

# INDIANA GOLF



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## COVID 19 Operating Procedures

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Indiana moved into Stage 4 of its recovery plan on Friday, June 12 and golf in Indiana moved into Stage 4 of our Staying on Course Indiana plan. That means that we are approaching more of a normal operating procedure for our tournament and First Tee events and clinics.

Should local communities or courses require more stringent guidelines be followed then those guidelines will override the Staying on Course plan. We will make every effort to notify players in advance should a host facility require additional guidelines.

Our updated policies for our on-site events are as follows:

## COVID 19 First Tee of Indiana Operating Procedures

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### **First Tee Clinics**

Please note that if any participant has any signs of illness they are encouraged to stay home. Should Indiana Golf staff feel that a participant is showing any signs of illness they will be asked to remove themselves from the clinic

### **Registration**

- Coaches will let parents and players know how registration will be conducted at each location. There will be a central person signing in kids and directing them to a station (this will eliminate congregating groups)
- Parents can accompany participants to the registration person and will then be asked to move to a parent viewing area where social distancing will be required

### **Clinics**

- No physical contact (Tapping putter heads will take the place of high fives and handshakes)

- Participants and their equipment will always remain at least 6 feet from other participants and their equipment
- Players will utilize every other space on the driving range to assure adequate social distancing
- Warm up and directions will be done in small groups to eliminate any larger gatherings
- Adequate spacing will be enforced on the putting green to assure proper social distancing
- Participants will be assigned groups with a ratio of no greater than 6 kids to each coach for maximum supervision
- Equipment will not be shared
- Coaches and students will be allowed to choose whether or not they want to wear a mask unless a local government has giving specific directives. In that case those directives will be followed by everyone in attendance
- Only one person at a time will be allowed in the restroom facilities
- There will be no water coolers provided. Participants will be asked to bring their own water bottles and the sharing of drinks or food will be strictly prohibited
- Any time participants are required to form a line all social distancing guidelines in place at the current time will be followed

#### **On-Course**

- Golf provides ample opportunities on the golf course and coaches and volunteers will make sure proper distancing is adhered to on the course

#### **Inclement Weather**

- Should inclement weather force kids to move inside, social distancing guidelines will be followed at all times. Should a facility not have adequate indoor space then clinics will not be held if there is a chance of inclement weather
- Indoor programming will only be allowed at locations that have adequate space available to maintain social distancing

Families are encouraged to do the following to promote safe habits during this virus:

- Encourage kids to avoid touching their face
- Encourage kids to wash their hands frequently
- Remind them to sneeze or cough into their elbow
- Encourage them to wear a mask if they feel more comfortable doing so

# COVID 19 IGA/PGA Event Operating Procedures

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## **Championship Events**

If any player is showing any signs of illness they are asked to stay home. Any withdraws from events for any illness related issue will result in a full-refund until further notice

## **Pre-Round**

- Players are asked to arrive at the course no more than 45 minutes prior to their tee time
- Driving range and putting greens will be monitored and social distancing strictly enforced
- In an effort to maintain Social Distancing, Indiana Golf will restrict the number of players allowed on any practice putting green or chipping green to however many holes have been cut in the green, with the maximum number allowed being nine(9). Players will be restricted to five (5) minutes in the areas when other players are waiting for access.
- Host courses will be encouraged to remove flagsticks from the practice putting and chipping greens
- Wider than normal driving range stalls will be utilized to maximize social distancing
- Only a scorecard and combination hole location/local rules sheet will be distributed on the tee. They will be stapled together and given from the starter to a marker. There will be no exchange of paper between competitors

## **During Round**

- Indiana Golf asks that regardless of their position on the golf course that players maintain six (6) feet of distance between themselves and other players. 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.

## **Post Round**

- Scorecards will not be exchanged at scoring area, scores will be read to staff scorer and then verbally attested
- Only 2 people (the player and marker) will be allowed in the scoring area at a time
- Players will be asked to leave the course upon the completion of play unless they are in contention for a prize

### **Food and Beverage**

- Food and Beverage offerings will be decided by each host facility.
- There will be no on course water stations for the time being. Players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles or purchase beverages from host facility when available.

### **Weather Delays**

- Should play be suspended for inclement weather, players are encouraged to seek shelter in their cars.
- If club house is open, players without a car can seek shelter inside the clubhouse while still maintaining social distancing
- Instructions to resume play will be done via text and email notifications

### **Restroom Facilities**

- Restroom facilities will be open at host courses but social distancing will be strictly enforced

### **Miscellaneous**

- All players should refrain from touching their fellow competitors in any way, including shaking hands prior to and following the round.
- Spectators will be held to the same social distancing requirements as players
- Disabled spectator carts will be available per the discretion of the host facility.

## **COVID 19 Junior Program Operating Procedures**

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### **Junior Championships/Tour Events**

If any player is showing any signs of illness they are asked to stay home. Any withdraws from events for any illness related issue will result in a full-refund until further notice

### **Registration/Pre-Round**

- Shotgun starts will not be utilized until further notice. Tee times will be used for all events.
- There will be no "registration areas" for the time being. Participants will report directly to the tee 10 minutes before their assigned tee time
- Players are asked to arrive at the course no more than 45 minutes prior to their tee time
- Driving range and putting greens will be monitored and social distancing strictly enforced
- In an effort to maintain Social Distancing, Indiana Golf will restrict the number of players allowed on any practice putting green or chipping green to however many holes have been cut in the green, with the maximum number allowed being nine(9). Players will be restricted to five (5) minutes in the areas when other players are waiting for access.
- Host courses will be encouraged to remove flagsticks from the practice putting and chipping greens
- Wider than normal driving range stalls will be utilized to maximize social distancing
- There will be no exchanging of scorecards. Cards will be given directly to a players marker who will retain the card throughout the round. Whoever is distributing scorecards and rules sheets will wear gloves.

### **During Round**

- Indiana Golf asks that regardless of their position on the golf course that players maintain six (6) feet of distance between themselves and other players. 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.

### **Post Round**

- Scorecards will not be exchanged at scoring area, scores will be read to staff scorer and then verbally attested
- Players will be asked to leave the course upon the completion of play unless they are in contention for a tournament prize

### **Food and Beverage**

- Food and Beverage offerings will be decided by each host facility.

- There will be no on course water stations for the time being. Players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles or purchase beverages from host facility when available.

### **Weather Delays**

- Should play be suspended for inclement weather, players are encouraged to seek shelter in their cars.
- If club house is open, players without a car can seek shelter inside the clubhouse while still maintaining social distancing
- Instructions to resume play will be done via text and email notifications

### **Restroom Facilities**

- Restroom facilities will be open at host courses but social distancing will be strictly enforced

### **Miscellaneous**

- All players should refrain from touching their fellow competitors in any way, including shaking hands prior to and following the round
- Parents and spectators will be held to the same social distancing guidelines as the players. Host facilities may impose stricter guidelines for parents and players at their discretion