



2020 COVID-19 – 27th Middle-Amateur Qualifying Playbook

The following Player material is applicable for the 27th Pennsylvania Middle-Amateur Qualifiers.

The Pennsylvania Golf Association asks that you do not come to any tournament if you have any symptoms related to COVID-19. You are NOT permitted to participate in the tournament if you have a fever or suffer from any respiratory illness. PA Golf staff has been instructed to refuse service to those who do not appear healthy, and you will be required to leave at once.

Please read this notice carefully and make sure you are fully prepared before coming to 27th Middle-Amateur Qualifiers. PA Golf staff will be closely monitoring these policies. All tournament participants and other persons will be expected to follow these policies to ensure the safety of everyone on the property/course.

The following steps to limit the exposure of our players, staff and facilities to the COVID-19.

The Staff and Volunteers will wear a provided facemask when unable to maintain proper social distancing standards and while inside of any buildings. Hand sanitizer to be available at the starting tee and electronic scoring area. Players are expected to supply their own facemasks and are expected to wear them when they are unable to maintain proper social distancing standards and while inside of any buildings.

Championship Field Size: Limited to 120 entries per qualifier.

Pairings: Will be in twosomes or threesomes depending on cart availability at each site.

Ball Washers: There will be no ball washers.

Bunkers: Bunker rakes may be removed from the course. Until further notice, PA Golf will play lift, clean and place in all bunkers – 1 club length no closer to the hole. The ball must remain in the bunker. Players may not smooth the bunker before placing. PA Golf asks all players to smooth their damage in a bunker as much as possible after playing out of the bunker.

Carts: Are mandatory for all qualifying sites. The fee was included with your entry.

Caddies: May be permitted. Please see specific event information for each qualifier.

Masks: Are required inside of any facilities buildings and outside anytime you are unable to meet social distancing requirements. This includes when outside in double rider in carts if you are not immediate family living in the same household.

Drinking Water: May be available at each qualifying site.

Evacuation: In the event of weather delay, players must head directly to their cars to wait for the all clear.

Flagsticks: Players are permitted to remove the flagstick.

Notice to players and hole locations: All players will receive an electronic version prior to the event. Paper copies will be available at the first tee.

Restrooms: The PA Golf staff will ensure there are restrooms available and are cleaned often.

Food and Beverage: Please see event specific information.

Pace of Play: PA Golf will utilize the two-checkpoint system for all qualifiers.

Player Planning: It is imperative for our tournament participants to have a plan for participation. Items that will need consideration include drinking water, facemasks, hand sanitizer, food, weather gear, sunblock, bug spray, equipment (golf gloves, balls, tees, ball markers, pencils and markers, towels), etc. Many of the normally available items will not be available.

Practice Rounds: Please see event specific information.

Score Entry/Verification: Each group will be required to have one player keep score for the entire group during the round. The GGID for each group is available at the first tee. Please ensure your phone is charged prior to arrival at the event and you have downloaded the USGA Tournament Management/Golf Genius App. When all the scores have been entered each player will be issued an email with all the scores from your round. Players may confirm their scores at the scoring area. Each player has a time limit of 20 minutes from completion of their round to dispute any score for a hole. Once 20 minutes have elapsed from the completion of the round the score will be considered returned. *There will be no physical scorecards. PA Golf will distribute an electronic version prior to the event.*

Spectators: Please see specific event information.

Warm-Up Range/Putting Green: Players are limited to arriving 30 minutes prior to their tee time unless a particular facility/range location requires the use of more time. Players are limited to 15 minutes for range warm-up. Practice facilities will NOT be available to players after they complete play.

Withdrawals: Players must use great discretion to WD. There are limited fields at events. If you have any sense that you will have to WD, then please do so as soon as possible.

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER: *Any participation in the tournament, use of the golf course and facilities at 27th Middle-Amateur Qualifying sites, attendance or spectating may expose you to COVID-19. Your decision to participate in, use of the golf course and facilities is made knowingly and voluntarily by you with full knowledge of this risk. Otherwise, your participation in the tournament, use of the golf courses and facilities, attendance or spectating shall constitute a waiver and release of the Pennsylvania Golf Association, its officers, directors, employees, contractors, volunteers, staff and agents from any and all liability with respect to exposure of the COVID-19. If you disagree, do not come.*