

INDIANA GOLF



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COVID 19 Operating Procedures

Indiana Golf is working diligently to develop operating procedures that will be used as we navigate through the COVID – 19 Crisis. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for our First Tee participants and tournament players. Plans are to resume operations on May 26 with the following practices in place. Hopefully we will be able to return to more normal operations in the near future. Please keep in mind these policies are subject to change based on current CDC and Health Department directives. Our updated policies for our on-site events are as follows:

COVID 19 First Tee of Indiana Operating Procedures

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
- Golf balls, other than the golf balls belonging to each participant, will not be touched during a clinic
- 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
- On Course programming will only be held at facilities that have taken steps to prevent the golf ball from falling into the hole deeper than can be retrieved with 2 fingers
- Flagsticks will not be touched by any coach or participant
- Rakes will be removed where clinics are being conducted
- Golf cars will not be used to transport participants until further notice

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

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IGA/PGA Event Operating Procedures

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 required to remove flagsticks from the practice putting and chipping greens
- Players are encouraged to warm up with irons only to limit touching of range balls
- Wider than normal driving range stalls will be utilized to maximize social distancing
- Starters Boxes will not be in use
- 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

- A maximum of one person per cart will be allowed. 2 sets of clubs may be on the cart but one person will be the designated driver for the entire round and the other player will walk the entire round
- Pool noodles or PVC pipe inside the cup, or upside cups will be utilized to minimize the players need to reach deep inside the cup to retrieve a ball. Flagsticks will not be touched or removed in any circumstances
- Rakes will be removed from bunkers and lift, clean and place within one club length, remaining in the bunker, will be utilized until further notice. Players are asked to smooth their footprints the best they can after playing from a bunker
- Caddies will be prohibited until further notice
- 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
- BlueGolf TV will not be utilized to eliminate congregating in the scoring area
- There will be no playoffs until further notice
- Players will be asked to leave the course upon the completion of play and all awards will be mailed to the tournament winners

Food and Beverage

- Food and Beverage offerings will be decided by each host facility. There will be no F & B as part of any IGA, IGF or Indiana PGA events until further notice
- 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
- No spectator carts will be available

COVID 19 Junior Program Operating Procedures

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 and tee time interval spacing will be at least 12 minutes
- 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 required to remove flagsticks from the practice putting and chipping greens

- Players are encouraged to warm up with irons only to limit touching of range balls. Wider than normal driving range stalls will be utilized to maximize social distancing
- Starters Boxes will not be in use
- There will be no exchanging of scorecards. Cards will be given directly to a player's marker who will retain the card throughout the round. Whoever is distributing scorecards and rules sheets will wear gloves.

During Round

- Pool noodles or PVC pipe inside the cup, or upside cups will be utilized to minimize the players need to reach deep inside the cup to retrieve a ball. Flagsticks will not be touched or removed in any circumstances
- Rakes will be removed from bunkers and left, clean and placed within one club length, remaining in the bunker, will be utilized until further notice. Players are asked to smooth their footprints the best they can after playing from a bunker
- Caddies will be prohibited until further notice
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Restroom Facilities

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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
- No spectator carts will be available