

Covid-19 Requirements and Recommendations

Sectional, District, and State Tournaments are Required to Follow:

1. **August 19 Ohio Department of Health Order:**
https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHOOD/2020/08/19/file_attachments/1521949/Sports%20Order%2008.19.20.pdf
2. **State Covid-19 Guidance:** <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Youth-Collegiate-Amateur-Club-Pro-Sports.pdf>
3. **Golf Requirements and Recommendations:**
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Golf/2020/GolfRecommendations.pdf>

Below are some of the key items for your golf tournaments: This is not a complete list of the requirements and recommendations so please read the documents above for full guidance.

- **Spectators:** Since there is no fixed seating at golf courses, up to 1500 spectators are permitted to attend. However, some local health departments or courses themselves have stricter regulations and may permit less people. Please work together as site managers and DAB's to determine if this is the case.
- **Face Masks:** Must be worn by spectators, workers, and coaches at all times. Golfers must wear them anytime they are not competing or on the range/putting green/chipping area. (but do have the option to wear them during these times if they choose).
- **Social Distance:** Must be maintained at all times. Spectators can remain within their family groups but should keep 6ft distance from other groups.
- **Physical Contact:** Not permitted- no handshakes, high fives, etc.
- **Congregating:** Not permitted before, during, or after competition.
- **Driving Range/Putting Green/Chipping Green-** A schedule should be put in place, if necessary, to ensure social distancing can occur in these areas. Spectators are not permitted in these areas.
- **Scoring Area:** Please eliminate any scoring area that would attract a crowd. Move this to a private area that only coaches can access while maintaining social distance.
- **Awards Ceremony:** Please eliminate any awards ceremony that would attract a crowd. You may give the trophy/medals to the qualifying head coach(es) to give to their team.
- **Scoring:** Electronic scoring is permissible to use should you choose to do so. Paper scorecards can still be used but it is recommended that scorecards not be traded at the end of the round and that scores are verified verbally.
- **Flagsticks:** Should be left in the hole at all times.
- **Bunker Rakes:** Should be removed or not used. Players should smooth out the sand with their foot or club after playing their ball from the bunker. There are options within the USGA rules should there be disturbed/unmaintained areas within the bunkers. Most of you have probably dealt with this but please let me know if you need assistance.
- **Ball Washers/Coolers/Etc.:** Should be removed or not used.
- **Course Etiquette:** Players should continue to observe proper course etiquette including replacing divots and fixing ball marks on the greens.
- **Sanitizing:** It is recommended that sanitizer be provided at the tee and the scoring area.