

48th Southern Junior Championship Information and COVID-19 Protocols

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The highest priority of the Southern Golf Association (SGA) and Blessings Golf Club is protecting the health, safety, and well-being of all players, spectators, host facility staff, SGA directors and staff when participating in the Southern Junior Championship. The following are a set of policies and procedures the SGA has created for next week's championship operations. The SGA created these policies and procedures to keep golf safe and follow guidelines set forth by local and state government officials.

In terms of your safety and well-being, the Southern Junior Championship has already started. Every action YOU or anyone within your inner circle takes from this point forward will dictate if you can participate in the Southern Junior and beyond this summer & fall. We cannot stress enough the level of severity and responsibility that you have assumed being a participant in this championship. Be smart by creating your own "bubble" following social distancing guidelines, sanitize frequently, wear a mask in public, avoid large social gatherings and locations such as bars or dining indoors at restaurants.

As such, the SGA will be implementing the below policies and procedures to provide the most efficient and responsible environment possible to conduct the Southern Junior Championship.

It is the responsibility of players, spectators, SGA directors and staff to fully read, understand, and follow these policies and procedures set forth by the SGA and Blessings Golf Club. Not adhering to these policies and procedures may result in an SGA Code of Conduct violation or removal from Blessings Golf Club.

COVID-19 Education & Protection

It is important for everyone attending the Southern Junior Championship to understand how COVID-19 spreads as well as ways to protect themselves. The following information is from the CDC. The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread:

- Mainly from person to person;
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet); and
- Via respiratory droplets when an infected person talks loudly, coughs or sneezes; these droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled.

It is recommended to follow health guidelines, including:

- Wash your hands with soap often and for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Each championship participant will be provided with a 2oz. bottle of hand sanitizer at registration. Hand sanitation stations will be available throughout the golf course.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Practice social distancing of at least six feet of separation, avoid crowds, and limit physical contact.
- Please bring your own face covering since it is now mandatory to use a simple cloth face covering in public in the State of Arkansas. SGA will provide two masks at registration in the event of a course evacuation.

In accordance with the guidelines outlined above, the SGA will implement the following guidelines and procedures:

- Every player and your designated guests must agree to and sign a <u>COVID Release Waiver</u> that has been sent digitally in a separate communication this week. Any player or guest under the age of 18 years old, will need a parent or guardian to sign the waiver. Failure to agree and sign will result in your withdrawal from the championship and denied access for guests.
- SGA staff and directors will wear a face covering when engaging with players and spectators, specifically
 when managing the registration area, starting tee, and scoring area, sharing a golf cart, or providing a
 ruling.
- Players and spectators are not required to wear a face covering at Blessings Golf Club except when
 entering the clubhouse, course evacuation and when social distancing cannot be maintained even if
 outdoors.
- SGA staff and directors will either wear gloves or have properly sanitized hands when engaging players and spectators at registration, starting tee, and scoring area.
- SGA will provide hand sanitizer stations for players and spectators at the registration area, starting tee, scoring area and throughout the golf course.
- SGA asks regardless of a player's or spectator's position around the clubhouse, at the practice facilities or on the golf course, they maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and other players and spectators.
- All players should refrain from touching other players in any way, including shaking hands prior to, and following the round, high fives, fist bumps, etc. Also, players should not touch, handle, or share each other's equipment.

Self-Screening

All players and spectators, host facility staff, SGA directors and staff are required to self-screen prior to being onsite each day. SGA staff will temperature check each morning prior to leaving the hotel in addition to the daily temperature screening at Blessings Golf Club. SGA asks that you please stay at home if you do not feel well and/or display any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit. If measuring under the armpit, a fever is constituted at 99.0 degrees or higher.
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19.

COVID Testing Options in Fayetteville, AR Area

If an individual should need or desire to take a COVID-19 test while at the Southern Junior Championship, we have identified a couple of testing center options based upon your status as "Asymptomatic" (not showing symptoms) or "Symptomatic" (showing symptoms). Check with your insurance provider regarding COVID testing cost coverage.

- Asymptomatic individuals contact MedExpress Fayetteville Urgent Care Center at 479-582-1279. This is
 the viral test with results known in 3-7 days. Most major insurance providers will cover the cost of the
 test.
- Symptomatic individuals contact Karas Health Care at 479-966-5088 or Mana Urgent Care Wedington at 479-442-0006 to schedule an appointment. Rapid testing is available at these two locations.

^{*}Note that public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgement.

