



Maryland State Golf Association

2023 COVID-19 Policies

All members and participants should understand the MSGA is committed to compliance with all applicable government and health organization guidelines and/or mandates to maintain the safety and well-being of all. Procedures and policies set forth in conducting events may be subject to change should restrictions be modified.

Please note: Any host facility policy that may be more stringent than those outlined below will be followed for all MSGA Championships and Events.

As of **January 4, 2023** on-site policies for Championships and Events are as follows:

If any player is showing any signs of illness they are asked to stay home. All players must sign the waiver of liability and release prior to competing in an MSGA Championship or Event.

COVID-19 Mask Mandate

The MSGA has **removed** all masking mandates for MSGA conducted Championships and Events.

- It is expected that all participants, caddies, and spectators follow any facility COVID requirements and the facility staff/MSGA staff who are required to implement these policies. The MSGA will try to inform players of any restrictions that might be in place prior to the event. *Any behavior that is deemed to be disrespectful to facility staff or MSGA staff will be considered a breach of the MSGA's Code of Conduct and may result in **disqualification**.*

Fully vaccinated individuals may resume activities as prior to the pandemic.

Non-vaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear masks in all settings.

Player Guidelines

- All participants should adhere to the guidelines in place at each event. The MSGA will monitor compliance. *Failure to comply with guidelines may result in **disqualification** and removal from the event.* Please be respectful of everyone's personal space.

Illness (COVID-19 Related)

- **Individual Events** – If a player is feeling ill or has been exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 within 5 days of the event start date, we ask that you withdraw.
- **Partner/Team Events** – If a player is feeling ill or has been exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 within 5 days of the event start date, the partners should work together to find replacement players or play by themselves.
- If a participant tests positive with COVID-19 shortly (5 days or less) after an event, they should inform the MSGA.

If a player needs to withdraw due to an illness related or unrelated to COVID-19 or for other reasons the refund policy is as follows: *A withdrawal prior to seven (7) days of the event will receive a refund minus a \$25 processing fee. There will not be a refund if a withdrawal is received less than seven days prior to the event without written medical excuse. Medical refunds will also be subject to a \$25 processing fee.*

Please use the following contacts to withdraw:

- o **Men's Championship/Qualifiers** – ehermes@msga.org
- o **Women's Championships** – grace@msga.org
- o **One-Day Events** – kcrowley@msga.org

Contact Tracing

The MSGA will utilize the registration data collected via our Golf Genius Tournament Software to gather and maintain contact tracing information for those in attendance at all our Championships and Events. This information will be available through the current year. The data collected includes the following information: name, address, e-mail address, cell phone, event participation, event dates, and time of start.