



MIDDLE ATLANTIC PGA SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

Below are the following social distancing guidelines for all Middle Atlantic PGA junior events. These guidelines are based on recommendations from the local, state, federal governments, and the Back2Golf phasing document. Due to the fluid situation, these guidelines may change, and a final set of guidelines may be created for each event. Any player who blatantly disregards these guidelines may be subject to disqualification and removal from the facility.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should always be followed:

- Do not play if you feel sick or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks.
- For players feeling ill after the deadline, but before the first round, a refund will be given.
- Staff will emphasize that players must not congregate anywhere on property.
- Stay at least six (6) feet away from anyone at all times.
- Players should not touch or handle any tournament supplies or equipment that do not belong to them.
- Food and Beverage offerings will be decided by each host facility. There will be no F&B as part of any Middle Atlantic PGA junior events until further notice.

BEFORE A PLAYER'S TEE TIME

On-Site Check-In

- Players are not allowed on property until 45 minutes before their tee time. If a player arrives before that time, they will be directed to stay in their vehicle until they are allowed on property.
- When arriving within the appropriate time window, each player **MUST** check-in with the MAPGA staff member present at the main entrance to the facility who will go over facility, practice, and tournament specific information.
- Face masks are recommended but not required.
- Provide your own drinks and snacks. This is subject to change on an event-by-event basis. More information for each respective event will be communicated by email.
- Respect all direction provided by MAPGA staff/volunteers and/or host club staff regarding safety measures in place.

Practicing

- Players may only practice at the facility within 45 minutes of their tee time. Players will be given 25 minutes on the range, 15 minutes on the practice putting green, and they will arrive at the starting tee 5 minutes before their given starting time.
- Wider than normal driving range stalls will be utilized to maximize social distancing.
- The practice putting green may have a limited number of players allowed on it at any one time depending on the size of the putting green. Players will be restricted to five (5) minutes on the putting and chipping areas when other players are waiting to access.



- Host courses will be required to remove flagsticks from the practice putting and chipping areas.
- Spectators are asked to not be on the practice areas (range, putting and chipping greens) to help with social distancing.

Starting

- Tee time intervals will be a minimum of 12 minutes.
- Players may come to the 1st tee within five minutes of their tee time or once the previous group is off the tee if tee times are delayed. **Under no circumstance can more than one group be allowed at the starting tee.**
- Normal starter's box items (tees, pencils, markers, etc.) will not be available at the 1st tee.
- Only a scorecard and a combination of hole location/local rules sheet will be distributed on the 1st tee. They will be stapled together and given from the starter to a marker. There will be no exchange of paper between competitors.
- Each player will be a marker (scorekeeper) for another player in the group and will also be expected to keep their own score in the designated area on the scorecard they're keeping. It is highly recommended that scores are verified on each tee for the previous hole.

DURING THE ROUND

Social Distancing on the Course

- Take special precautions on the teeing area and the putting green as players will be in the closest proximity to the other players.
- If there is a backup or delay on any hole, please stay at least 50 feet away from any other group on the course.
- Caddies will be prohibited until further notice
- All spectators are only permitted on the course if they are operating a golf cart. Spectators who are not operating a cart are NOT permitted to spectate on the course. Spectators on the course are asked to keep the cart on the path or along tree lines when paths are not present. When helping players search for lost balls, spectators must maintain their distance when helping search for the ball.

Golf Course Touchpoint Areas

- The EZ Lyft product will be used on all tournament flagsticks. This allows the ball to fall into the hole and be retrieved with a putter as opposed to a hand. Flagsticks will not be touched or removed in any circumstances.
- Rakes will be removed from bunkers and "lift, smooth and place" within one club length, remaining in the bunker, will be utilized until further notice. Players are asked to smooth their footprints the best they can after playing from a bunker.
- Water coolers, ball washers, and other convenience items should be removed from the course but if they are not, please do not use them.
- Restroom facilities will be open at host courses but social distancing will be strictly enforced.



Severe Weather

- In case of severe weather, players will be called off the course and asked to go to their cars until further notice. If you can't get into a car, accommodations will be made inside the clubhouse with special social distancing measures in place.
- Texts and emails will be sent out when it is safe to return to the golf course.
- Due to social distancing guidelines, practice will not be allowed before the resumption of play.
- Because of the difficulty of evacuating juniors from the golf course with current cart restrictions, tournament staff will make every effort to make early calls on weather.

AFTER THE ROUND

Scoring

- There will be a scoring area outside near the 18th green when possible. There will be a table for the scorer and a separate table that will have a box for scorecards. Tape/paint will be on the ground to direct players where to stand during scoring.
- Players will not exchange scorecards. Instead, verbally confirm scores with their marker and then read off the scores to the scorer. If the scores are correct, the player will say the scores are correct and that will certify the scorecard.
- Once scores are confirmed, players will drop the scorecards in the box provided. These scorecards will only be referred to if there is an error with BlueGolf.

After Scoring

- Once scoring is complete, players will be asked to leave the facility as quickly as possible, the practice facility will be closed after play.
- All results and the distribution of awards will be communicated to the field at the conclusion of the event through email.