Communication Plan for Possible or Known COVID Infection

In the event the SGA learns that any person in attendance at the Southern Junior Championship is infected, being tested for, or shows verified symptoms of COVID-19, the SGA will notify all players, guests, SGA directors, staff, and club officials of the facts as known to the SGA. Individual identification of the person potentially infected or exposed will not be divulged except when necessary and with that individual's permission. If a player in the competition is the person potentially infected or exposed, then the players who played with that person will also be individually notified. Further, the SGA will provide updates to all persons originally notified as to the outcome of any testing or other related information.

Temperature Screening Process

<u>ALL</u> persons entering Blessings Golf Club are subject to a mandatory daily temperature screening issued by a medical professional including the practice round. Below is the temperature screening process:

- 1. Upon arrival at Blessings GC each morning, immediately proceed to the clubhouse breezeway/First Aid station for the mandatory temperature screening.
- 2. If a person's temperature is <u>under 100.0 degrees</u>, that individual will receive a color-coded wrist band for admission that day to the grounds. Wrist band color will change daily. Players will be required to show the starter their wrist band prior to being allowed to start their round but are not required to wear it during warm-up or the round. Guests must wear or clearly display the wrist band while on property to identify their status as having passed the screening process.
- 3. If a person has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or more, then that individual will be tested an additional 2 times within a 10-minute period. If 2 of 3 readings measure 100.0 or higher, this will result in a failed screening. That individual and anyone else traveling with that person will not be allowed to enter the facility until negative COVID test result(s) is presented (see "COVID Testing Options" section).

Everyone should bring or purchase an oral thermometer to check themselves daily prior to arriving at Blessings. Those found purposely tampering or altering their physical vitals will be immediately withdrawn from the championship.

Traveling During COVID-19 Best Practices

- Driving to Fayetteville, AR is strongly recommended. If you are flying, take every precaution possible to protect yourself during the journey (mask, social distance, sanitization).
- Even though hotels are doing their best to provide a sanitized and clean room, we recommend taking additional precautions to sanitize common touchpoints such as door handles, bathroom faucet, toilet handle, remote control, and light switches.
- We strongly recommend limiting your movements while in Fayetteville. Simply travel from Hotel to Golf Course to Pick-up Food then Back to Hotel. Order "To Go" food for dinner and avoid bars or social gathering places.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created a website listing best practices and recommendations to assist with travel during COVID-19. CDC Travel Recommendations Website

Hotel Information

We recommended two hotels for players and guests to utilize during the championship. Both hotels have assured us of their COVID protocols to provide a sanitized room. Cancellation policy based upon selected room rate.

Holiday Inn Springdale/Fayetteville Area

1500 South 48th Street, Springdale, Arkansas 72762 Rates from \$83.00 4.1 miles from Blessings Golf Club

> Hampton Inn & Suites Springdale, AR 1700 S 48th St, Springdale, AR 72762 Rates from \$93.00 4.1 miles from Blessings Golf Club

Championship Registration

Championship registration is on Tuesday, August 11 from 8:00am-5:00pm at the Blessings Clubhouse Breezeway. All players must register on Tuesday. During registration, SGA staff will take a headshot photo for the digital scoreboard and provide your player gift package that includes:

- Yardage Book provided by Blessings Golf Club
- Imperial Championship Hat
- Championship T-shirt
- Championship Towel
- Cooling Towel
- Package of disposable sanitation wipes for use with flagsticks and rakes
- Hand Sanitizer
- 1 disposable mask for course evacuation
- Pre-packaged course accessories that includes tees, pencils, ball marker, divot repair tool, Sharpie pen to sign host plaque. *Note these items will not be available on the starting tees and we recommend you bring your own supply including bug spray and sunscreen.

Host Facility Information

Club Address

Blessings Golf Club 5826 Clear Creek Blvd. Fayetteville, AR 72704 Golf Shop: 479-444-6330

Guest Policy

Each championship participant may bring up to 2 guests - preferable family members from the same household.

 You will identify these individuals in the <u>COVID-19 Release Waiver</u>. All guests must also agree to the COVID-19 release waiver, provide their contact information, and pass the temperature screening each day. Individuals that do not return an agreement or fail the daily temperature screening will not be permitted to access the grounds at the Blessings.

Clubhouse Access

Clubhouse access is limited to business-only purposes such as eating lunch, utilizing restroom facilities, visiting the golf shop or for a course evacuation. <u>Masks will be required whenever entering the clubhouse at Blessings</u>.

Face Coverings and Masks

- Players and guests should bring their own face covering since it is now mandatory to use a simple cloth
 face covering in public in the State of Arkansas. SGA will provide a mask at registration in the event of a
 course evacuation. Masks will be required for all persons entering the clubhouse and when receiving any
 shuttle rides including a course evacuation situation.
- SGA staff and officials will wear a face covering when engaging with players and spectators, specifically
 when managing the registration area, starting tee, and scoring area, sharing a golf cart, or providing a
 ruling.

