

CONSOLIDATED GUIDELINES: PRACTICE FACILITIES/ DRIVING RANGES, INCLUDING PAR 3/MASHIE COURSES

NOTE: NON PHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS (NPI), INCLUDING WEARING OF MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND REGULAR SANITISING, REMAIN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF RISK MITIGATION AGAINST THE VIRUS.

GOLFRSA REQUIREMENTS FORMULATED PER CATEGO-	RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINE	BACKGROUND / INTENT OF RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINE
CAPACITY UTILIZATION	Range bays to be set up 3m apart. The facility's Risk Mitigation Plan (RMP) to state the maximum number of individuals allowed on the practice facility, Par 3 or Mashie Course.	Requirement exists to ensure that capacity utilization is managed in a manner so as to ensure easy physical distancing and reduce the chance of transmission through airborne or touch. The facility's Risk Mitigation Plan (RMP) to state the maximum number of individuals allowed on the practice facility. The club's RMP should be developed based on the capacity of their practice areas.
IDENTIFY ANY RESTRICTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY i.e. Club members only, registered golfers,etc	As determined by the facility.	There is no restriction on who the facility can allow to play. The facility, at its sole discretion, can decide whether it wants to accommodate corporate days, associations, visitors or only members. The only restrictions that apply are 1 that facilities have to comply with the requirements for managing Capacity utilization requirements in 1 above.
ENTRY CONTROLS	All individuals accessing facilities should be subject to screening and the completion of the symptom-tracking declaration form. GolfRSA strongly recommends use of the HealthDocs Application.	Screening is a mandatory requirements for all employees, players and visitors. The facility's RMP must indicate the position of the screening station/s. The objective is to prevent individuals who display symptoms from entering the facility's premises. The HealthDocs Self-Assessment App can be used to validate that the individual is symptom free and the number of symptom free days which their self-asesment indicates. The temperature of each individual to be taken at the screening station using a non-touch thermometer. The relevant information for each person entering the premises must be captured and stored on a central database or using an equivalent method. The GolfRSA-supplied HealthDocs Application is the recommended method (equivalent systems may be used) since it ensures compliance to the requirements as legislated.
SCREENING POINT	At one access point set up for purpose.	

DEFINE BOOKING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS		The booking/access process should ensure that the number of individuals using the facility does not exceed the capacity of the facility determined in the capacity utilization guidelines as per 1, above.
DEFINE HANDLING OF GOLFER'S EQUIPMENT	Golfers to handle own equipment. Player's responsibility to sanitize equipment after practice.	The facility's RMP must describe the process to be followed once golfers arrive at the facility to reduce the chances of transmission through touch. All golf bags must be sanitized if a caddie will be used.
PAYMENT OPTIONS	Practice aligned with retail industry. Encourage no-touch payment through EFT, club, DT and CT cards.	The facility's RMP should stipulate the payment options allowed. Should cash be allowed, strict sanitization protocols should be considered. The risk during payment is transmission through touch and airborne.
GOLFERS TO WEAR FACE MASKS WHEN WITHIN 3 METRES OF OTHERS	GolfRSA guidelines for the wearing of masks should be incorporated into the facility's RMP. https://www.golfrsa.com/golfer-safety-poster-masks/	During windy conditions, airborne transmission risks are increased and recommended physical distancing is > 5 m. Use masks at all times when conditions justify this.
REQUIREMENTS OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING	Physical distancing in accordance with the Golfer Safety for Individual Lessons and Group Lessons is recommended.	In order to reduce the risk for touch or airborne transmissions, physical distancing through a RMP for all areas including practice tees, greens and other facilities is essential. The Golfer Safety for Individual Lessons and Group Lessons documents proposes 3m between bays and a minimum of 3m between individuals at all times.
GOLF CARTS	Golf carts may be shared subject to golfers / staff using Non-pharmaceutical Interventions - namely wearing of Masks and regular sanitization aligned with SA Government Regulations and Directions. NPI's remain the most effective means of risk mitigation against the virus.	Applicable Regulations and Directions published in terms of the Disaster Management Act.
	All facility-supplied equipment to be sanitized according to RMP procedures. Owner-operated carts are to be regarded as owner equipment or to follow the same process as facility-supplied equipment with regard to pre-round sanitization.	

FLAGSTICK

The flagstick may be centered, attended or removed by a player/or a person on their behalf, provided ALL persons sanitize their hands PRIOR and AFTER handling.

