push-cart or carry their own bag if they choose, but the other member of the team must use the motorized cart. Both members of the team are NOT permitted to walk or use a push-cart.

WEATHER DELAY

- Players will be asked to wait out weather delays in their car. It is recommended that players go directly to their car.
- The staff will use extra precaution in order to clear the golf course in a timely fashion.
- Communication on a restart time will be conveyed via text and email.
- No practice will be allowed before the restart.

SPECTATORS

Spectators will be allowed at events and MUST observe all event procedures and guidelines in place at all times. Failure to do so will result in removal from the event facility. Spectator carts will only be available for individuals who are ADA compliant (i.e. handicap placard or note from doctor), subject to availability and host course restrictions and guidelines. Spectators will be responsible for all expenses associated with use of cart.