



2020 COVID-19 – 104th Open Championship Playbook

The following Player material is applicable for the 104th Pennsylvania Open 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 104th Open 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. The field will consist of exempt players and those who qualified.

Pairings: Will be in threesomes at ten-minute intervals.

Ball Washers: There will be no ball washers.

BUNKERS: For any ball that comes to rest in a bunker, the ball must be played as it lies. (updated Aug. 9, 2020)

Carts: Are NOT permitted. This is a walking only event.

Caddies: Players may bring a caddie or hire a club caddie. See event information for details.

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: Bottled 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: 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: Lunch will be provided each day of competition for players only from approximately 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is included in the entry fee. Additional F&B purchases will be available.

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: Will NOT be available for the 104th Open Championship.

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: Spectators will **NOT** be permitted; except that any player who requires assistance in transportation to the tournament site (juniors not of legal age to drive, no valid license, etc.) 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; 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, unless the player deems this person their caddie.

Warm-Up Range/Putting Green: Players are limited to arriving 45 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 104th Open Championship, 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.*