COVID-19 Best Practices
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Pre-Tournament Communication
- A Notice to Competitors, Hole Locations and the Georgia PGA Hard Card will be posted online to the BlueGolf Tournament Info page. These documents will also be emailed to the field.
- If available players may purchase F&B at the golf course with a limited number of people allowed in the grill/restaurant at a time, that number shall be determined by the Host Facility.
- All players & spectators must adhere to the social distancing guidelines.

Arrival
- All players and spectators are NOT allowed to access the golf course more than sixty (60) minutes prior to their starting time. If you arrive at the facility prior to this time, you must stay in your vehicle.
- Each player will be allowed to practice at the facility NO earlier than sixty (60) minutes before their tee time.
- If a player has an alternative, safe site in which to warm up, we encourage them to do so. No concessions will be made, however, for arrival after your tee time.
- Players will NOT be allowed to practice at the facility after they have completed their round.

Carts/Caddies
- Only one (1) player will be allowed to ride in the golf cart throughout the duration of their round.
- Club staff will sanitize all golf cars that are used prior to and following each round played with extra attention on steering wheels, seats, GPS screens, handles of the bunker rake & all support bars.
- Players must load the cart with their bag and personal items themselves.
- There will be one bunker rake per-golf-cart or they will be provided on the golf course.
- Caddies are NOT currently allowed in our events.

Arriving to the tee
- Players will arrive to their starting tee 5 minutes prior to their starting time.
- Players will sanitize their hands upon arrival to the tee.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, hugs or physically touching other players of officials.
- Only one golfer is allowed on each tee at a time. Others in the group must distance themselves from each other while waiting for their turn to play from the tee and follow social distancing rules within each group.
- The starting official will review all local rules, modified policies and procedures related to the competition. Hole Locations, Notice to Competitors, Hard Card will be posted online to the BlueGolf Tournament Info page. These documents will also be emailed to the field. These documents will NOT be available in paper form at the starting tee to take but one copy of each will be available to take a picture of with your phone.
- Electronic scoring utilizing the BlueGolf mobile app will be used. Only one player in each group needs to input the group’s scores after each hole. There will NOT BE any paper scorecards distributed.
- Permanent markers, sunscreen, bug spray, etc.... will NOT be provided at the starting tees and players should come prepared.

Code of Conduct & Playing the Golf Course
The Committee in charge has introduced a Code of Conduct under Rule 1.2b that restricts competitors from taking actions that are not compliant with social distancing guidelines and penalizes or sanctions players for a breach.

- Players are not to touch or remove the flagstick for any reason.
- Players are not to stand or walk within 6 feet of one another during the competition.
Players are not to share any equipment (towels, tees, balls, etc.) during the competition. Players are not to touch another competitor’s equipment during the competition. Players are not to share a cart at any time during the competition. After playing a shot from inside a bunker, players are required to smooth the area with the rake provided on their cart.

The Committee will have the final say in determining if a breach has been committed. Consideration will be given to the fact that many of the actions above are instinctual in nature, this code is to restrict only deliberate acts.

- First offence – Warning
- Section offence is the General Penalty (two-strokes)
- Any subsequent offence after is Disqualification

**Scoring Area**
- At the conclusion of the round, **ALL** players must proceed directly to the designated scoring area. You are NOT to stop and converse with spectators, go to your car or the parking lot for any reason. Please refrain from sitting in your cart discussing scores with other players in your group. This should take place within the scoring area.
- Players shall use hand sanitizer before entering the official scoring area.
- Only one (1) group will be allowed into the scoring area at a time. All players will maintain six (6) feet of distance between them.
- Players will verbally review the hole-by-hole scores on the scorecard shown on the tv with their marker until there is agreement on each score.
- Players will not provide a signature to attest to scores and each player will be required to verbally attest and certify that their scores, and those of the players in their group, are correct.
- Any scorecard used by the player to keep their own score or fellow-competitor's scores will NOT be exchanged in the scoring process. No Scorecards will be turned in.
- A “scorecard” is considered returned and NO additional alterations can be made after the player has certified the score with the scoring official and has left the defined scoring area.
- Once the scoring process is complete for each group and all scores have been certified, players are asked to depart from the golf course (exceptions include potential playoff participants or event winners). Following the round, BlueGolf will automatically distribute an e-mail with a copy of the player’s digital scorecard.

- **Spectators**
  - Upon finishing the round, spectators will not be allowed to linger around the scoring area.
  - No spectator carts will be allowed. No exceptions.

- **Scoreboard**
  - No scoreboards
  - There will be no physical posting of scores on any scoreboard so that no one will be gathering in one area. All scores will be posted online and available for viewing as soon as the round is over.

- **Awards Ceremony**
  - Trophies will be wiped down before handed out. There will be no golf shop certificates handed out for amateurs. The amounts will be announced and the golf shop will have a list of each player’s winnings.
  - The amount of people in the Golf Shop will be limited based on size of shop and golf course COVID-19 precautions.

- **Inclement Weather & Course Evacuation**
  - In the event of a horn blast signaling a discontinuance of play, all players must proceed directly to their vehicles. The Georgia PGA staff will communicate any resumption information via text message. The Georgia PGA will be conscious of the length of delays under this policy.