

GOLF COMPETITIONS PROTOCOL COVID-19

NEW NORMALITY RULES



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Guidelines for the Safe Organization of Competitions (Covid-19)

Introduction

This protocol has been developed to help the Committees organize and celebrate competitions at any level after phase III and during the COVID-19 crisis, which can be modified if circumstances find it advisable.

Royal Decree Law 21/2020, of 9 June, on urgent prevention, containment and coordination measures to deal with the health crisis caused by the COVID-19, establishes the urgent prevention, containment and coordination measures required to deal with the health crisis caused by the COVID-19, as well as to prevent possible outbreaks, in order to overcome phase III of the Plan for the Transition to a New Normality and the expiry of the state of alarm declared by Royal Decree 463/2020 and its extensions.

In accordance with article 2 of the aforementioned Royal Decree law, these measures will be applied throughout the national territory until the Government declares the end of the health crisis situation caused by COVID-19.

With regard to the facilities for sports competitions, article 15.1. establishes that the competent administrations must ensure that the owners of the facilities in which individual or collective sports activities and competitions are carried out, comply with the rules on capacity, disinfection, prevention and conditioning established by them.

In any case, it must be ensured that the necessary measures are adopted to guarantee a minimum interpersonal distance of 1.5 metres, as well as the necessary control to avoid crowding. When it is not possible to maintain this safety distance, appropriate hygienic measures must be observed to prevent the risk of contagion.

At the same time, Article 6 of the aforementioned rule establishes that the use of masks shall not be required in the case of individual sports activities in open air.

In accordance with this, and taking into account the regulations issued by the competent authorities, at national, regional or local level, it is necessary to establish a protocol that incorporates the conditions and requirements in accordance with the situation of New Normality, so that the necessary prevention, containment and coordination measures continue to be guaranteed to deal with the health crisis caused by the COVID-19, as well as to prevent possible outbreaks.

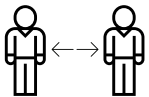


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Basic rules



TWO CLUBS SOCIAL DISTANCE AND GREETINGS

- A minimum social distance of 1.5 metres must be maintained at all times. (It is recommended to maintain the distance equivalent to the length of two clubs) and physical contact should be avoided when greeting.



MASK USE

- When, for some reason, it is not possible to maintain this social distance, masks should be worn.



SHARING EQUIPMENT AND SANITIZATION

- Sharing equipment and any other material should be avoided. If it has to be handled, it should be sanitized before and after use.

Organizing the competition



MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION BY TELEMATIC MEANS

- All competition management (Registration, Regulations, Tee Times, Local Rules, Score Cards, Results and Classifications, etc.) will be carried out and communicated to the players preferably by telematic means.



MODALITIES SHARING GOLF BALL

- When competitions are organized in the following modalities in which you share the golf ball (Foursome, Greensome, Greensome-Chapman, etc.) it is recommended that the ball is always handled by only one of the players. If this is not the case, the sanitizing gel will be used when the ball is handled by both players.



DISSABILITY GOLF

- In dissabled golf competitions, special attention will be given to the hygienic measures of the equipment that will be handled by more than one person, including hygienic measures for the participation of caddies, assistants, monitors, etc. When it is not possible to maintain social distance, masks must be worn.



TEE TIMES

- It is recommended to increase the tee times interval to avoid crowding in the tees, avoiding as much as possible the shotgun starts.



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Before the round of golf



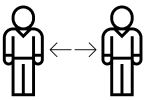
BUNKERS AND RAKES

- Bunkers do not lose their bunker status. Rule 12 is still in effect. Smoothing of the bunker is recommended with the player's club or feet. It is not necessary to make specific local rules.
- If rakes are used, sanitizing gel should be used before and after use.



SCORE CARD

- It is recommended to use telematic means (specific apps for mobiles, Whatsapp, Note applications, photograph, etc.).
- If this is not possible, the score card will be sanitized before it is given to the player. The player will write down his results on his own card and the marker will sign it avoiding touching it.
- Marker and player will never manipulate each other's card or electronic device.



PRACTICE - WARM UP

- If necessary, to avoid crowding, the use of the practice areas (driving range, chipping and putting green, etc.) before and after the round will be prohibited or limited.

