



# State Invitational

## COVID-19 Protocol Overview

U.S. Kids Golf is enacting the following protocols in order to keep our State Invitational 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 MORE than 30 minutes before** your scheduled tee time.
- ★ Players and caddies that use carts 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.
- ★ **PLEASE SEE THE FULL SPECTATOR POLICY BY [CLICKING HERE](#).**
- ★ 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, pencils, ball-markers, and divot repair tools as we will not supply these until further notice.

### Arriving at the course

- ★ Upon arrival, please verbally notify a State Invitational staff member at the registration table you are present while maintaining social distancing guidelines. At this time, there will be no tee gifts or handouts. All information will be available electronically.
- ★ During your warm-up on the putting green, chipping green, and driving range, make sure you continue to practice social distancing guidelines.
- ★ To download blank scorecards for players to print at home, [CLICK HERE](#). You will use that scorecard to keep each player's score in your group. Yardages will be emailed out each week by your State Invitational director for the upcoming event.
- ★ 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 general 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 the State Invitational staff. 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.
- ★ At this time, we will not conduct traditional awards ceremonies. Results and will be posted online only, and no written scoreboard will be available onsite. Following Round 2, if you place in the top 3, the Tournament Director will instruct you on how to pick up your trophy on site.
- ★ All ties for first place will be broken via a scorecard playoff. Procedures for breaking ties can be found on our website under [PLAYER INFO/PLAYOFF POLICY](#).
- ★ In the event play is suspended, you are directed to evacuate to your car in the parking lot. Your State Invitational director will provide updates via email and social media.

### Other important precautions for players and parents

- ★ If you are sick or at risk, please stay home.
- ★ Please bring your own water, as water won't be supplied.
- ★ Wash your hands frequently. If you can't wash them on the course, 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.

