

Championship Information for Players

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Summary of Changes

The Texas Golf Association will provide scorecards and “Hole Locations / Notice to Players” to players at the starting tee. Digital Copies will still be provided to players prior to each round. No other documents will be physically provided to players.

Vaccinations

The TGA will **not** require participants (players, caddies, staff, volunteers, spectators) to be vaccinated in order to participate. Additionally, **all COVID guidelines will apply to all participants regardless of vaccination status.**

Self-Screening

All players and caddies (if applicable) **MUST** complete a COVID-19 assessment questionnaire prior to the first round of the event (practice round or stipulated round). Participants must acknowledge that they will notify event staff of any changes to their assessment responses during the event. Any player or caddie (if applicable) that has experienced symptoms or has been exposed to COVID-19 will not be allowed to participate and will receive a full refund.

Please stay at home if you have had contact with a suspected or known COVID-19 patient, if you do not feel well, and/or display any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms.

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

Please note that public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgement that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

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Guidelines for Play

Carts

Players

- Cart availability will be determined for each event based on Championship guidelines, cart availability and club policies.
- All carts will be sanitized before use.
- The TGA will follow the cart policy in place at the host club. If shared carts are allowed by the club, event participants will be required to share carts.
- Where shared carts are utilized, players are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while riding with someone who is not in their household.
- For events utilizing shared carts, only players may ride. Caddies may not ride.

Spectators

Spectator carts are not available for TGA events.

ADA Medical Carts

- Requests for golf carts must be supported by complete documentation and submitted at least 48 hours in advance.
- Requests must include the completed Cart Request Form and the required accompanying medical documentation specified in that form for all first-time requests.
- Any medical cart request that is granted will be good for that individual for the remainder of that calendar season, however, a Medical Cart must be requested in advance for each event.
- A request will not be deemed complete until all required information and documentation has been provided.

Player Supplies

Bottled Water

Proper hydration for players, staff, and volunteers is a key element of TGA safety procedures for championships.

- The TGA will provide bottled water at multiple locations on the golf course.
- Each water station will include hand sanitizer and gloves. Anyone collecting bottled water is encouraged to use gloves to open the cooler and remove water. Players are encouraged to sanitize hands multiple times during the round including when collecting water.

Pre-event Information

Prior to the start of a competition, each player will be provided with the following information digitally.

The TGA will not provide paper copies of the materials.

- Complete player information packet
- Player guidelines for safe distancing
- Policy regarding cart availability or walking requirement
- Evacuation procedures
- Caddy policy
- Spectator policy and safe distancing guidelines

- TGA Hard Card
- Blank scorecard

Competition Materials

TGA Hard Card

The Hard Card is available on the TGA website and Tournament Homepages. Players may print their own copy of the Hard Card if needed. **The TGA will not distribute paper copies of the Hard Card.**

Pairings

First round pairings will be distributed digitally with the pre-event information. **The TGA will not provide paper copies of pairings.** For multi-day events, pairings will be posted on the TGA website and Tournament Homepages.

Scorecards

- Scorecards will be provided to players at the starting tee. Each scorecard will be given to players by an official wearing a mask and gloves. Scorecards will not be exchanged and players will still be required to mark for another player. Players will be required to verbally certify their scores following the completion of their round in the scoring tent.
- The TGA will utilize digital scoring for all events. Players are encouraged to download the USGA Tournament Management app to utilize scoring on a mobile device as well as using the scorecard provided.
- Players will still receive a digital copy of a blank scorecard with the pre-event information.

Hole Location Sheets

- Daily hole locations will be provided to players at the starting tee.
- Hole locations sheets will still be distributed digitally at the end of the day prior to the next day's round. Players may print their own hole location sheet if preferred.
- Copies of the daily hole location sheet will also be available on the Tournament Homepage and may be accessed during the round.
- A single copy of the daily hole location sheet will be displayed at the starting tee. Players may take a photo of the sheet and access the photo during the round.

Notice to Players

- Notice to Players will be provided to players at the starting tee.
- The Notice to Players will still be distributed digitally at the end of the day prior to the next day's round. Players may print their own Notice to Players if preferred.
- Copies of the Notice to Players will also be available on the Tournament Homepage and may be accessed during the round.
- A single copy of the Notice to Players will be displayed at the starting tee. Players may take a photo of the Notice and access the photo during the round.

Pace of Play Guidelines

Pace of Play Guidelines will be distributed digitally with the pre-event information and will be available on the TGA website and Tournament Homepage. Players may print their own copy of the Pace of Play guidelines if needed. **The TGA will not provide a paper copy of the Pace of Play guidelines.**

Tees, Pencils, etc.

The TGA will not provide bulk tees, pencils, ball markers or other similar supplies. Players must provide their own.

Caddies

- Caddie policies will be established for each event based on event requirements and policies at the host club.
- If caddies are permitted for an event for which shared carts are being used, caddies are not permitted to ride.

Clubhouse

Each host facility will determine policies for access and safe practices in the clubhouse areas. All players are required to fully comply with all club policies at all times.

Food & Beverage

Buffet food service will not be provided. Information about the availability and serving plans for event food and beverage will be provided for each event based on procedures in place at each club.

Registration

There will not be on-site event registration. Player gifts (if applicable) will be distributed in the scoring area following the first round.

Evacuation

Face Coverings

- All players, staff and volunteers are required to follow all policies of the host club including face coverings if required indoors.
- Face coverings are strongly encouraged any time safe distancing cannot be practiced.

Starting

- The TGA will only distribute scorecard and “hole locations / Notice to Players” but will not allowed the exchange of scorecards.
- The TGA will not provide bulk items for player use (tees, pencils, ball markers, etc.)
- Players should arrive at the starting tee with the USGA Tournament Management app already downloaded on their mobile device.
- A single copy of the daily hole location sheet and Notice to Players will still be available at the starting area. Players may take a photo of these documents and access them during the round if preferred.

Player Scoring

- Scorecards will be provided to players at the starting tee, but players will not be allowed to exchange cards.
- The TGA would still like players to utilize digital scoring for all events. Players are encouraged to download the USGA Tournament Management app to utilize scoring on a mobile device.

- Players will receive a digital copy of a blank scorecard with the pre-event information. Players can print their own copy of a scorecard if preferred.

Mobile app scoring

- Players should download the USGA Tournament Management app prior to arrival at the starting tee. For each round, the starter will communicate the GGID and marker assignments for each player at the starting tee.
- Players will receive a digital copy of a blank scorecard with the pre-event information and may print their own scorecard if preferred.

Score verification

- Players must verify scores with a scoring official immediately following the round.
- The scoring area will provide for safe distancing for players and officials. Scorecards will not be exchanged or manually signed. Scores will be considered official once they have been verified and submitted by the scoring official.

Award Ceremony

- Awards ceremonies will be conducted within safe distancing guidelines.
- All persons are strongly encouraged to wear a mask if the ceremony location does not provide adequate space for safe distancing practices. All players and spectators are encouraged to provide their own masks and have them available when needed.

Spectators

- Spectators will be allowed at events as long as the host club permits.
- Spectators **MUST** remain on the cart paths or along the perimeter of the hole and **MUST** maintain safe distancing from all persons.
- Spectator carts are not allowed.
- Spectators are required to comply with all TGA and club policies regarding sanitation practices, safe distancing and mask requirements. Spectators must provide their own masks and must have them available for use when needed.
- Spectators are subject to removal for repeated violations of spectator policy and safe distancing guidelines.