During the round of golf



EQUIPMENT AND GOLF CLUBS

- Unless it is essential, players will avoid sharing or borrowing any type of equipment (clubs, gloves, balls, divot tools, tees, ball markers, golf club distance meters, etc.). All elements used for the game, including carts and golf bags, will be handled exclusively by the player or his caddy. In case of manipulation by another person, it will be sanitized before and after use.



TOUCH THE BALL

- It is recommended that the player is the only one who marks, lifts, drops and replaces the ball on and off the green. No ball should be touched other than the player's own ball. Otherwise, it will be sanitized before and after handling. Before starting the round



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CADDIES

- It is recommended that the caddy does not handle the player's clubs and ball. Otherwise, he will clean them before and after handling them.



ARTIFICIAL OBJECTS

- Touching artificial objects should be avoided as much as possible. Otherwise, the player must clean himself before and after handling them.
- It is recommended to putt with the flag placed in the hole. Otherwise, it is recommended that only one player of the group handles it, who will sanitize himself before and after handling it.



PENALTY FOR INTENTIONAL BREACH

- If the player or his caddy intentionally breaches any directive of this Protocol adopted by the Committee, he incurs in the following penalty:
 - First Offence: General Penalty (Two strokes in Stroke Play or Loss of Hole in MatchPlay)
 - Next Offence: Disqualification (and should be invited to leave the course)
- Accidental or unintentional act is not an offence.

After the round



SCORE RECORDING AREA

- The player will write down his results on his own card and the marker will sign it without touching it.
- The scorecard will be returned to the Committee preferably using telematic means (Specific Apps for Mobiles, Whatsapp, Note Applications, photograph, etc.). If this is not possible, the scorecard will be sanitized before processing the results.



PRIZE GIVING

- Social distance between the participants must be maintained, avoiding agglomerations between the ones who give the prize and the ones who receive them.



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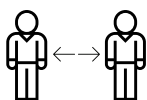
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Facilities and public



FACILITIES

- The golf courses where the competitions are held will be sanitized daily, with special attention to the areas of greatest risk such as locker rooms and cafeteria, maintaining adequate ventilation of closed spaces.
- There will be informative signs on COVID-19 sanitary measures in the areas of greatest gathering of people, including the entrance to the course, cafeteria and locker rooms.
- Each Golf Club will ensure that they comply with the measures in their occupational risk prevention plan and any other protocols in use, especially those related to the COVID-19 crisis.



PUBLIC AND MEDIA

- The public will always maintain a social distance of 1.5 metres, and if it is not possible, they will wear masks. Access to the public will be allowed under the conditions established by the competent authorities of the local government where the competition takes place.
- Access to the press and media to the course will be allowed under the conditions established by the competent authority of the local government where the competition is held.

Persons with symptoms and local government rules



PERSONS WITH SYMPTOMS

- If a player is aware that he, or anyone with whom he lives, is suffering from COVID-19 disease or has symptoms compatible with the disease, he shall immediately inform the championship committee. He must carry out self-isolation in his home and contact immediately with the health authorities through the means established by the local government
- In case of knowing the existence of a possible case of COVID-19, the championship committee will contact the Labor Risk Prevention Service and/or with the sanitary Authorities through the means established by the local government where the event is taking place, following always their instructions.



REGIONAL REGULATION

- This competition protocol is complementary to the one in effect in the Local Government where the competition is held, and will not be valid should it be contrary to the one established by the Local Government. The rules established by each Local Government will be attached as an annex.



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Local Government validations

	Validated by the Local Government of the Principado of Asturias General Director of Sports.
	Validated by the Local Government of the País Vasco. Director of Physical Activity and Sport.
	Validated by the Local Government of Valencia. General Director of Sports.
	Validated by the Local Government of La Rioja. General Director of Sports.
	Validated by the Local Government of Cantabria. General Director of Sports.
	Validated by the Local Government of Galicia. Xunta de Galicia, General Secretary for Sport.

Protocols approved by other Local Governments

	Validated by the Local Government of Andalucía. Department of Education and Sport.	
	Validated by the Local Government of Madrid. General Director of Infrastructures.	
	Validated by the Local Government of Cataluña. General Secretary for Sports	



