



Safety Procedures for Nebraska Junior Golf Events (Tour & TEAM)

Below are a set of proposed Policies & Procedures the NJG staff have generated for the Junior Golf Program that will be put into effect. Based on the recommendations of the WHO, CDC, and Directive Health Measures from local, state and federal government, some of these policies may be amended or removed completely. Our #1 goal is to provide a safe and responsible environment for junior golfers while maintaining social distancing and mitigating all congregating. Communication will be had with our host facilities regarding the best practices that will be maintained to ensure the safety of our participants and staff members. Players who have been fully COVID-19 vaccinated should still follow these guidelines and any facility or county mandates.

When registering for an event, players must be aware and understand that the ability to have junior events relies solely on following these policies and taking every possible preventative measure to keep all individuals at the event as safe as possible.

- Self-Screening
 - All NJG players will be required to self-screen prior to being on-site at tournaments. This acknowledgement will be stated in a waiver that parents/guardians MUST sign off on when registering for Nebraska Junior Golf, the below will be displayed at check-in and at all Nebraska Junior Golf events.
 - **Players must stay at home if they display any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:**
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Fatigue
 - Congestion or runny nose

General Note: If there is ever a mask mandate at a host facility, this mandate MUST be followed during the event. If there is not a mask mandate, NJG strongly recommends participants and spectators to wear masks when in and around the facility clubhouse.

• Pre-Event Communication

○ With Players

- All Covid-19 related communication is made clear during the event sign up process on the website and via email
- Pairings and tee times will be sent out via email 3-5 days prior to the event so parents and the players can know when they need to arrive to the course in relation to their tee time
- Strongly encouraged to bring their own water bottles. NJG Staff will handle water distribution around the course to players.

• Arrival on property

○ Check in

- Certain time to show up prior to tee time
 - Players are encouraged to arrive no more than 45 min prior to their tee time
- **All Nebraska Junior Golfers MUST have the event waiver signed by a legal parent/guardian and given to staff at check-in to play in EACH event.**
- All players and parents/guardians must maintain their **social distance (6 feet)** from others during the check in process
- Players must adhere to the facility policies that are put into place (mask wearing, social distancing, etc.)

○ Practice

- Players are asked to not start practicing more than 45 min before their tee time
- **Players must maintain social distancing (6 feet apart) at all times and in all areas**
- Players are strongly encouraged to avoid any and all contact with non-personal items as much as possible (Ex: practice cups, range balls, other players' equipment, etc.)

• Arriving to the tee

- Arrive 10 minutes prior to tee time
- **Players must maintain social distancing (6 feet apart) at all times**
- No handshakes, sanitizer on 1/10 tee
- This time will serve as the pre-event announcement opportunity to inform the players and caddies (For 9-hole tour and TEAM Golf) of important items they need to know
- Scorecards and any players notice will be handed directly to the marker or marking team

• Playing the Course During the Round

○ When there are no rakes on the course

When a ball is in any bunker, Model Local Rule E-3 is in effect. The player may lift, clean, and place the original ball or another ball in the bunker, within one club-length of the original spot of the ball, no closer to the hole. **The relief area must not be smoothed before placing.** Penalty for breach of this local rule: General Penalty. If there are rakes, normal golf is to be played (no preferred lies rule in effect).

- **Players must maintain social distancing (6 feet apart) on the course at all times.** This includes when they are preparing for a shot, walking down the fairway/rough, on the teeing ground, on the putting green, and all other locations.
- It is recommended to have no handshakes after the round.

- **Post Event**

- Scoring

- Scoring will be outside whenever possible
 - If ever inside, any facility mask mandates apply
 - **Players will stand behind cones spaced 8-10 feet apart in the scoring area**
 - Scoring area will be defined as the course property
 - Players do not exchange scorecards, instead marker/marking team will verbally confirm scores with the owner/owning team and then reads off the scores to the scorer. The scorer will read them back to the owner/owning team. If the scores are correct, the owner/owning team will confirm and that will certify the scorecard.
 - No signature or trading of scorecards will occur
 - Once scores are confirmed, drop the scorecards in the box or designated area provided. The scorecards will only be referred to if there is a catastrophic scoring system failure or score discrepancy.
 - All scores can be found on www.nebraskajuniorgolf.com. There will be a QR code present at scoring of each event for people to scan and send them directly to the leaderboard.
 - Awards will be handed out post event and any pictures will be taken individually. **Anyone present at the awards ceremony is asked to maintain social distancing at all times.**
 - Players are encouraged to not linger around the facility if they are not in contention.

- **Spectator Policy**

- **Spectators are encouraged to social distance (6 feet apart) from other spectators, players, officials and staff at all times**
 - Spectators who are with players who aren't in contention are encouraged to not linger around the facility after the round

Three phases of Weather Delay:

- 1. Players being pulled off course**

- a. If necessary during immediate suspensions (Ex: imminent danger from lightning), shuttles will be utilized to retrieve players from the course
 - b. During normal suspensions (Ex: darkness or unplayable course), all players must walk back to the clubhouse while maintaining social distance

- 2. Players get back to shelter**

- a. All parents/spectators are strongly encouraged to go directly to their vehicles
 - b. Players are asked to join their parents in the vehicle if available
 - i. A staff member will direct traffic and communicate this with players as they come off the course
 - c. All facility mandates and policies will apply to anyone seeking shelter inside the clubhouse

- 3. Players getting back on the course following the delay**

- a. Competitors will be notified via text/email/website or by a staff member when the delay is extended or expired, and players not allowed to warm up prior to any restart
 - b. Will start play with three air horn blasts once kids are to their places
 - c. If making a decision on getting back out on the golf course isn't likely within an hour, the event will be postponed or cancelled
 - i. NJG Staff has the right to modify this policy as they see fit