

CONSOLIDATED GOLFRSA RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINES

NON PHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS (NPI), INCLUDING WEARING OF MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND REGULAR SANITISING, REMAIN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF RISK MITIGATION AGAINST THE VIRUS.

GOLFRSA REQUIREMENTS	RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINES	BACKGROUND/ INTENT AND CLUB RISK MITIGATION PLAN (RMP)
COURSE CAPACITY MANAGEMENT		<p>The number of golfers on the course must be restricted to ensure physical distancing is possible at all times throughout the facility and the congregation of golfers is prevented. Club's RMP must be developed based on their own circumstances and their tee sheets arranged in such a manner that the number of golfers on course ensures safe distancing.</p> <p>The tee sheet may make provision for a two-tee start as long as the capacity utilisation of the course is managed.</p> <p>Shotgun: The club's RMP should be developed based on the capacity of their practice areas and the club MUST provide multiple registration areas to prevent the congregation of players in the registration process for the event.</p> <p>The club's RMP shall set out the scoring process as recommended in the GGPG.</p>
IDENTIFY ANY RESTRICTIONS ON GOLFERS ALLOWED TO PLAY i.e. Club members only, registered golfers, immediate community (define)	Clubs to formulate their own policy with regard to facility access i.e. members/affiliated golfers/other.	There is no restriction on who the club can allow to play. The club, at their sole discretion, can decide whether they want to accommodate corporate days, associations, visitors or only members. The only restrictions that apply are no spectators are allowed and clubs have to comply with the requirements for managing tee sheets. Course Capacity Management requirements in 1 above.
DEFINE BOOKING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS	As per current policies. Controls to be put in place to adhere to capacity utilisation guidelines as per 1 above.	The club's RMP must indicate the process to be followed to book a tee time. It can be through electronic booking systems, telephonic or any other processes elected by the club.

PAYMENT OPTIONS	Practice aligned with retail industry. Encourage no-touch payment through EFT, club, DT and CT cards.	The club's RMP should stipulate the payment options allowed. Should cash be allowed, strict sanitization protocols should be considered.
PAYMENT PROCESS FOR CADDIES	Strict protocols on sanitization if cash is used.	
ENTRY CONTROLS	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 App.	<p>Screening is a mandatory requirement for all employees, players and visitors. The club's RMP must indicate the position of the screening station/s. The objective is to prevent individuals who display symptoms from entering the club's premises.</p> <p>The HealthDocs Self-assessment App can be used to validate that the individual is symptom free and the number of symptom-free days that their self-assessment indicates. The temperature of each individual is 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>
SCREENING POINT	Advised to have one access point (i.e. at clubhouse if main gate is not an option or is too remote and less controllable).	
GOLF CONCIERGE	Golfers handle their own equipment.	The club's RMP must describe the process to be followed once golfers arrive at the club.
GOLF CARTS	Golf carts may be shared subject to golfers / staff using Non-pharmaceutical Interventions - namely wearing of Masks and regular sanitization aligned with SA Government Regulations and Directions. NPI's remain the most effective means of risk mitigation against the virus.	Applicable Regulations and Directions published in terms of the Disaster Management Act.
	All club 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 club supplied equipment with regard to pre-round sanitization.	

FLAGSTICK

The flagstick may be centered, attended or removed by a player/or a person on their behalf, provided ALL persons sanitize their hands PRIOR and AFTER handling.

Where required, a player/person on their behalf is permitted to centre the flagstick in a safe manner, which does not involve using the hand (eg. using a club). Centring of flagstick allowed while player putts (eg. in windy conditions when the flagstick is leaning).

The removal of the flagstick is at the discretion of the player.

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FOURSOMES/GREENSOMES

Foursomes/Greensomes formats may be played. It is recommended that:

Each partner should use their own golf ball, which is only handled by that player for the playing of the hole.

For example, the player teeing off from hole 1 is the only one that touches the ball from teeing off through to completion of the hole, subject to taking relief/preferred lies as set out below.

