

GOLF CONSIDERATIONS – 1/13/2021

Each school should develop a plan with their local health officials to successfully complete the fall season. Below are considerations to include in your plan.

Special Considerations for the use of the following equipment:

- Golf Balls
- Clubs
- Tees
- Ball Markers
- Bags
- Towels
- Scorecards
- Water Bottles
- Gloves are permissible for all players, coaches and officials.
- Each team is responsible for its own towels, hand sanitizer and med kit

Special Considerations for the use of the following components of the facility:

- Pins
- Carts
- Warm-Up Areas (Driving Range, Chipping/Putting Green, Practice Bunker)
- Clubhouse
- Team Areas
- Bathrooms/Portable restrooms
- Hydration stations
- Entry/Exit

Practices – Screenings, face coverings and individual hygiene of all participants should be followed in accordance with WHSAA Smart Start Guidelines and the WHSAA Screening/Monitoring form should be utilized.

- Workouts/practices should be conducted in “pods” of participants with same golfers practicing together to limit overall exposure
- Golfers should maintain the recommended six feet of distancing between individuals and have no physical contact with each other
- No sharing of equipment
- All activities (including meetings) occur outdoors
- Avoid grouping of athletes at the start and end of practices and during transition times
- Face coverings are not recommended while golfing, but are **required** before and after practice for everyone (athletes and coaches)

Events - WHSAA Smart Start Guidelines must be utilized for all events.

- Regular season contests will be one-day events with no more than 80 players on a 18 hole course and no more than 40 players on a 9 hole course. We will allow consecutive one day meets at the same site with the same teams.
- Shot gun start will be used for all contests, with the exception of allowing tee-times for meets with 30 players or less. No gathering points for registration. Communication on starting holes / tee times etc. must be communicated through each participant’s coach before arriving on site. All information should be communicated to players before arrival to avoid congestion in the clubhouse. Players will report directly to their assigned hole.

- NO use of the any golf course practice facilities (including practice driving range and practice putting green).
- Tees, pencils and ball-markers and sharpies will not be available. Players must bring their own equipment.
- Limit all use of golf shop and retail operations to maintain social distancing guidelines. If social distancing cannot be maintained, golf shop access should be prohibited.
- No pre or post-meet handshakes or fist bumps should take place
- Face coverings are not recommended while golfing but are **required** before and after contests (when not golfing) for everyone (coaches and athletes).
- All event workers should utilize face coverings, and gloves when appropriate
- No pre or post game gatherings should take place to assist in limiting exposure. (i.e. Tailgating, BBQ's, etc.)
- No Team Dinners

Post Season:

If a conference decides to hold a Conference Meet, it must meet the guidelines of the regular season. The State Meet will take place as scheduled.

Back2Golf Operations Playbook:

https://www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/images/course-care/covid-19-resource-center/back2golf/back2golf_operations_playbook-version4-0-june10-2020.pdf