Bottled Water Coolers, Cooling Stations & Hydration

- Royal Cup, "Official Bottled Water Sponsor of the SGA", is providing bottled water for the championship.
- Bottled water coolers and stations will be located throughout the golf course in several locations.
- We ask that you only take what is needed before reaching the next water station.
- Best practice is to hand sanitize prior to reaching into a cooler followed by an additional hand sanitization treatment following the retrieval of bottled water.
- Please use the trash cans located at each tee for garbage.

- "Cooling Stations" will be located on the course to wet the provided cooling towel.
- Heat index values may reach the triple digits during the championship. Please review this <u>Hydration</u>
 Awareness document created by the USGA to best prepare yourself for the championship.

Walking and Push Carts

Players and guests must always walk during the championship. Due to limited cart availability and use for course evacuation, a limited number of Disabled Spectator Carts will be available. Those individuals requesting a Disabled Spectator Cart must complete the Request Form by Sunday, August 9. Approved carts will be staged daily and subject to a \$30 fee payable in the golf shop.

Personal push carts are allowed. Blessings Golf Club will have a limited number of push carts available on a first come, first serve basis. **Caddies are not permitted**.

Dining

Hosted lunch will be provided to players from Wednesday thru Friday at Blessings Golf Club (see "Championship Schedule & Format" section for service times and location). Players may purchase food during Tuesday's practice round and guests on the practice round and championship days using a credit card. Breakfast will be available for purchase. We strongly recommend ordering "To Go" food for dinner and avoiding bars or social gathering places.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones may only be used on the golf course for scoring, in case of an emergency, to call the golf shop in need of a ruling, view tournament leaderboard or as a distance measuring device. We ask that phones are set to silent while on club grounds. Silent communications (text, email) may be used inside buildings, practice areas and on the golf course. Verbal communication (phone calls) must be conducted in the parking lot.

Parking

This will be a very busy week at Blessings Golf Club with the tournament and normal club activities. Parking will be available on-site in the main clubhouse area and across the street in the gravel parking lot when the main lot of full. Please be careful while crossing Highway 112 as it can be a busy road at certain times of the day. We request for players and family members to carpool as much as possible.

Dress Code

Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Slacks or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, no denim, no cargo pants, or cargo shorts. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves, always tucked in. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code also applies to spectators. Please remove hats while inside the clubhouse.

Medical Assistance

First Aid and Temperature Screening station is in the clubhouse breezeway from Tuesday-Friday beginning at 6:00am daily.

Championship Information

Championship Website

This website link is your main portal for starting times, scoring, daily hole locations and other championship information. https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/6010158194582641306

Championship Office

SGA Championship Office will be in the Arkansas Team Facility overlooking the driving range. This area will be restricted to SGA staff and officials only. Call or text the SGA at 910-603-1191 if you need to speak with an official.

Communications

- SGA will communicate all applicable Player Information, Local Rules, and Hole Locations digitally prior to
 each championship round and will be available on the championship website. Players and spectators will
 be allowed to access these documents during the round on their mobile devices.
- In addition, one copy of these documents will be made available for players to take a picture of at the starting tee.
- Players should confirm that all contact information in their USGA Tournament Management/Golf Genius
 profile is correct and unblock Golf Genius to receive text messages and emails regarding important
 championship information. Or contact the SGA staff to update your information.
- Players currently unsubscribed from USGA Tournament Management/Golf Genius emails will be sent a "Re-subscribe" email.
- To re-subscribe to receive text messages, text "START" or "UNSTOP" to (888) 981-9394.

Arrival and Departure Times

It is recommended that players and spectators arrive at the golf course no earlier than one (1) hour and 15 minutes prior to their starting time. Players and guests should leave the property as soon as possible following the round.

Practice Round & Course Set-Up

Blessings Golf Club will be open for your one practice round on Tuesday, August 11. Tee times are available from 7:00am until 2:53pm. You will reserve your own practice round tee time using our online registration system. Registration closes on Sunday, August 9 at 11:59pm CT. Click Here to Book Practice Round Tee Time

Course set-up is approximately 7063 yards. SGA tee markers will be placed on the course near to the maximum championship yardage for the practice round. Hole #6 may be moved forward for the final round to a drivable distance. Par 3 tees will be moved around daily to achieve different yardages and club selections.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	419	545	177	405	580	334	467	134	368	3429	568	366	390	213	458	557	447	183	452	3634	7063
Par	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	72

^{*}Note these are approximate maximum hole yardages and subject to change.

