

MSGA STATE TEAM MATCHES COVID-19 POLICY

The following Player Information material is applicable for all MSGA State Team Matches, including Men's State Team Matches, Women's State Team Matches, and Men's Senior State Team Matches.

Please do not come to any tournament if you do not feel well. You are not permitted to participate in any of the matches if you have a fever or suffer from any respiratory illness.

Please read this notice carefully and make sure you are fully prepared before coming to either the home or away clubs/courses for these matches. Each player is responsible for adhering to these policies and will be expected to follow them to ensure the safety of everyone on the property/course.

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER: Any participation in the State Team Matches, use of the golf course, a golf cart and facilities at [the various clubs/courses], may expose you to COVID-19. Your decision to participate in the matches, use of the golf course, a golf cart and facilities at [the various club/courses], is made knowingly and voluntarily by you with full knowledge of this risk. Otherwise, your participation in the matches, use of the golf courses, golf carts and facilities at [various clubs/courses], shall constitute a waiver and release of the MSGA, 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 to [the clubs/courses used for the matches].

The MSGA has taken 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 around groups of people and speaking with any player directly. Hand sanitizer may be available at most clubs/courses, but not necessarily all. Players are expected to supply their own facemasks and are expected to wear them whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

Ball Washers – On some courses there will be no ball washers. If ball washers are available use at your own risk.

Bunkers – Bunker rakes may be removed from many of the courses. Until further notice, the MSGA 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. The MSGA asks all players to smooth their damage in a bunker as much as possible after playing out of the bunker. **If the courses have bunker rakes, you may use at your own risk.**

Caddies – Not permitted.

Cart Policy for State Team Matches – The policy with carts will vary at each club/course. If a plastic divider is provided two players may ride without a mask, but if there is no plastic divider players must wear a mask. At some clubs/courses single rider carts may be available in which the player will not need to wear a mask. A reminder, there will still be no caddies allowed.

Drinking Water – Players are encouraged to bring their own. No drinking water will be available on some of the course. If the courses have water, you may use at your own risk.

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

Flagsticks – The matches will utilize whatever procedure has been adopted by the host club (noodles, ez-lyft, etc.) Players are not permitted to touch the flagsticks.

Locker Rooms – Will not be available for storage, but restrooms may be used.

Player Planning – It is imperative for all players participating in the State Team Matches to have a plan for participation. Items that will need consideration include drinking water, facemasks, hand sanitizer, food, weather, sunblock, bug spray, temperature, equipment (golf gloves, balls, tees, ball markers, pencils and markers, towels), etc. Many of the normally available items will not be available.

Practice Rounds – There will be no practice rounds.

Warm-Up Range/Putting Green – Players are limited to arriving 45 minutes prior to the matches starting time. Players are limited to 15 minutes for range warm-up.

After Match Social Gathering – **There will be no social gathering of team members after the matches are over.**