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Northern Texas Section

All American Tour COVID-19 Tournament Policies and Procedures Summary

The highest priority of the NTPGA is protecting the health, safety, and well-being of all involved during a NTPGA Junior Tour tournament. Please read the following for a brief summary of our current Policies & Procedures for the **All American Tour**. For more complete information, the full document may be viewed [HERE](#).

Safety Procedures

- The NTPGA Junior Tour will require all players and caddies to sign a COVID-19 waiver prior to participating.
- All NTPGA Junior Tour players, caddies, and spectators, and NTPGA Junior Tour staff are required to [self-screen](#) prior to being on-site at tournaments. Please stay at home if you do not feel well and/or display any symptoms of possible COVID-19. Refunds will be issued to encourage your safe cooperation.
- NTPGA Junior Tour staff will wear a face covering when engaging with players, caddies, and spectators, specifically when managing the registration area, starting tee, and scoring area. NTPGA Junior Tour staff will wear gloves if/when distributing or receiving items from players, caddies, and spectators at the registration area, starting tee and scoring area.
- Players, caddies, and spectators are not required to wear a face covering or gloves but may do so at their discretion. However, please note that face coverings may be required while inside the clubhouse/golf shop per the host facility's guidelines.
- The NTPGA Junior Tour will provide hand sanitizer stations at the registration area, starting tee, and scoring area.
- The NTPGA Junior Tour asks that players, caddies, and spectators maintain 6 feet minimum social distance at all times.
- No required NTPGA Junior Tour activities (i.e. registration, scoring, etc.) will take place inside the clubhouse.
- It is recommended that players and caddies arrive at the golf course no earlier than 45 minutes prior to their starting time.
- Players should come prepared with their own tees, ball markers, pencils, permanent markers, sunscreen, bug-spray, etc.
- Bottled water and snacks will be safely and responsibly distributed on the 1st and 10th tees only. Players should come prepared with their own drinks and snacks, especially in the Texas heat, to avoid use of any on site coolers or water fountains.
- The NTPGA Junior Tour strongly advises players to not use any shared on-site amenities such as ball washers, sand buckets, benches, or coolers.

Caddies & Spectators

- Caddies, when permitted, and spectators are strongly recommended to be an immediate family member or live in the same household. It is also recommended that caddies and spectators 65 years of age or older, or with pre-existing health conditions carefully consider their participation in the event. Players should be aware of the increased health risks for these individuals.
- There will be no limit to the number of spectators that may attend a NTPGA Junior Tour tournament.
- Spectator carts will be available at the host facility's discretion.

During the Round

- Scorecards – Players will be required to use the NTPGA Junior Tour app which will serve as their official tournament scorecard and live scoring.
- Bunkers and Rakes – Players are prohibited from using any remaining rakes -- please smooth the sand with a shoe or club when exiting the bunker. Players still may not smooth the sand prior to hitting their shot. If a player's ball is in a bunker, they must play the ball as it lies in the bunker, but any disturbed area in a bunker will be deemed Ground Under Repair. Players may take free relief under Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1) but must stay inside the bunker. The player also has the option to play it as it lies.
- Flagstick – Players and caddies must not touch or remove the flagstick under any circumstances.
- Hole / Holing Out – A mechanism will be provided to assist the player in removing their ball from the hole. A player's ball must be holed as defined in the Rules of Golf – When your ball is at rest in the hole after your stroke and the entire ball is below the surface of the putting green.

After the Round

- Scoring Area – Players will confirm their scores verbally with the group and NTPGA Junior Tour staff.
- Scoreboards – Digital scoreboards will be removed from the scoring area. Players, caddies, and spectators are encouraged to use the NTPGA Junior Tour app to view tournament results.
- Award Ceremonies – At the conclusion of each tournament, the champion of each division may choose to be recognized and receive their award on-site. Awards will remain packaged in their original box and will be distributed by NTPGA Junior Tour staff once results are official.