



**THE HAWAII STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:  
14<sup>TH</sup> HSGA FOUR-BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**HOST SITE:** Ted Makalena Golf Course

**TOURNAMENT** Feb 21, 2021 (Sunday) A & B Flight 1st Round  
**DATES:** February 27, 2021 (Saturday) CH, Womens, & SR 1st Round  
February 28, 2021 (Sunday) All Flights Final Round  
Tee Times will start from 6:52 am each day Tournament Chairman: Jay Hinazumi

**FORMAT:** 36-Hole Four-Ball Stroke Play format  
Gross scores used within flights for players (except for NET flights)

**CUT:** All flights cut to approx 50% per flight\*

**ELIGIBILITY** HSGA Members that are amateur golfers with an active GHIN® handicap.

**GHIN Low Handicap Index (H.I.)** as of **February 15, 2021** will be used.

\*The tournament committee reserves the right to reject or accept any application

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| <b>FLIGHTS:</b> Championship | 0-4.9              | Low H.I. of players used for flight    |
| A Flight                     | 5.0-9.9            | Low H.I. of players used for flight    |
| B Flight                     | 10.0 and over      | Low H.I. of players used for flight    |
| Senior Flight                | 55 years and older | Low H.I. of players used for flight    |
| Senior <b>NET</b> Flight     | 55 years and older | <b>Four-Ball Stroke play with hdcp</b> |
| Women's Champ                | 0-4.9              | Low H.I. of players used for flight    |
| Women's A Flight             | 5.0-9.9            | Low H.I. of players used for flight    |
| Women's B Flight             | 10.0 and over      | Low H.I. of players used for flight    |
| Women's <b>NET</b> Flight    | All hdcp           | <b>Four-Ball Stroke play with hdcp</b> |

**TEES:** Women Flights will be playing from the Red Tee Markers.  
All other flights will be playing from the White Tee Markers.

**ENTRY FEE:** **\$80.00 Per 2 Person Team** (includes \$7 tournament fee per person per round to golf course)  
Green Fees and Cart Fees extra, walking allowed

**NOTE: ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE AS A USER OF USGA TM**

Please visit [www.hawaiiategolf.org](http://www.hawaiiategolf.org)

**ENTRY** A & B Flights

**February 16, 2021**

**DEADLINE:** Championship, Womens, & Senior Flights

**February 22, 2021**

Late Fee: \$25.00

\*Withdrawal deadline for refund: Monday prior to start of 1st rnd

For the safety of all participants, we plan on following **HGP-2.5M** including the following:

- Single Tee Start
- Modified Cups
- Local Rules - Bunkers





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### **COVID-19 CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - EFFECTIVE 10/01/2020**

The Hawaii State Golf Association (HSGA) cares deeply about the health, safety and well-being of our players, staff, volunteers, caddies, spectators, and everyone at our host facilities. The intent of the following policies and guidelines is to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 by utilizing publicly available guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), but HSGA cannot guarantee a risk-free environment. Everyone is responsible to do their part by following these guidelines to make our championships as safe as possible. The following policies and procedures apply to all HSGA events and USGA Qualifiers operated by the HSGA and may be updated and/or modified at any time.

***Before arriving on-site for a practice round or championship, if you feel sick or show any symptoms of COVID-19, or if within the last fourteen days you have felt sick, have shown any symptoms of COVID-19, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, we request that you stay home and notify us before your starting time. If you are unable to start the championship due to any of these conditions, a refund will be granted provided medical documentation is presented. Transaction and Service fees may still apply.***

