

# CONSOLIDATED GUIDELINES: PRACTICE FACILITIES/ DRIVING RANGES, INCLUDING PAR 3/MASHIE COURSES

GOLFRSA REQUIREMENTS FORMULATED PER CATEGORY	LEVEL 1	BACKGROUND / INTENT OF RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINE
<b>CAPACITY UTILIZATION</b>	<p>Range bays to be set up 3m apart. For Par-3 (mashie) courses, tee time intervals should not be less than 12 min apart for 4 ball / one-tee start.</p> <p>Shotgun start: Mashie /Par 3 courses will be permitted a max of one fourball per hole (ie. Max of 36 players on a nine-hole course).</p>	<p>Requirement exists to ensure that capacity utilization is managed in a manner so as to ensure easy physical distancing and reduce the chance of transmission through airborne or touch. The facility's Risk Mitigation Plan (RMP) to state the maximum number of individuals allowed on the practice facility.</p> <p>Shotgun start: The limit of the number of players to one fourball per hole would prevent any congregation of golfers, since the required 12-minute interval between tee-off times cannot be maintained in this format. The club's RMP should be developed based on the capacity of their practice areas.</p>
<b>IDENTIFY ANY RESTRICTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY</b> i.e. Club members only, registered golfers,etc	<p>As determined by the facility.</p>	<p>There is no restriction on who the facility can allow to play. The facility, at its sole discretion, can decide whether it wants to accommodate corporate days, associations, visitors or only members. The only restrictions that apply are no spectators are allowed and facilities have to comply with the requirements for managing Capacity utilization requirements in 1 above.</p>
<b>ENTRY CONTROLS</b>	<p>All individuals accessing facilities should be subject to screening and the completion of the symptom-tracking declaration form. GolfRSA strongly recommends use of the HealthDocs Application.</p>	<p>Screening is a mandatory requirements for all employees, players and visitors. The facility's RMP must indicate the position of the screening station/s. The objective is to prevent individuals who display symptoms from entering the facility's premises. The HealthDocs Self-Assessment App can be used to validate that the individual is symptom free and the number of symptom free days which their self-assesment indicates. The temperature of each individual to be taken at the screening station using a non-touch thermometer. The relevant information for each person entering the premises must be captured and stored on a central database or using an equivalent method. The GolfRSA-supplied HealthDocs Application is the recommended method (equivalent systems may be used) since it ensures compliance to the requirements as legislated.</p>
<b>SCREENING POINT</b>	<p>At one access point set up for purpose.</p>	

<b>DEFINE BOOKING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS</b>	As per current policies. Where possible, pitch-and-play or walk in customers should be avoided.	The booking/access process should ensure that the number of individuals using the facility does not exceed the capacity of the facility determined in the capacity utilization guidelines as per 1, above.
<b>DEFINE HANDLING OF GOLFER'S EQUIPMENT</b>	Golfers to handle own equipment. No bag stands or assistance to load bag on cart. Player's responsibility to sanitize equipment after practice.	The facility's RMP must describe the process to be followed once golfers arrive at the facility to reduce the chances of transmission through touch. All golf bags must be sanitized if a caddie will be used.
<b>PAYMENT OPTIONS</b>	Practice aligned with retail industry. Encourage no-touch payment through EFT, club, DT and CT cards.	The facility's RMP should stipulate the payment options allowed. Should cash be allowed, strict sanitization protocols should be considered. The risk during payment is transmission through touch and airborne.
<b>GOLFERS TO WEAR FACE MASKS WHEN WITHIN 3 METRES OF OTHERS</b>	GolfRSA guidelines for the wearing of masks should be incorporated into the facility's RMP. <a href="https://www.golfrsa.com/golfer-safety-poster-masks/">https://www.golfrsa.com/golfer-safety-poster-masks/</a>	During windy conditions, airborne transmission risks are increased and recommended physical distancing is > 5 m. Use masks at all times when conditions justify this.
<b>REQUIREMENTS OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING</b>	Physical distancing in accordance with the Golfer Safety for Individual Lessons and Group Lessons is recommended.	In order to reduce the risk for touch or airborne transmissions, physical distancing through a RMP for all areas including practice tees, greens and other facilities is essential. The Golfer Safety for Individual Lessons and Group Lessons documents proposes 3m between bays and a minimum of 3m between individuals at all times.
<b>GOLF CARTS</b>	Occupancy limit to be determined by the facility's own RMP, as aligned with SA Government Alert Level 1 Regulations and Directions.  Facility policy. All facility-supplied equipment to be sanitized according to RMP procedures. Owner-operated carts are to be regarded as owner equipment or to follow the same process as facility-supplied equipment with regard to pre-round sanitization.	

