

# Regional Championships

## COVID-19 Protocol Overview

U.S. Kids Golf is enacting the following protocols in order to keep our Regional Championship events safe for players and families. We ask that the players and their parents/caddies review before participating.

### Before you arrive

- ★ Everyone must obey the social distance rule of maintaining a minimum of six feet at all times. This includes the registration area, putting green, driving range, golf course, scoring, and through the completion of the round.
- ★ Please arrive **NO EARLIER than 60 minutes before** your scheduled tee time.
- ★ **PLEASE SEE THE FULL SPECTATOR POLICY BY CLICKING [HERE](#).**
- ★ Anyone using a cart must adhere to a single-rider per cart in order to maintain social distancing standards. Only family members from the same household are permitted to ride together. Cart availability is at the discretion of the host facility.
- ★ Instead of a traditional hug or handshake before or after your round, we recommend a friendly nod, a tip of your cap, or a simple wave as a form of greeting or sportsmanship.
- ★ Bring your own tees, ball-markers, and divot repair tools as we will not supply these until further notice.

### Arriving at the course

- ★ During your warm-up on the putting green, chipping green, and driving range, make sure you continue to practice social distancing guidelines. Masks should be worn indoors at all times, and outdoors when social distancing is not possible players are not required to wear a mask while practicing or competing as long as social distancing is upheld.
- ★ Your starter will assign and distribute scorecards to each player. We will not exchange scorecards as normal.
- ★ If your ball comes to rest in a bunker, the player is permitted to lift, clean, and place their ball within one club length, no closer to the hole. The ball must remain in the bunker. The player may smooth the bunker before placing the ball.
- ★ Rakes will have been removed from bunkers at most courses. However, if a rake is present, please don't use it. Once a player hits their ball out of the bunker, the player should do their best to smooth the sand with their feet.
- ★ Under the Rules of Golf, players are permitted to leave the flagstick in the hole while putting. At this time, all players **MUST** leave the flagstick in. ***The first offense constitutes a warning. A two shot penalty will be given for each subsequent offense.***
- ★ Upon completion of your round, the group will head to the designated scoring area. Players will verbally agree to the hole-by-hole scores for each player. After agreeing, the marker will sign the scorecard and submit to a tournament staff member. We will verify totals with each player, sign the card, and then place in the box. The player **WILL NOT** sign their own scorecard.

### After your round

- ★ After scoring is complete, do not gather at the clubhouse or any other common area. Players, caddies, and spectators are asked to leave the golf course after their round is complete.
- ★ All ties for first place will be broken via an on-course playoff.
- ★ In the event play is suspended, you are directed to evacuate to your car in the parking lot. Your Tournament Director will provide updates via text and email.
- ★ All results will be available exclusively online. No scoreboards will be posted at the facility to limit congregation.

### Other important precautions for players and parents

- ★ If you are sick or at risk, please stay home.
- ★ Due to restrictions, water will not be supplied. Please come prepared with plenty of water for your player and caddie..
- ★ Wash your hands frequently. If you can't wash them on the course, please bring and use hand sanitizer.
- ★ Avoid touching your face, including your mouth, nose, lips or eyes.

U.S. Kids Golf will continue to act in the best interest of our tournament families, as our top priority is the safety of our players, parents, staff, volunteers, and coaches.