



## **NCGA Sr. Series and Weekend Net Tour Golf Procedures During COVID-19 Pandemic**

The following policies will be in effect for all NCGA Sr. Series and Weekend Net Tour events and are subject to change based on current county and state guidelines. Realizing each golf course has different capabilities of service, NCGA staff will work with the golf courses to create safe playing opportunities for participants. Players failing to adhere to the following policies will be removed from the event and asked to leave the premises.

### **General Sanitation Guidelines for Participation in Sr. Series and Weekend Net Tour Events**

- Absolutely no gathering/loitering anywhere on the property before or after a round.
- Players must always maintain at least a six-foot distance minimum from other people (except for household members) while on property.
- Mask/facial coverings must be worn as required by government guidelines when a six-foot distance cannot be met.
- Players are required to leave the property as soon as possible after completing their round and verifying scores with the scoring official.

### **Caddies and Spectators**

- Caddies and Spectators are not permitted, no exceptions.

### **Groupings**

- Shotgun starts are suspended until further notice.
- Groups are required to stay away from the starting area until the previous groups have cleared the tee.

### **Carts**

Much of this area rests on the restrictions golf courses face. Assuming single-rider carts is the required policy:

- Single-rider carts will be utilized and the size of groups will be determined by the number of carts available at the golf course.
- Cart preferences will be taken by NCGA staff approximately 3-4 weeks prior to the event to create pairings that accommodate as many players as possible.
- Tournament fields may be reduced to allow for single-rider carts.

### **Social Distancing Policies for Practice/Warm-Up**

- If county regulations AND golf course procedures allow, practice range and putting green availability will be included in each event's Player Information. Please refer to that document for specific information.
- Access to practice facilities, if allowed, will be limited to maintain social distancing protocols.



### **Material and Scorecard Distribution; Skins; Closest-to-the-hole contests**

- Copies of Notice to Players, Hard Card, and Model Local E-5 will not be distributed on the first tee. Materials will be available for players online to print out on their own.
- Scorecards will not be distributed. The starter will give each group a GGID and at least one player from the group will need to have the USGA TM app downloaded to keep scores electronically.
- Skins payment (when available) will be done electronically through a designated mobile app. Players must make payment prior to the first starting time of the day's event.
- Closest-to-the-hole contests are suspended indefinitely.

### **Scoring Procedure**

- At the completion of the round, players are to verify their scores using the Golf Genius mobile app, or if available, verify their score with tournament staff as directed.
- To avoid loitering after the round, no printed or digital scoreboards will be on property, and players are to leave the property once the round is complete and scores have been verified. Players can view the leaderboard online on the link provided by NCGA staff.

### **Flagstick and Hole**

- Players are not to touch the flagstick and are to leave it in the hole. A blatant disregard for breaking this code of conduct may result in disqualification.
- Foam inserts or a similar device will be used in the holes, which allows the ball to drop below the level of the lip of the hole, while allowing players not needing to touch the flagstick or edge of the hole when retrieving the ball.

### **Bunker Rakes**

- Bunker Rakes will be removed from the course. Players are encouraged to smooth the surface of the bunker with their foot or club before exiting the bunker.
- Preferred Lies in the Bunker: A player may replace the ball in the bunker within one club-length of the original spot and not nearer the hole than that spot.

*Please refer back to this link on the NCGA Weekend Net Tour website for updates to our policies.*