



## COVID-19 Policy

### **GENERAL INFO**

1. Any player exhibiting COVID-19 associated symptoms will not be permitted to play the event.
2. Any player with a family member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must have a doctor certification clearing them to play in the event.
3. All event information, rules sheets, special conditions of play, etc will be communicated in an email to the players and parents the day prior to the event.
4. Players must not shake hands, share equipment, writing utensils, food, drink, etc.
5. Players must, at all times, maintain proper social distancing.
  - a. No walking down the fairway together
  - b. No standing next to each other waiting for a shot to be played.
  - c. Separate on the tees and greens... just be aware of your distance.
  - d. Maintain social distancing when searching for golf balls.
  - e. We understand that there may be instances where accidental violations of social distancing occur within the course of a round, and the BJGT staff will attempt to constantly remind players of proper social distancing practices. However, any player found to be in continued violation of the social distancing practices outlined in this document and communicated by BJGT staff may be disqualified from the tournament at the discretion of the Rule Committee.

### **Warm-up procedures**

1. As we are proceeding under tee times for all events, players should limit their warm-up to no more than 40 minutes prior to their tee time. Any player entering the property more than 40 minutes prior to their tee time will be asked to remain in the parking lot to minimize the numbers of players on the range and putting green.
2. Players will be allowed 15 minutes on the range and 15 minutes on the putting green. Players are asked to arrive to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, 10 minutes prior to tee time. EXAMPLE: John's tee time is 9:00 am. He arrives at the course at 8:15, warms up on the range from 8:20-8:35, putting green from 8:35-8:50, and then arrives at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee at 8:50.
3. Some golf courses may not open practice facilities, per their own company policy during COVID-19. If this is the case, players are allowed to warm up at an alternate facility, if available and close in proximity, but should still be at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee on time.
4. Any players not adhering to these parameters may be asked to leave and could have their playing privileges revoked.

### **Tee Time Guidelines: 1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> tee starting procedures for players**

1. Maintain social distancing
2. No spectators in or around the tee box area.

3. Players will be handed a scorecard and will not exchange cards. All players in the group will keep all group members scores. Ask for everyone's score at the completion of each hole.
4. Players must have their own writing utensils – no exchanging
5. Players should take a digital copy of the rule sheet, or use the one from the email communication the night prior to the event. Each rule sheet should have staff contact information.
6. Players should bring their own water – we cannot guarantee having any water available at this point and time.

#### **Temporary Rules of Play (in addition to normal Beltway JGT rules)**

1. Leave the flagstick in the hole at all times.
2. All disturbed areas in bunkers will be treated as Ground Under Repair. Players may take full relief of that area, but must take relief within the bunker. (drop from knee height)
3. Do not use bunker rakes. After you have played your shot from the bunker, sweep/repair the sand as neatly as possible with feet. Do your best.
4. Players will be permitted to use cell phones to contact a rules official provided it is used only for that purpose and immediately put away. Tournament officials will make their contact info readily available to the players.

#### **SPECTATORS**

1. Your Region Tournament Director will communicate to the parents/players via email if spectators (carts/no carts) will be allowed on the golf course to watch per the golf course's own policies. If spectators are allowed on the golf course, we would ask the following:
  - a. DROP OFF PLAYERS PRIOR TO PLAY:
    - i. Spectators will not be allowed to congregate on the golf course property, putting green, 1<sup>st</sup> tee, etc, at all.
    - ii. Spectators will be limited to being in those areas mentioned until 10-minutes prior to their player's tee time. Please remain in the parking lot if possible. Obviously, there will be some instances where you will need to find your son/daughter prior to their tee time outside of the 10-minute window, but we ask that those cases be as limited as possible.
  - b. ON THE GOLF COURSE:
    - i. Spectators must remain in a state of social distancing prior, during, and after the round. No congregating will be allowed at any point.
    - ii. Spectators must stay on the cart path or in very close proximity to the path as viewing of some areas of the courses may dictate.
    - iii. Spectators may not help players find stray golf balls.
    - iv. Spectators may carry items (food, water, etc) for only their child as long as the interaction between them is quick, and in no way violates the social distancing issue with others in the pairing.
    - v. Any spectator exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19 is not permitted at a BJGT event for 14 Days.

### **AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH ROUND**

1. Once the round is complete, players must walk straight from the 9<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> green to the scoring area with all their equipment. Please do not stop to converse with spectators or go to the parking lot for any reason. Please go straight to the scoring area. Simple.
2. Do not shake hands, do not hug, do not have any physical contact of any kind. A tip of the cap to your fellow-competitors will suffice for now.
3. Spectators are asked to return to their vehicles after the round. They are not permitted to remain anywhere near the scoring area.
4. SCORING:
  - a. Scoring area will not have a physical scoreboard, and will reflect social distancing
  - b. Players will not exchange cards at the scoring table.
  - c. Players will read aloud each player's score for all to hear to verify/correct.
  - d. Coaches will enter scores in the computer as they are read aloud.
  - e. Coaches will read each player's scores back to the entire group for accuracy.
  - f. When all players have agreed of the verbalization of the scores, each player will sign the card they have kept, and place it in a box on the scoring table.
  - g. Once the cards have been signed and placed in the box, they will have been deemed scored and official.
5. No physical scoreboard – online view only at [www.beltwayjgt.com](http://www.beltwayjgt.com)
6. No physical awards at the conclusion of the events. Awards will be given out to all winners at a later date.
7. No on course playoffs
8. All of this is put in place for one reason. We need to limit congregating after play.

### **2020 MEMBER GIFTS**

Member gifts for 2020 will be given at a later date. We hope that will be later this summer, but we cannot guarantee that at this time.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Any event halted by weather, where we cannot shelter in place to let it pass, will be cancelled. If the weather warrants immediate evacuation of the golf course, all players and spectators will immediately leave the golf course and go back to their vehicles. We will not restart the event if we have to leave the course. We will place a credit into each players account based on our responsibility to the staff and the course.

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