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A HSGA COVID-19 Participant Release and Waiver form will be sent to each participant electronically prior to the event and is due at check-in. This form must also be completed by your caddy (if applicable) and it is the player's responsibility to forward or deliver this form to them. Failure to submit this form at check-in will disqualify you or your caddy's participation.
- We will communicate with host facilities prior to and throughout each event to ensure that recommended sanitization practices for common touchpoints are met.
- Should travel from off Island be required to arrive at the host facility, all participants must be in compliance with and meet the conditions of the State of Hawaii's Safe Travels rules and regulations.
- Social distancing must be practiced at all times by maintaining a minimum 6-foot distance from others.
- A mask or facial covering must be worn in accordance with State of Hawaii and Local City and County guidelines, as well as host facility policy.
- Gatherings are prohibited on the grounds of the host facility before and after the event (***This includes the parking lot***). Players and spectators are asked to leave the host facility after their round is complete. If there is a possibility you might be in a playoff, you may remain at the facility but must adhere to the guidelines as stated previously.
- HSGA will encourage the use of electronic scoring via USGA TM at all of its Tournaments/Qualifiers.
- Players are asked to refrain from handshakes, hugs and high-fives.
- ***SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED*** at HSGA Tournaments/Qualifiers until further notice.
- Players and/or caddies found to be in violation of HSGA policies as well as Host Facility policies during a HSGA sanctioned event may be subject to disqualification from the event and/or suspension from future HSGA Tournaments/Qualifiers.



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### ***HSGA STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS***

- All HSGA staff and volunteers will be required to submit a Covid-19 Participant Release and Waiver, and are also required to take a temperature check upon arrival at the host facility.
- All HSGA staff and volunteers will wear appropriate PPE when interacting directly with players, caddies, and host facility staff.

### ***BEFORE YOUR STARTING TIME***

- Players may be restricted as to how early they may arrive at the host facility. Any arrival time restrictions will be communicated prior to tournament date.
- Players and caddies are required to report to the check-in table for a temperature check.
- Championship paperwork (notice to players, hole location sheets and pace of play policy) will be emailed to players prior to each round and posted on the Championship Portal. No paperwork will be provided at the course other than the official scorecard (if applicable).
- Players are responsible for providing their own golf tees, ball markers, marking pens, etc. Starter boxes with supplies will NOT be available.

### ***GOLF CARTS***

- Usage of golf carts when available is subject to Local County and Host Facility guidelines.
- Golf carts are sanitized by the host facility in accordance with Local County guidelines.

### ***CADDIES***

- Caddies when permitted shall follow the same player guidelines as stated previously.

### ***DURING THE ROUND***

- The flagstick must not be removed or deliberately touched by hand during the round, including with a gloved hand or a towel wrapped around the flagstick. Any player who deliberately ignores this code of conduct policy will be considered guilty of Serious Misconduct, the penalty for which is disqualification.
- Usage and availability of bunker rakes are subject to Local County guidelines and by the host facility. The policy on bunker rakes and/or any modified local rules pertaining to bunkers will be provided in the Notice to Players prior to the tournament.
- In certain championships where golf carts are not permitted and player shuttles between holes are provided, volunteer shuttle drivers will wear appropriate PPE and touchpoints will be sanitized after each use.
- Cart transportation by a Rules Official in a lost ball scenario will be permitted at the player's discretion. Officials will wear appropriate PPE and sanitize touchpoints before assisting.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own bottled water. Hand sanitizer will be made available at multiple common areas.

### ***AFTER THE ROUND***

- Proceed to the scoring area immediately after the round is complete. Tables (no chairs) will be setup to provide proper social distancing.
- Traditional paper scoreboards have been eliminated to reduce areas of congestion.
- Post Tournament presentation ceremonies will be suspended until further notice.



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## **COVID-19 Participant Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue**

As a condition to participate as a player or caddie in Hawaii State Golf Association (HSGA) competitions and USGA Qualifiers operated by the HSGA through December 31, 2021, I hereby acknowledge, certify and attest to the following:

1) I understand that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf. I also understand that my participation in any competition, and my use of event facilities and equipment may be dangerous and could involve the risk of serious injury, even death.

2) In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, I acknowledge that any level of involvement or participation in these kinds of events may expose me to various viruses or infections that could be dangerous or even deadly.

3) I certify that within the last fourteen (14) days, I have not been diagnosed with COVID-19, nor have I been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

4) I certify that I am in compliance with and have met all of the conditions outlined by the State of Hawaii's Safe Travels pre-travel testing program if I am arriving at the event location from outside of the event location's County.

