



NGA CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDELINES

NEBRSAKA GOLF ASSOCIATION

Championship Guidelines

In preparation for the 2021 NGA championship season we wanted to share with you our guidelines for conducting championships. Although these guidelines are subject to change, they include the following until further notice.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **Do not play** if you feel sick or are experiencing any COVID symptoms.
- **Do not play** if you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID or have been out of the country within the last 14 days prior to the championship.
- Maintain **social distancing** at all times.
- **Mask mandates** will be site specific based on the operation model in place at the time of the championship.
- Use **proper hygiene** at all times.

GENERAL PLAYER INFORMATION

- **Arrival** - Players will be permitted on-site **one hour** prior to their start time.
- **Registration** - Players will be **required to check-in** prior to the first round of the championship.
- **Championship Documents** - All championship documents, including notice to competitors, pace of play policy, NGA local rules & terms of competition, etc. will be sent to players electronically prior to the start of each championship.
 - Players are encouraged to print and review these documents prior to play.
 - All documents will also be available under the Information tab of each championship website and the starter's area.
- **Scorecards** - Individual scorecards will be distributed. See Scoring below for details on how scoring will be done at each championship.
- **Carts** - When allowed during a championship, **single rider carts will not be available**.
 - **Note:** When entering a championship be sure to select that you will be using a cart.
- **Caddies** - Caddies **are permitted** and may perform typical caddie duties under the Rules of Golf.
- **Spectators** - Spectators will be permitted. Media and college coaches will be allowed.
 - Spectators are asked to maintain 6' social distancing and refrain from congregating before or after the round.

CHAMPIONSHIP OPERATIONS

- **Practice Areas** - The policies below for the practice range and putting/chipping green(s) allows for players to practice prior to their start time on a limited basis. All players will have equal opportunity to practice before their round if the following are adhered to.
 - **Practice Range**
 - Limitations to the number of players that may be on the range will be site specific based on the size of the range and the number of stations available.
 - Players and caddies **only** allowed on the practice range. No spectators allowed.
 - Players will be **limited to only one bag** of balls (approximately 50 balls) to hit on the range.
 - Range balls will be available for pick up from a range attendant.
 - **Putting/Chipping Greens**

- Limitations to the number of players that may be on the practice putting green and/or chipping green will be site specific based on the size of the greens.
 - Players and caddies **only** allowed on or around the greens. No spectators allowed.
- **Starting Areas** - Players should arrive at their assigned tee no less than 5 min before their assigned starting time.
 - Scorecards, hole location sheets, notice to competitors, pencils, etc. will be available in the starting area.
- **Scoring**
 - Scorecards will be distributed to the marker for each player at the starting area.
 - Upon completion of the round players will enter the designated scoring area to review and verify their scores and sign their scorecard.
 - Either one player or caddie in each group is required enter scores via the app after each hole.
 - Complete instructions on how to download the USGA TM app, login, and enter scores will be available in the starting areas.
- **On-Course Water & Snacks**
 - **Water** - Water stations will be available on-course.
 - **Snacks** - We will be providing snacks, such as, fruit, energy bars, etc. in the starting areas.
- **Scoreboards**
 - Scores and results will be posted on the championship website for viewing via personal devices.
 - Scores and results will be broadcast on televisions throughout the host facility.
- **Inclement Weather** - In the event of inclement weather requiring a suspension of play all players will be asked to proceed to the assigned evacuation area based on their position on the golf course. Updates regarding the suspension and resumption of play will be sent to players via email, text, and verbally from members of the Committee.
 - **Note:** Please make sure that your cell phone number is provided in your player profile to ensure you receive the text messages.
- **Awards** - Awards ceremonies will be conducted.
 - Players will be asked to pick up their award(s).
 - Merchandise certificates will be kept on file at the host facility. Merchandise reports will be sent to players following the completion of each championship.

GOLF COURSE SET-UP & RULES OF GOLF MODIFICATIONS

- **Bunkers** - Bunker rakes **will be** available on the golf course.
 - Ball will be played as it lies in the bunker.
 - If a player feels their ball is in an abnormal ground condition they can ask for relief from a member of the Committee. If granted, the relief procedure will be followed as stated in the Rules of Golf.
- **Flagstick** - Attending and removal of flagsticks is permitted.
 - It is recommended that the player or caddie that removed the flagstick be the one to replace it.
- **Returned Scorecard** - A scorecard will be deemed returned when the player has verified their hole-by-hole scores, signed their scorecard, and left the designated scoring area.

CLUBHOUSE AND FOOD & BEVERAGE AVAILABILITY

- **Clubhouse and Food & Beverage** - Clubhouse accessibility and food & beverage availability will be site specific based on the operation model they have in place to adhere to directed health measures at the time of the championship. This information will be provided to players in the Player Memo prior to the championship.