



Western Province Golf

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LEAGUE COVID-19 DIRECTIVE

Clubs are to make sure all league players are aware of the following:

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 the day of the league fixture, maintaining physical distancing and complying with all other Risk Mitigation requirements.

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symptoms of Covid-19 or have a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher, will be denied access to the facility and withdrawn from the fixture.

Players withdrawn under these circumstances will not be permitted access to the facilities and are advised to self-isolate for a period of 10 days.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.

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

Where bunker rakes have been placed on the course, all bunkers are deemed to be in play. All persons are to sanitize before and after handling the bunker rakes but may vary and use their own rakes at their discretion.

Should a club have decided not to have bunker rakes in use, then the following Local Rule will apply:

Should a player's ball lie 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

The flagstick may be centered, attended or removed by a player/or a person on their behalf, provided that:

- 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 (e.g., using a club) and such centering is also allowed while player putts (e.g., in windy conditions when the flagstick is leaning).

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

Non-pharmaceutical interventions, such as regular sanitisation remain the most effective means of risk mitigation against the Covid-19 virus.

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.

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