5) I understand that I will be required to provide the below certifications and participate in a health screening verbal questionnaire and temperature check on site at check-in before teeing off, and if I refrain from participating in this questionnaire, or if I answer "YES" to any questions, I may not be allowed to participate in the competition. The questions asked of me during the on-site health screening and verbal questionnaire will include, but may not be limited to the following:

**Within the last fourteen (14) days, have you...**

- Been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Been personally requested to quarantine by a doctor or other medical authority?
- Had a fever over 100.4° Fahrenheit?
- Experienced abnormal shortness of breath?
- Experienced abnormal coughing symptoms?
- Experienced loss of taste or smell, chills, shaking, sore throat or muscle aches?
- Experienced any other unusual flu-like symptoms?

6) I acknowledge that from the time I arrive at the host venue I will adhere to social distancing and will make every effort to maintain at least six (6) feet of space between myself and all other persons during all competitions conducted by the HSGA.

7) I acknowledge that I will follow all signage, instructions, policies and procedures communicated to me by the HSGA and/or the host club/facility and understand that I may be subject to penalty, including disqualification, should I deliberately or knowingly violate any of these instructions, policies or procedures.

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8) I understand that during emergencies, including but not limited to suspensions of play for dangerous weather or other situations, the Hawaii State Golf Association will likely not be able to ensure safe social distancing throughout a suspension.

## **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK**

9) I understand that Hawaii State Golf Association has implemented policies and procedures in an effort to help provide a safe environment for me and others to participate in this HSGA activity, but neither the HSGA, the host facility, nor myself can control the conduct of others. I understand that I am assuming all risks with my participation in this HSGA activity.

## **RELEASE, WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

10) I hereby waive and release any and all claims and liabilities, now known or hereafter known, against the HSGA, its officers, board of directors, members, partners, employees, agents, sponsors, contractors, and all of their successors and assigns, as well as, all facilities hosting HSGA activities, their respective officers, board of directors, members, employees and all of their successors and assigns (collectively, "Releasees") on account of (a) injury, disease, infection, death, and property theft or damage, arising out of or attributable to my presence at a competition and/or my participation in a competition, and arising out of the actual, perceived, or alleged negligence of any Releasee, (the "Released Claims"). I covenant not to make or bring any Released Claim against any Releasee, and forever release and discharge all Releasees from liability under such claims. It is my intent that this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue will bind myself and my personal representatives, spouse (if applicable), assigns, heirs, and next of kin without limitation, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE all Releasees in connection with the Released Claims.

11) I agree that I cannot terminate or rescind this Release, Waiver, and Covenant Not to Sue. It is my desire and intent that the terms, provisions, covenants, and remedies contained in this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. This Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue constitutes the sole and entire agreement between the HSGA and me with respect to the Released Claims and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings and agreements, written and oral, to the extent they might otherwise apply to the Released Claims. If any term or provision of this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue is deemed invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability will not affect any other term or provision of this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue, nor invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction. The HSGA may assign this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue and its rights hereunder, in whole or in part, to any party. This Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue is binding on and inures to the benefit of our respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns. All matters arising out of or relating to this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Hawaii without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Hawaii or any other jurisdiction). Any claim or cause of action arising under this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue may be brought only in the federal and state courts located in Honolulu County, Hawaii and I hereby irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts

By signing, I acknowledge that I am at least 18 years of age (or, if not, then I have obtained the signature of my parent or legal guardian in the space provided below), and that I have read and understood all of the terms of this release, waiver and covenant not to sue, and that I am voluntarily giving up substantial legal rights, including the right to sue HSGA.

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Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a caddie, indicate your player's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the person named above is under 18 years of age:** I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above. I have the legal right to consent to and, by signing below, I hereby do consent to the terms and conditions of this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This COVID-19 Participant Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue must be signed and received by the HSGA prior to the individual's participation as a player or caddie in any HSGA competition or related activity. If this Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue is not signed and returned in time, the participant will not be permitted to participate in any HSGA activities until the document is signed and received by the HSGA.

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