<b>GOLFRSA GOOD GOLF PRACTICE GUIDELINES (GGPG)</b>	GolfRSA requests that the GGPG are adhered to in order to ensure that the game is played in the safest possible manner while still complying with requirements for scores to be submitted for handicap purposes.	The facility's RMP should include the implementation of the GolfRSA GGPG at the facility. Special attention to be paid to the specific guidelines to prevent airborne transmission through the processes to be followed on the practice greens, teeing areas and other areas. Prevention of touch transmission such as the introduction of risk mitigation equipment and processes relating to pin flags, hole and hole liners, bunker rakes etc. Due to the risk of touch transmission, Nearest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive and similar competition boards/holders may not be used.
<b>TOURNAMENTS</b>	Amateur Competitions may be played, provided there are no spectators and all other Risk Mitigation requirements are in place. In the event of club/facility venues being used for prize-givings, the use thereof and measures to mitigate the receiving of prizes shall be determined by the club's/facility's own Risk Mitigation Plan, as aligned with SA Government Alert Level 2 Regulations and Directions.	
<b>PRO-AMS / CORPORATE HOSPITALITY / GOLF DAYS</b>	As per government regulations. GolfRSA requests that clubs/facilities advise Golf Day organisers of the need to adhere to the GGPG and the Club's RMP to ensure that the game is played in the safest possible manner.	Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directions of Government Notice 356 of 2020, Gazetted on 29 June 2020. Clubs are specifically referred to Direction 5 pertaining to Restaurant Fast Food outlets and Coffee Shops.</li> <li>• Regulations of Government Gazette No. 43620 published on the 17 August 2020.</li> <li>• Amendment to Regulations as published in Government Gazette No. 43727 on 18 Sep 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>CLUBHOUSE</b>		
<b>HALFWAY HOUSE</b>	As per government regulations.	Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directions of Government Notice 356 of 2020, Gazetted on 29 June 2020. Clubs are specifically referred to Direction 5 pertaining to Restaurant Fast Food outlets and Coffee Shops.</li> </ul>
<b>RESTAURANT / BAR</b>	As per government regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulations of Government Gazette No. 43620 published on the 17 August 2020.</li> <li>• Amendment to Regulations as published in Government Gazette No. 43727 on 18 Sep 2020</li> </ul>
<b>ABLUTION FACILITIES</b>	Open/sanitized daily.	Open/sanitized daily.
<b>LOCKER ROOMS</b>	Open / as per government regulations/directions	Locker rooms may be opened subject to regular sanitizing of the facilities, wearing of a face covering/mask, physical distancing of 1.5m, those showering bringing their own towels, and compliance with the SA Government Regulations and Directions and specifically paragraphs 6l (6), (7) and (8) of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture Directions gazette No 43667 published on 28 August 2020.

<b>LOCKER ROOMS</b>	Open / as per government regulations/directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common areas including toilets, door handles and shared equipment must be regularly cleaned and sanitised frequently; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soap and water must be available in the changing rooms;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cleaning personnel must be available for continuously disinfecting all areas of the premises throughout the day using chemicals with antiviral properties;</li> <li>• Facilities must be cleaned throughout the day on a rotational basis by trained staff using materials with antiviral properties;</li> <li>• Disinfectant sprays and paper towels must be available for use and be disposed of in bins that must be emptied on a regular basis;</li> <li>• Windows should remain open during operation hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saunas and steam rooms must remain closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>PROSHOP</b>		
<b>NO-TOUCH SALE OF GOLF ESSENTIALS SUCH AS BALLS, GLOVES, TEES</b>	Yes.	There are no restrictions on the sale of goods and the regulations pertaining to the retail industry should be adhered to especially as it relates to capacity utilization.
<b>SALE OF GOLF EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	Yes.	
<b>RENTAL CLUBS</b>	Yes.	The facility's RMP should address the management and controls pertaining to rental equipment.
<b>SUBMISSION OF SCORECARDS</b>	No.	Consider using WhatsApp photos to verify scorecards when required and no players should be required to co-sign scorecards.

These Risk Mitigation Guidelines have been prepared in accordance with the SA government gazetted: **(a)** Amendment of Regulations issued in terms of Section 27 (2), and published in the Government Gazette No. R43476 on 25 June 2020. **(b)** Directions on Risk Adjusted Strategy for Tourism Facilities, Services and Products published in the Government Gazette No. 43487, dated 29 June 2020. **(c)** R 639 of 2020 under Government Gazette 43400 of 4 June 2020 Consolidated COVID-19 Direction on Health and Safety in the Workplace. **(d)** Amendment of Directions issued in terms of Regulation 4 (10) of the Regulations made under Section 27 (2) and published in the Government Gazette No. R43507 on 6 July 2020. **(e)** Amendment of Regulations issued in terms of Section 27 (2), and published in the Government Gazette No. R43620 on 17 August 2020. **(f)** Amendment to Directions gazette No 43667 published on 28 August 2020. **(g)** Amendment to Regulations as published in Government Gazette No. 43727 on 18 Sep 2020.