



MAGA/WMGA



COVID-19 Guidelines for Tournaments – 5-19-21

The following MAGA/WMGA policies and procedures are designed to supplement the protocols and guidelines established in the 'Back2Golf' Operational Playbook developed by the PGA, USGA, GCSAA, and the CMAA and approved by the CDC. State, local government, and host club rules and regulations will take precedent. If their rules and regulations are not as comprehensive, we will still implement our guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

Current Back2Golf status is III – New Normal

(This phase is current for all jurisdictions except Montgomery County, Maryland)

The objective of the MAGA/WMGA is to safely manage the movement of our players, volunteers, and club staff in order to maintain social distancing and reduce touch points and conduct competitions in a safe and healthy manner. This outline summarizes the steps that will be followed at our events. Protocols, policies, and procedures may be updated at any time, based on the current Covid-19 environment. Your cooperation is appreciated and required.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1) **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.
- 2) Caddies are permitted on a case-by-case basis - waiver release required.
- 3) Outside/general public spectators will be permitted if the host club or jurisdiction permits it.
If you need to reach out for assistance while on site call Michael Cumberpatch on his cell at **410-991-7843**

PPE & SAFETY

- 1) Clubs may require wearing of masks indoors. Players should bring their own PPE (facemasks and gloves if desired) to the event and may use it if they wish. The Committee will have extra PPE gear on hand for those who forget.
- 2) CDC approved hand sanitizer will be available onsite for players, volunteers, and staff and personal sized containers will be distributed at the first tee and the scoring area.

PREPARING FOR EVENTS

- 1) Tournament paperwork, Notice to Players, Local Rules and Terms of the Competition (Hard Card), Pace of Play, and Hole Location Chart, will be provided on the first tee.
- 2) Scorecards will be distributed on the starting tee.
- 3) Tournament documents will be available on the association website and the event portal and the links to those sites will be e-mailed to all players.
- 5) Practice rounds may not be available for events. That will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

ARRIVAL AT EVENT SITE

There are no restrictions on arrival time.

PRACTICE-WARM-UP

There are no restrictions on warm-up time.

STARTING TEE

- 1) Please report to the tee no more than 10 nor less than 5 minutes before your assigned start time - best practice is to report after the group in front has played away and cleared the area.
- 2) Please listen to and follow the starter's instructions before play.
- 3) Starter's box, pencils, tees, sharpies, sunscreen, bug spray, and water bottles will be available on starting tees on a case-by-case basis.

PLAYING YOUR ROUND

Play returns to normal. There are no more hole 'noodles', the flag stick may be tended and pulled, and bunker rakes are available for tending to bunkers.

GOLF CARTS

Normal operations

WEATHER DELAYS

- 1) In the event of a weather delay of any kind, all players must park their carts at direction of the professional staff.
- 2) For walking events, weather warnings will be issued well in advance of approaching storms and committee will be instructed to assist with evacuation by transporting clubs only.
- 3) Players will shelter in the clubhouse facility. If that is unavailable players will be instructed to shelter in their cars.
- 4) Communication regarding resumption of play will be sent to players via e-mail or text (if that system is available). Verbal instructions will also be given.
- 5) A banner which scrolls across the top of the event portal home page will also be updated to reflect event status and restart.

CONCLUSION OF ROUND - SCORING

- 1) Players will be advised at the start of the round as to the location of the scoring area.
- 2) After completing your round, ONE group at a time will be allowed to enter the scoring area.
- 3) Follow the directions of the scoring official carefully.
- 4) Score boards may be limited to the USGA Tournament Management app (see end of this doc), the event portal (available via a link on the MAGA or WMGA website), or a small monitor at the scorer's table. All results are posted and updated on-line.
- 5) Hand sanitizer will be available in the scoring area.

TIES - PLAY-OFFS - AWARDS

- 1) Award ceremonies will may again be conducted.

FOOD & BEVERAGE - WATER

- 1) If food and beverage is available at the host site, please follow their guidelines and instructions for purchasing and consuming. Dispose of all waste carefully in trash containers.
- 2) The MAGA and WMGA will not provide any food and beverage until further notice.
- 3) There still may be very limited drinking water on course.

CONTACT TRACING

The MAGA and WMGA will utilize the registration data collected via our Sign-Up Genius portal (for volunteers) and Golf Genius portal (for players) to gather and maintain contact tracing information for those in attendance at all our events. This information will be available through the current year. The data

collected includes the following information information: name, address, e-mail address, cell phone, event attended/played, date/s in attendance, and time of start (for players).

USGA Tournament Management Mobile App

Search in the app store for the free app by entering "USGA TM". USGA Tournament Management will show, likely as the first choice.

Select that and Install the free app. When the app is finished installing, open it up. Sign in via the GGID (Golf Genius ID) by entering the MAGA-WMGA GGID which is

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At this time, we will not be using the mobile scoring app which allows players to enter their scores. We may later in the season.

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