

Spectator Protocol for Golf Tournaments

(Professional and non-professional matches)

The protocol has been developed to ensure that GolfRSA and the Sunshine Tour (professional arm of golf) are compliant to the Directions issued by DSAC, published in the Government gazette no 45329 on October 15, 2021

1. Background

- Golf courses span over an area of approximately 38 hectares
- The management of spectators at a golf tournament requires different protocols than would be the norm for stadium facilities.
- A risk assessment has been done and the protocol below addresses the risk areas identified to ensure compliance to the legal framework.

2. Definition of a spectator at a golf tournament:

A spectator is defined as a person who is allowed to follow the players around the course. This would include access to stands, which have been erected for the purpose of spectating at various areas on the course.

It excludes persons frequenting Clubhouse facilities, restaurants, conference facilities and areas demarcated to accommodate guests.

3. Legal requirements

- Only vaccinated persons are allowed to spectate.
- “Vaccinated” is defined as
 - Adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17 who have received one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
 - Persons of ages 18+, 14 days after one dose of the J&J vaccine or the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine was administered
- A daily maximum of 2 000 spectators are allowed at the Tournaments
- A database must be kept of all spectators at the event to enable compliance with the tracking and tracing requirement
- Strict compliance to screening requirements and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI) must be enforced.
- No alcohol may be sold at sports events
Facilities such as clubhouse restaurants may sell alcohol to patrons when allowed to do so in terms of the Regulations to the Disaster Management Act (Act 57 of 2002)

4. Controls

4.1 Verification of vaccination status and monitoring

The vaccination status of a spectator is monitored through the following processes:

- (a) Tickets sold through suppliers of on-line ticket sales

Should tickets be sold using one of the on-line ticket sales suppliers, the tickets may only be sold on a name basis and the vaccination status verified through the EVDS system.

The details of each of the ticket holders must be populated on a database shared with the organisers of the event to enable tracking and tracing.

Monitoring:

Upon arrival at the golf facility the ticket holder must be positively identified through an official identification document i.e. South African ID document or passport.

- (b) Tickets issued through other channels such as golf clubs, sponsors or made available to participant's guests

The entities receiving tickets from the event organisers must inform the tournament organiser of the Name, ID number and contact details of the spectator to whom the ticket was given and confirm that the recipient is fully vaccinated.

Monitoring:

The ticket holder's vaccination status is verified at the access control point, and they must present either a Vaccination certificate or the vaccination record card issued at the vaccination site. The identity of the ticket holder must be verified through an official identification document

- (c) Tickets issued to Individuals who are subjected to the Tournament protocols for access to demarcated areas

These ticket holders must upload their vaccination certificate or a photo of their vaccination card on the HealthDocs Platform and share this with the event database.

The event database is monitored to validate the validity of the vaccination record shared.

Monitoring:

The vaccination status is monitored at the Registration desk through the HealthDocs Easy Access application, which verifies the vaccination status of the person screened.

4.2 Identification of Spectators and Management of access to the golf course

- Spectators must receive a unique and easily visible accreditation to ensure clear separation from attendees to clubhouse facilities and guest areas.
- Access to the golf course is controlled through pre-determined access points.
- Compliance Officers and security personnel must monitor compliance and any person who cannot present their accreditation as a spectator will be requested to leave. Refusal to do so may attract a fine as determined by the Tournament organisers.