



HAWAII STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

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COVID-19 CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - EFFECTIVE 1/1/2021

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 presented online during registration. It must be acknowledged by 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.