

## NEBRSAKA GOLF ASSOCIATION

### 2021 COVID-19 GUIDELINES for USGA Qualifying

These guidelines are subject to change based on guidance from state and local health officials.

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **Do not play** if you are experiencing one or more of the following symptoms: a new cough, new onset of shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell OR two or more of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4 or above, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue in the last 24 hours.
- **Do not play** if you are isolating or quarantining because you tested positive for COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19.
- **Do not play** if you have been in close physical contact in the last 14 days with anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or anyone who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- **Do not play** if you are currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test.
- **Social distance** (six feet).
- **Mask mandates** are site specific. If a host facility has a mask mandate compliance is mandatory.
- **Use Proper Hygiene** at all times. Sanitization and handwashing are encouraged throughout your time on site.

#### GENERAL PLAYER INFORMATION

- **Arrival** - Players will be permitted on-site **one hour** prior to their start time.
- **Registration** - Players are **required to check-in** prior to starting play.
- **Qualifying Documents** - All competition documents, including but not limited to: the USGA's Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, Notice to Players, Pace of Play Policy, Evacuation Plan, Hole Locations (night prior), etc. will be available electronically on the NGA's applicable USGA qualifier web site. Players may print these documents prior to play or they may be accessible on the starting tee just prior to play.
- **Scorecards** – Individual scorecards will be distributed and used for official scoring. In addition, each group will be asked to enter scores electronically through the USGA TM app for real-time scoring purposes. Instructions on how to download and use the USGA TM app is accessible on the NGA's applicable USGA qualifier web site and will be available on the day of the qualifier.
- **Carts** - Not permitted in USGA Qualifiers (exception: U.S. Senior Amateur).
- **Caddies** - Caddies **are permitted** and may perform typical caddie duties under the Rules of Golf.
- **Spectators** - Spectators are permitted and are asked to follow facility policies with regards to Covid-19. They should practice social distancing, use proper hygiene and wear a mask when indoors.

#### OPERATIONS

- **Practice Areas** - The use of practice areas prior to the qualifying round may be limited to permit social distancing. On the range, stations will be setup, so players are spaced accordingly.
- **Starting Area** - Players should arrive at their assigned starting tee no less than 5 min before their assigned starting time. All necessary documents and materials will be available for pickup. These materials will also be available electronically on the NGA's applicable USGA qualifier web site.
- **Scoring Area** - The review and certification process will be done by players and their markers using paper scorecards and signatures. A scorecard will be deemed to be submitted when the player has left the defined scoring area.
- **Scoreboards** - There will not be a printed scoreboard, however, an electronic scoreboard will be available in the clubhouse on a television. Scoring will also be accessible on-line.

- **On-Course Amenities** - Coolers will be available on numerous tees with complimentary bottled water and packaged snacks for both players and caddies.
- **Inclement Weather** - In the case of inclement weather requiring a suspension of play, all players should follow the evacuation plan developed for each specific qualifier. Updates on resumption will be announced by the Committee and sent via text when applicable. If reporting to the clubhouse area or another confined space, please adhere to social distancing recommendations.
- **Awards** – A brief socially distanced awards presentation will take place following the qualifier.

## **GOLF COURSE SET-UP & RULES OF GOLF MODIFICATIONS**

- **Bunkers** – The ball will be played as it lies in Bunkers. If a player feels their ball is in an abnormal course condition they can ask for relief from a member of the Committee. Rakes will be available.
- **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. If there are limitations due to COVID-19, they will be shared with players in the Player Memo sent following the deadline.