



## **2020 COVID-19 – 104<sup>th</sup> Open Championship/Qualifying Playbook**

The following Player material is applicable for the 104<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Open Championship and all qualifiers.

The Pennsylvania Golf Association asks that you do not come to any tournament if you do not feel well. 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 104<sup>th</sup> Open Championship or any of the 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 required at the host facility. Hand sanitizer will be available at the first tee and electronic scoring area. Players are expected to supply their own facemasks and are expected to wear them when required at the host facility.

**Championship Field Size:** Limited to approximately 120 entries. The field will consist of exempt players and those who qualify.

**Pairings:** Will be in twosomes or threesomes, depending on cart availability at club.

**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.

**Caddies:** Are NOT permitted at qualifiers.

**Cart Policy (Qualifiers):** Carts may be required.

**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:** Players are encouraged to bring their own. No drinking water will be available on the course.

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

**Flagsticks:** The staff will utilize the adopted PA Golf procedure for all qualifiers and the championship. Players are not permitted to touch the flagsticks.

**Hole Locations/Local Rules/Evacuation Plan:** A physical copy will not be provided. All players will receive an electronic version prior to the event.

**Locker Rooms:** Will not be available. The PA Golf staff will ensure there are bathrooms available and are cleaned often.

**Food and Beverage:** When possible, staff will arrange food and beverage options that will be available for players and staff. Please review the tournament information sheet for each individual event per the status.

**Pace of Play:** PA Golf will utilize the two-checkpoint system for the season.

**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:** Are at the discretion of the host facility and may not be available. Please review the player information for each individual event per the status.

**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 (Qualifying):** Spectators will NOT be permitted; except that any player who requires assistance in transportation to the tournament site or who requires assistance in driving a golf cart during the competition is permitted to authorize one and not more than one person to spectate at the event or, if applicable, but only if such person is a member of the player's immediate family and living in the same household as the player, to operate the player's golf cart during the competition; provided that in all such circumstances such person may not provide any assistance to the player, may not indicate the line of play, may not handle the

player's clubs or equipment, and may not otherwise provide any services normally provided by a caddie.

**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. Please read specific player information prior to the event. Players are limited to 15 minutes for range warm-up. Practice facilities will NOT be available after you 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, a golf cart and facilities at 107<sup>th</sup> Amateur Championship and qualifiers, attendance or spectating may expose you to COVID-19. Your decision to participate in, use of the golf course, a golf cart 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, golf carts 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.*