



COVID-19 Player & Spectator Protocol Overview

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The Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour has adopted the following protocols to better serve and protect our players, families, and staff. Along with our association partners, as we begin reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope that you understand the significance of being able to play golf tournaments and will adhere to the following protocols in order to keep our tournaments safe for players, volunteers, host club staffs and families. We ask that all players and spectators review these protocols before attending a PKBGT event. Additionally, PKBGT staff and officials will be following enhanced health screening and infrastructure cleaning protocols.

Items listed as “**at this time**” are necessary precautions for more stringent health guidelines in effect currently. All protocols are subject to change as restrictions are lifted.

BEFORE ARRIVING AT A PKBGT TOURNAMENT, PLEASE TAKE THESE PRECAUTIONS:

- If you have a fever, cough or other symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home.
- If you are sick or at risk, please stay home.
- Wash your hands frequently. If you can't wash them on the course, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, including your mouth, nose, lips or eyes.
- Please bring your own water, as water coolers won't be supplied by the course.
- **UPDATE - At this time**, we are allowing only players and **2** spectator per player to attend. This amount may be reduced should public policy gathering limits required at a particular locale/event. Families that are found to be in breach of this rule will be asked to leave the course and are subject to a ban from future events.

PREPARING FOR YOUR TOURNAMENT

- Everyone must continue proper social distancing procedures, maintaining a minimum of **six feet** apart at all times. This includes your entire time at host facility: parking lot, putting green, practice area, on the golf course, in the scoring area, restrooms, clubhouse (if open), and golf shop (if open).
- **UPDATE - At this time**, players must refrain from arriving the course more than 45 minutes prior to your tee time. This may be adjusted site by site based on range size and course specific regulations. **Players who are found to be practicing on site prior to this time limit will be in breach of the code of conduct and subject to penalty.**
- **At this time**, players (during practice round) or spectators that elect to use a golf cart must adhere to a **single-rider per cart** in order to maintain social distancing standards. Members of the same household may ride in a cart together.
- Please bring your own tees, pencils, snacks, traditional golf supplies, etc... The PKBGT will not provide these items on the starting tee.
- Hole Location sheets and a Notice to Players will be posted to the tournament webpage as well as emailed to participants to print out ahead of time.

- Players are responsible for your own water/hydration and should bring ample supply. Courses are not providing on-course water coolers.
- All PKBGT hosted food will be limited and will be in the form of box lunches provided by the host course.
- Bottled water stations provided by the PKBGT on the course will be administered by PKBGT staff wearing gloves and mask. No communal coolers will be available.

ARRIVING AT THE COURSE & STARTING YOUR ROUND

- Players should come to the driving range to check-in with PKBGT staff and maintain social distance.
- During your warm-up on the putting green, chipping green, and driving range, make sure you continue to practice social distancing guidelines
- Spectators are allowed. **At this time**, only 2 spectators per player may attend. Spectators should stay in your car until your players tee time and refrain from congregating before and after the round.
- PKBGT will provide each player a pre-printed scorecard of another member of their group to keep. Players will not exchange scorecards at any time before or after the round. A blank scorecard for the event will be provided online for players wishing to print their own.
- All Rules Sheets and Hole Locations Sheets (national events only) will be available online to view from your smartphone. Limited copies will be available in the starting area.

PLAYING YOUR ROUND / RULES OF PLAY

- If tournaments are played without bunker rakes, in all bunkers a player may: Lift the ball, smooth the area, and place it within club length, no closer to the hole. The ball must remain in the bunker. Please smooth the sand with your feet after your shot as you leave the bunker.
- Under the Rules of Golf, players are permitted to leave the flagstick in the hole while putting. **At this time, all players MUST leave the flagstick in the hole.** A player removing a flag and then playing a stroke to a flagless hole will be subject to the General Penalty.
- All players must still hole out. A ball must come to rest in cup with any part of the ball below the hole.
- **UPDATE - At this time**, players 12 & over are required to wear a face covering when receiving a shuttle from a volunteer shuttle driver. PKBGT has suspended the rule that players cannot ride in their family's cart so that a player may be shuttled by their parent in a shuttle station. Players not wishing to wear a mask will be asked to walk instead of receiving the shuttle.
- **In the event play is suspended**, you are directed to evacuate to your car in the parking lot. Updates will be posted on the tournament page and emailed about resumption of play.

AFTER YOUR ROUND

- After your round, a large scoring area will be provided and a chance to verify your scores. Players **WILL NOT** exchange scorecards but will submit cards to PKBGT staff. Your scores will be reviewed with you and entered/signed by PKBGT staff. Your score is deemed returned once you verbally verify your scores with tournament staff and leave the scoring area.
- Refrain from traditional hug or handshake before or after your round, we recommend a friendly nod, a tip of your cap, or a simple wave as a form of greeting or sportsmanship.
- Membership & Player Gifts will be available in scoring area after round labeled by player.
- There will be no physical scoreboard. All scores will be posted online.

- Play-offs for first place will be handled as followed: National Series events will have an on-course play-off to determine a champion. Regional Series events will use the PKBGT scorecard tie-breaking system to determine a champion.
- **At this time, a traditional award ceremony will not be held.** Awards will be available for winners to take home.
- **UPDATE** - Players must leave the premises after your round. Do not gather and congregate at the clubhouse, parking lot, or any other common areas. Practice areas will not be open after rounds. **Players who practice on closed practice areas are in breach of Rule 5.5c and subject to penalty.**

The Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour will continue to act in the best interest of our members. Our top priority is the safety of our players, volunteers, spectators and host clubs personnel.