



## 2020 COVID-19 – 61st Senior Amateur Championship Playbook

The following Player material is applicable for the 61<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Senior Amateur Championship.

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 61st Senior Amateur Championship. 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 approximately 120 entries. 27 spots will be reserved for the super-senior division. The field will give priority to exempt players and then by order of entry.

**Pairings:** Limited to a one-tee start in groups of three.

**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:** Automotive transportation is permitted. Players may walk and carry, bring a caddie, or hire a club caddie. Players must call (610) 286-3030 in advance to reserve a club caddie. The club caddie fee is \$100 (tip included). The club cart fee is \$35 per day.

**Drinking Water:** Players are encouraged to bring their own. Drinking water may NOT 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:** Players have the option to remove flagsticks.

**Hole Locations/Local Rules/Evacuation Plan:** All players will receive an electronic version prior to the event.

**Locker Rooms:** May 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. Clocks will not be positioned on the course.

**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:** Players may authorize two, and not more than two persons, to spectate at the event, but only if such person(s) is a member of the player's family or significant other.

**Warm-Up Range/Putting Green:** Players are limited to arriving 30 minutes prior to their tee time. Practice facilities will NOT be available after your round.

**COVID-19 DISCLAIMER:** *Any participation in the tournament, use of the golf course, a golf cart and facilities at 61st Senior Amateur Championship, 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.*