



## Tarheel Golf Foundation

### **Covid-19 Rules** **Notice To Competitors**

**PLAY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE USGA RULES OF GOLF... except for the following COVID 19 Rules: Please read, print, and understand all the important information below.**

- All players must maintain a minimum of **six feet** distance from all other people, including other players, spectators, club staff, association staff, etc. **at all times**. This includes all areas of the host facility, i.e. the parking lot, putting green, practice area, on the golf course, in the scoring area, restrooms, clubhouse (if open), and golf shop (if open). Junior's are required to walk in all TGF junior events.

**No check-in or registration during the COVID-19 Rules. No congregating for any reason while at the golf facility.**

- **Caddies are prohibited** in all TGF tournaments for all divisions during the COVID Rules.
- Spectators are allowed, but please limit the amount of spectators at this time. Spectators are asked to stay in their vehicle until their players' tee time and refrain from congregating before and after the round. Spectators are not allowed in practice areas.
- **Spectator carts will be permitted based on the hosting golf club policy. There can only be one person in each spectator cart unless spectators are from the same household.**
- **Players should not arrive at the golf course more than one hour before their starting time.**
- **Practice areas will be for PLAYERS ONLY. Spectators are not allowed in practice areas.**
- **Practice areas will not be open after tournament rounds.**
- Players should refrain from the traditional hug or handshake before or after rounds. A friendly nod, a tip of the cap, or a simple wave is recommended as a form of greeting or sportsmanship.
- Players should bring their own tees, pencils, traditional golf supplies. The TGF will not provide these items on the starting tee at this time.
- **Players are responsible for their own water/hydration.**
- All Rules Sheets will be available online and can be viewed on a smartphone. Limited copies will be available in the starting area.
- **After the round, players will verify scores that were entered in the Shotstat App in the scoring area with TGF staff. Scores are deemed returned once players and markers verbally verify scores. Optional paper scorecards will NOT be returned.**
- **There will be no physical scoreboard. All scores will be posted online.**
- **Players must leave the host club facility after the round. Do not gather and congregate at the clubhouse, parking lot, or any other common areas. If players are waiting for prizes/merchandise on the final day, they can wait in their vehicle or at a safe social distance outside.**
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- **There will not be a traditional awards ceremony at the completion of the tournament. Results will be posted online only. ALL trophies will be mailed. There will be no playoff for first place, all participants that tie for first will receive a Champion trophy and points that were assigned for first place for that event.**
- **In the event play is suspended, players should evacuate the course and wait in their vehicle in the parking lot. In the event a player does not have a vehicle to wait in, please see the TGF staff or staff from host club. Updates about resumption of play will be sent via text to the tournament field.**

- **Before arriving at a Tarheel Golf tournament, please take these precautions:**
  - If you are sick or at risk (CDC's list of high risk individuals) please stay home.
  - **Any spectators that fall into the at-risk category should stay home.**
  - Please bring your own water and/or snacks. Water and/or snacks will NOT be provided by the TGF. Food and beverage will only be available to purchase at the host facility. TGF will offer bottle water from 1 & 10 tee boxes.
  - **Players should wash their hands frequently, where available. Hand sanitizer should be used frequently in the absence of a restroom. Players are responsible for providing their own hand sanitizer.**
  - Players should avoid touching their face, including their mouth, nose, lips or eyes.

## RULES OF GOLF MODIFICATIONS:

- **WHEN THE SCORECARD IS RETURNED:** A player's scorecard is deemed returned (no changes allowed to scorecard) once the player verbally acknowledges the scores posted in the SHOTSTAT software are correct and leaves the designated scoring area.
- **BUNKERS:** If a ball comes to rest in a bunker, the player may lift the ball, smooth the area they intend to place the ball, and place the ball in that area. This area must be in the bunker and within one club-length of the original lie of the ball. The ball may be cleaned when lifted
- **FLAGSTICK:** Under the Rules of Golf, players are permitted to leave the flagstick in the hole while putting. At this time, touching or removing the flagstick and replacing it before a stroke is deemed a TFG Code of Conduct violation at this time and is subject to penalty. If a player removes the flagstick and makes a stroke with the flagstick removed, the player will be subject to the general penalty for each offense.
- **HOLING OUT:** A ball is considered 'holed' if it is resting on an object in place to prevent the ball from falling to the bottom of the cup even if the ball is not completely resting below the surface of the ground. However, all measures will be taken by setup staff to ensure that whatever object is in the hole will indeed allow the ball to come to rest completely below the surface of the ground.

**SCORECARDS ON FIRST TEE: Players will be given another player's scorecard at their first tee box. No scorecard exchanges will be necessary.**

- **PLAY READY GOLF AT ALL TIMES! Pace of play is critical.**
- **FINISHING YOUR ROUND! We request that at the completion of the round, player groups go far enough from their 18<sup>th</sup> green to not disturb those playing that hole and complete the scoring process. Please stay at least 6 feet apart during that process. Upon completion, each player will take the scorecard to the scoring table while maintaining social distancing recommendations.**