Where required, a player/person on their behalf is permitted to centre the flagstick in a safe manner, which does not involve using the hand (eg. using a club). Centring of flagstick allowed while player putts (eg. in windy conditions when the flagstick is leaning).

The removal of the flagstick is at the discretion of the player.

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FOURSOMES/GREENSOMES

It is recommended that:

Each partner should use their own ball, which is only handled by that player for the playing of the hole.

Eg. Player teeing off from hole 1 is the only one that touches the ball from teeing off to completion of hole, subject to taking relief/preferred lies as set out below.

When marking and replacing the ball on the putting green, this should be conducted by the partner the ball belongs to. Under this situation (or any other where the ball must be replaced) the original ball must be used and must not be substituted by another ball.

Note:

- Under the Rules of Golf a partner is permitted to drop another ball (ie. their own ball) in taking relief.
- In the event of Preferred Lies being in effect, the side may substitute the ball while taking relief allowing the 2nd player to put their own ball in play.

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TOURNAMENTS	<p>Amateur Competitions may be played, provided all other Risk Mitigation requirements are in place. In the event of club/facility venues being used for prizegivings, the use thereof and measures to mitigate the receiving of prizes shall be determined by the club's/facility's own Risk Mitigation Plan, as aligned with SA Government Regulations and Directions.</p> <p>Spectators: In terms of the Directions published in the Government Gazette 45329 dd October 15th, 2021 only vaccinated persons are currently allowed to spectate at professional and non-professional matches.</p>	
PRO-AMS / CORPORATE HOSPITALITY / GOLF DAYS	<p>As per government regulations. GolfRSA requests that clubs/facilities advise Golf Day organisers of the need to adhere to the GGPG and the Club's RMP to ensure that the game is played in the safest possible manner.</p>	<p>Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the applicable Government Regulations / Directions.</p>
MANAGEMENT OF SCORING	<p>Scorecards should not be shared and should scorecards be used, players should not be required to co-sign scorecards. Electronic scoring and submission using the HNA electronic scoring App is recommended.</p>	
GOLFRSA GOOD GOLF PRACTICE GUIDELINES (GGPG)	<p>GolfRSA requests that the GGPG are adhered to in order to ensure that the game is played in the safest possible manner while still complying with requirements for scores to be submitted for handicap purposes.</p>	<p>The facility's RMP should include the implementation of the GolfRSA GGPG at the facility. Special attention to be paid to the specific guidelines to prevent airborne transmission through the processes to be followed on the practice greens, teeing areas and other areas. Prevention of touch transmission by practicing Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions relating to pin flags, hole and hole liners, bunker rakes, Nearest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive and similar competition boards/holders.</p>
CLUBHOUSE		
HALFWAY HOUSE	<p>As per government regulations.</p>	<p>Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the applicable Government Regulations / Directions.</p>
RESTAURANT / BAR	<p>As per government regulations.</p>	
ABLUTION FACILITIES	<p>Open/sanitized daily.</p>	<p>Open/sanitized daily.</p>

LOCKER ROOMS	Subject to Government Regulations / Directions	<p>Should locker rooms be allowed to be open, then they are subject to regular sanitizing, wearing of a facecovering/mask, physical distancing of 1.5m, those showering bringing their own towels, and compliance with the SA Government Regulations and Directions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common areas including toilets, door handles and shared equipment must be regularly cleaned and sanitised frequently; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soap and water must be available in the changing rooms; • Cleaning personnel must be available for continuously disinfecting all areas of the premises throughout the day using chemicals with antiviral properties; • Facilities must be cleaned throughout the day on a rotational basis by trained staff using materials with antiviral properties;
PROSHOP		
NO-TOUCH SALE OF GOLF ESSENTIALS SUCH AS BALLS, GLOVES, TEES	Yes.	There are no restrictions on the sale of goods and the regulations pertaining to the retail industry should be adhered to especially as it relates to capacity utilization.
SALE OF GOLF EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	Yes.	
RENTAL CLUBS	Yes.	The facility's RMP should address the management and controls pertaining to rental equipment.
SUBMISSION OF SCORECARDS	No.	Consider using WhatsApp photos to verify scorecards when required and no players should be required to co-sign scorecards.

These Risk Mitigation Guidelines are subject to the applicable Government Regulations and Directions

