

ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA PGA

COVID-19 Pro-Member Policies & Procedures



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Alabama - NW Florida Section

Below are guidelines for the **ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA PGA** events. These guidelines are based on recommendations from the WHO, CDC, and Directive Health Measures from local, state and federal governments. A player who blatantly disregards these guidelines may be subject to **disqualification** and removal from the facility. These are subject to change as information regarding COVID-19 changes.

- Do **NOT** play if you feel sick or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks.
- Stay at least six (6) feet away from everyone at all times.
- Do **NOT** touch or handle any tournament supplies or equipment that is not yours.

GENERAL PLAYER INFORMATION:

- **REGISTRATION** – Professionals **MUST** check-in for their entire team(s).
 1. **Please review the information above. It is very important that all professionals and follow these guidelines so we can limit the number of players coming to the registration table during the event.**
 2. Professionals will be required to collect all money for their team(s) prior to registration and pay for all players at the time of registration.
 3. Professionals are encouraged to email team information (including names of all players) to Wade Dockery no later than 5:00 PM the day prior to the event. wdockery@pgahq.com
Information can also be sent via text to (205) 515-7031.
- **ARRIVAL** – Players should **NOT** arrive to the host facility more than 45 minutes to 1 hour before their assigned tee time.
- **PAPERWORK** – Local rule sheets will be placed on the carts prior to the event. Scorecards may be picked up at the registration table by the professional or one designated team member.
- **GOLF CARS** – Golf cars will be single rider **ONLY**.

TOURNAMENT OPERATIONS:

- **PRACTICE FACILITIES** – Players should **NOT** arrive to the practice facilities more than 45 minutes to 1 hour before their assigned tee time.
 - Driving range stations will be spread out and limited to maintain social distancing.
 - Players should limit their time warming up to allow everyone an opportunity since space is limited.
 - Players must maintain six (6) feet of distance between themselves and other players at all practice facilities.
 - Players are prohibited from practicing after the round.
- **CADDIES** – Players are **NOT** permitted to use caddies.
- **SPECTATORS** – Spectators are **NOT** allowed on the golf course.
- **SCORING** – After completing the round, professionals or designated team member **MUST** turn in the scorecard for their team(s).
- **WEATHER DELAYS** – In the event of a horn blast signaling a discontinuing of play, all players must proceed directly to their vehicles. Communication regarding resumption of play will be sent via text message and email.

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PLAYING THE COURSE:

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING** – Regardless of a player's position on the golf course, a player must maintain six (6) feet of distance between themselves and other players.
 - This includes when preparing for a shot, walking down the fairway/rough, when searching for a ball, on the teeing ground, on the putting green and all other locations.
- **BUNKERS** – Please reference the Local Rules for proper relief procedures for each event. **REVISED (8/6/2020)**
 - Players are encouraged to use their feet to smooth bunkers **AFTER** making a stroke from one if a rake is not available. **REVISED (8/6/2020)**
 - Players who repeatedly fail to care for bunkers may be subject to a Code of Conduct penalty.
- **HOLING OUT** – All players **MUST** hole out on each hole.
- **FLAGSTICKS** – Depending on the host facility, the flagstick **MAY OR MAY NOT BE REMOVED**. Please reference the Local Rule Sheet to determine the proper procedure at each event. **REVISED (8/6/2020)**
 - If the host facility **DOES NOT** want flagsticks removed, players **MUST NOT** remove the flagstick to putt. Also, tending of the flagstick as outlined in the Rules of Golf is **suspended** until further notice.
 - If a player removes the flagstick and putts their ball with the flagstick removed from the hole, they will incur a Code of Conduct penalty as follows:
 - First breach – one-stroke penalty
 - Second breach – general penalty
 - Third breach – disqualification

FOOD & BEVERAGE:

- **CLUBHOUSE F&B** – Players will be notified prior to the event what will be available for F&B at each facility so they can make plans accordingly.
- **ON-COURSE WATER COOLERS** – Host facilities will remove all on-course water coolers.
 - If a facility should elect to have an on-course water cooler, the ALNWFL PGA accepts no liability for them and encourages players to use extreme discretion regarding their use.

FACILITY / TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT:

- **HAND SANITIZER** – The ALNWFL PGA will provide hand sanitizer on starting tees and in the scoring area.
- **BALL WASHERS & SAND BUCKETS** - If a facility should elect to have ball washers or sand buckets on the course, the ALNWFL PGA accepts no liability for them and encourages players to use extreme discretion regarding their use.
- **CLUBHOUSE** – The ALNWFL PGA will defer to facility practices on whether or not the clubhouse is open to guests or not. Players will be notified prior to the event what will be available at each facility so they can make plans accordingly.
 - The ALNWFL PGA will ensure that each host facility has at least one (1) male and one (1) female bathroom available.