When marking and replacing the ball on the putting green, this should be conducted by the partner the ball belongs to. Under this situation (or any where the ball is replaced) the original ball must be used and not substituted by another ball.

Note:

- Under the Rules of Golf, a partner is permitted to drop another ball (ie. their own ball) in taking relief.
- If Preferred Lies are in effect, the side may substitute the ball while taking relief, allowing the 2nd player to put their own ball in play.

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LOCKER ROOMS	Subject to Government Regulations / Directions.	<p>Should locker rooms be allowed to be open, then they are subject to regular sanitizing, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common areas must be regularly cleaned and sanitised; • Cleaning personnel must be available for continuously disinfecting all areas throughout the day using chemicals with antiviral properties; • Disinfectant sprays and paper towels must be available for use and be disposed of in bins that must be emptied on a regular basis; • Windows should remain open during operation hours • Saunas and steam rooms must remain closed.
IF PRACTICE RANGE AT FACILITY, STIPULATE CONTROLS IF DIFFERENT TO GENERAL PROCESS	Club policy. Capacity restrictions should be implemented in line with the club's RMP. Physical distancing should be adhered to at warm-up areas and practice greens.	The Club's RMP to address the protocols for the warm up area at the club and the Risk Mitigation Guidelines should follow the Practice Facilities Guidelines document.
GOLFRSA GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES (GGPG)	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.	<p>The club's RMP should include the implementation of the Golfrsa GGPG at the club. Special attention is to be paid to the specific guidelines to prevent airborne transmission through the processes to be followed on the practice greens, calling up of groups to the tee. 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.</p> <p>Due to the risk of touch transmission, Nearest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive and similar competition boards/holders may not be used.</p>
GOLFERS TO WEAR FACE MASKS WHEN WITHIN 3 METRES OF OTHERS	Golfrsa guidelines for the wearing of masks should be incorporated into the club's RMP. https://www.golfrsa.com/golfer-safety-poster-masks/	During windy conditions, airborne transmission risks are increased and thus the advice to use masks at all times when conditions justify this.
REQUIREMENTS OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING ON TEES, FAIRWAYS AND GREENS	As per government regulations. Signage and training. Monitor compliance.	Physical distancing on the tees, fairways and greens address the risk of airborne transmission and the Golfrsa guidelines for wearing of masks and safe play is applicable.

TOURNAMENTS	<p>Amateur Competitions may be played, provided all Risk Mitigation requirements are in place. In the event of club/facility venues being used for prizegivings, 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 Regulations and Directions.</p> <p>Spectators: In terms of the Directions published in the Government Gazette 45329 dd October 15th, 2021 only vaccinated persons are currently allowed to spectate at professional and non-professional matches.</p>	
PRO-AMS / CORPORATE HOSPITALITY / GOLF DAYS	<p>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.</p>	<p>Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the applicable Government Regulations / Directions.</p>
CLUBHOUSE		
HALFWAY HOUSE	As per government regulations.	Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the applicable Government Regulations / Directions.
RESTAURANT / BAR	As per government regulations.	
ABLUTION FACILITIES	Open/Sanitized daily.	Open/Sanitized daily.
MANAGEMENT OF SCORING	One scorecard per golfer or electronic scoring. Refer to GolfRSA GGPG.	Scorecards should not be shared and should scorecards be used, players should not be required to co-sign scorecards. Electronic scoring and submission using the HNA electronic scoring App is recommended.

PRO SHOP

SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD AT PRO SHOP	No.	Recommended that score entry be done by golfers using the HNA Scoring application. Consider using WhatsApp photos to verify scorecards when required and no players should be required to co-sign scorecards.
NO-TOUCH SALE OF GOLF ESSENTIALS SUCH AS BALLS, GLOVES, TEES	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 utilisation.
SALE OF GOLF EQUIPMENT	Yes.	
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	Yes.	
RENTAL CLUBS	Yes.	The club's RMP should address the management and controls pertaining to rental equipment.

These Risk Mitigation Guidelines are subject to the applicable Government Regulations and Directions.