



## Western Province Golf

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### WP GOLF – League Covid-19 Rules

#### **Clubs are to make sure all league players are aware of the below:**

All teams entered agree to accept and comply with all aspects of the National Regulations, host venue and GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Plan. This will include but is not limited to the wearing of face masks, screening and sanitation on each day of the league fixture, maintaining physical distancing and complying with all other Risk Mitigation requirements. (as per the attached document)

Players whom display symptoms related to Covid-19 within 10 days of the fixture MUST not travel to the venue and MUST withdraw from the fixture and self-isolate in accordance with Government Regulations. Players whom at screening, display any serious symptoms of Covid-19 or have a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher, will be denied access to the facility and withdrawn from the fixture. Players withdrawn under these circumstances will not be permitted access to the facilities and are advised to self-isolate for a period of 10 days.

Please adhere to all golfing protocols as indicated by not touching flagsticks, rakes or any other items that could directly influence your well-being. No rakes may be used and for league fixtures the following local rule will be in play at all clubs. Players and caddies are to refrain from shaking hands/fist pumps or high fives or any other physical contact. Social Distancing is to be maintained at all times, including caddies and players from the same team.

#### **COMPULSORY LOCAL RULES IN PLAY**

##### **BUNKERS**

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once, by placing the original ball or another ball and playing from the relief area.

Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.

Size of the Relief Area: One club length, but must not be closer to the hole and must remain in the bunker which cannot be raked or smoothed with his/her foot prior to placing.

##### **FLAGSTICK**

We require that players always leave the flagstick in the hole.

Players will be allowed to center the flagstick in a safe manner which does not involve using the hand, even when wearing a glove or using a towel (for example, by using a club). The centering of the flagstick may be allowed while another player putts (this may be desirable in windy conditions when the flagstick is required to be left in the hole and is leaning towards the player making the stroke).

**First Offense: Loss of Hole**

**Second Offense: Automatic Loss of Match**

##### **SANITIZATION**

Players are required to carry hand sanitizer at all times and to sanitize as frequently as possible especially before and after touching all common items including movable obstructions.