Course Information

Championship Yardage: 7063 yards

Par: 36-36—72 Rating: 75.8/152

Course Architect: Robert Trent Jones Jr./Kyle Phillips

Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Zoysia Cavalier); Putting Greens (A1/A4 Bentgrass)

General Manager/COO: Richard Cromwell

Head Golf Professional: Justin Sellin Course Superintendent: Troy Fink

Practice Facilities

- All players are responsible for maintaining proper social distance when utilizing the practice facilities. Spectators are not permitted to be on or near the practice facilities.
- All practice facilities including driving range, putting greens and short game area will open at 6:15am each morning and close at 2:15pm each afternoon during championship week.
- Driving Range
 - o Stations will be spaced at least 6 feet apart and balls will be set in piles.
 - Access to the driving range is limited to no earlier than one hour prior to your assigned starting time. Check-in with the Blessings staff member managing the range for a stall assignment.
- Putting Green and Short Game Area Maintain social distancing while utilizing these areas.

Starting Times

Starting times for August 12-13 will be available on Sunday, August 9 by 9:00pm CT. Check the SGA website at www.southerngolf.org and a link will be sent to each player via text message.

Flagsticks, Holes and Rakes

- Players may touch and remove the flagstick and use bunker rakes at their discretion.
- Hole insert devices such as a pool noodle or PVC will not be in the hole to alleviate any potential external issues with a ball being holed.
- If a bunker rake is not used, please smooth the disturbed area as neatly as possible. SGA Code of Conduct policy will be in effect for players not restoring a disturbed bunker area. We will play the ball as it lies in a bunker.
- Please use the provided sanitizer wipes to wipe these objects. Also, use the provided hand sanitizer or a hand sanitization station immediately after touching any of these objects.

Scorecards & Live Scoring

- Scorecards will be distributed to each player on the starting tee by the SGA starter utilizing appropriate sanitization protocols.
- Each player will receive the scorecard of another player in the group assigning the marker. Scorecards will not be signed or exchanged between players.
- Scorecards are unofficial and to be used as an additional method for player and marker scorekeeping responsibilities.
- Pace of Play timing guidelines are provided on the scorecard for self-monitoring.
- Due to limited volunteers, to assist with Live Scoring and implement the process of digital scorecards, we
 will require one person in each group to volunteer (player or spectator) to enter the scores of all players
 into the USGA Tournament Management/Golf Genius app. App is a free download from the App Store or
 Google Play. A Group GGID will be printed on the scorecard to login and access the score entry interface.

Scoring Area

- Once the round is completed, players must proceed to the scoring area inside the Indoor Short Game Facility (follow signage). Players must wear their mask to enter the scoring area.
- Tables and chairs will not be available in the scoring area.
- Only one (1) group will be allowed into the scoring area at a time and all players will maintain 6 feet of distance between them. Stand at or near the Gold "SGA Scoring" disks.
- TV monitor will display the hole-by-hole scores already entered in the system.
- Verbally confirm scores with your marker and then read off the scores to the SGA scoring official. Scoring
 official will read them back to you to confirm they are correct. If the scores are correct, you will say the
 scores are correct and that will certify the scorecard.
- A scorecard will be considered "returned" once the player and marker have verbally confirmed their scores with the SGA scoring official and exits the Scoring Area (building).
- Digital scoreboard located at #18 green is the primary scoreboard.
- Players and guests are encouraged to use the championship website to view tournament Results and will be sent via email and/or text daily.
- We ask everyone to please leave the property as soon as possible following the round.

Pace of Play Policy

The SGA wants all players to enjoy competing in our events. Pace of play may differ depending upon the venue, weather, and course conditions. Every player is accountable for playing at an acceptable pace; therefore, we need your help. Please observe the following guidelines to help ensure a pleasant tournament experience for all:

- Make sure to keep pace with the group in FRONT of you. The group behind should keep pace with your group and so forth.
- Go directly to your ball.

- Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Keep practice strokes and time taken to read putts to a minimum.
- Declare and play a provisional ball if your original ball may be lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds.
- Keep time taken at the snack bar or between nines to a minimum.

If everyone does their part, then 4½ hours should be the maximum time taken to play a round of golf at an SGA tournament. Your SGA issued scorecard will have the acceptable pace of play per hole printed on it.

A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed.

- Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact.
- The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke. A third violation will result in a two-stroke penalty, followed by disqualification for a fourth violation.
- A warning is any notice given to a competitor by an SGA official regarding pace of play.
- A competitor's time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball and when it is the competitor's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction.
 Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.
- In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position and over the allotted pace of play guidelines.

Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines. A group is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play and more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead of them. The first group off either side is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play.

Severe Weather Plan

The SGA will text players with any tournament delays or schedule changes. Notices will also be posted our Twitter account. Follow @sgagolf.

Standard weather alerts will remain in place during play:

- One long air horn blast = Discontinue play immediately (dangerous situation/cannot finish hole)
- Three short air horn blasts = Discontinue play ASAP (non-dangerous situation/can finish hole if started)
- Two short air horn blasts = Resume play

*Note: Weather delays will be signaled using air horns blown by SGA officials followed by verbal notification and assistance to nearest evacuation site. <u>Disregard any horns signaled from area businesses</u>.

- During a stoppage of play, please follow the evacuation plan provided to you on the Local Rules sheet and on the championship website. Masks must be worn when using shuttle carts during a course evacuation.
- Texts and/or emails will be sent out when it is safe to return to the golf course.
- Due to social distancing guidelines and likely time constraints, practice may not be allowed before the resumption of play.

Championship Schedule & Format

Tuesday, August 11 6:00am Temperature screening available

8:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration at clubhouse breezeway.

7:00am-3:00pm: Food service available in clubhouse dining room. A la carte menu.

7:00am-2:53pm: Practice rounds.

Wednesday, August 12 Round 1: Tee times begin at 7:15am off #1 tee.

6:30am-9:30am: Breakfast available for purchase. 10:00am-4:00pm: Hosted player lunch in dining room.

Thursday, August 13 Round 2: Tee times begin at 7:15am off #1 tee.

6:30am-9:30am: Breakfast available for purchase. 10:00am-4:00pm: Hosted player lunch in dining room.

Cut to low 48 scores and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.

Friday, August 14 Round 3: Tee times begin at 7:15am off #1 tee.

6:30am-9:30am: Breakfast available for purchase. Post-round: Hosted player lunch in dining room.

Limited awards ceremony immediately following play (location TBD).

Format

• The field of 120 players will be cut to the low 48 players and ties after 36 holes.

- The lowest score for 54 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a "sudden death" hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the SGA Rules Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for the first two rounds; the field will be cut and re-grouped by score after the second round for the third round.

Prizes and Awards Ceremony

- Champion will have his name engraved on the *Perry Adair Trophy*, receive a silver medal and Calamity Jane putter.
- Medals will be presented to second and third place finishers. Ties for second and third place will be determined using the USGA recommended scorecard playoff procedure to break ties (last 9 (Holes 10-18), last 6 (Holes 13-18), last 3 (Holes 16-18), 18th hole, 1st hole, 2nd hole, etc. until the tie is broken).
- State Team Competition All United States players are automatically entered into a State Team competition. Each state is comprised of the low four players from the same state. State residency is determined by the player's home address listed on their entry application. State Team winner is determined after the first 36 holes of play. Each of the winning team members receives an award. In the event of a tie, the aggregate score of all team members from round two will be used. If there is still a tie, then round one aggregate score is used. If an additional tiebreaker is necessary, then the highest 36-hole individual total score is matched, followed by the second highest, third highest and fourth highest until the tie is broken.
- Due to gathering limits, the Awards Ceremony will be limited to SGA and Blessings representatives, the top three finishers, State Team winners and their guests.

Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives one exemption into the 2021 Southern Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives an exemption into all future Southern Junior Championships in which he is eligible to compete.

- Champion receives Fully Exempt Status with AJGA for 2 seasons (2020 & 2021).
- Champion receives exemption into 2021 Northeast Junior Championship.
- Champion receives exemption into 2021 Gator Invitational Junior Championship.
- 2nd-15th places receive AJGA Stars (see AJGA.org website).
- Players making the 36-hole cut receive Rolex AJGA Ranking points.

Southern Golf Association Code of Conduct

The Southern Golf Association (SGA) takes great pride in the quality of its players, host facilities and volunteer involvement at each tournament. To continue making the SGA experience enjoyable and rewarding for everyone, the SGA requires all tournament participants to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.

Violations of Code of Conduct

It is impossible to determine exactly the standard of conduct expected from players in SGA competitions. It is also impossible to make a list of all the acts in violation of the Code of Conduct. In most circumstances, any of the following actions by a player at an SGA event constitutes a violation of the SGA Code of Conduct and could result in sanctions or penalties.

- Repeated violations of social distancing and/or failure to wear a face covering/mask or other COVID safety protocols when required.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, cheating, club throwing, disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors, or abuse and theft of golf course property.
- Not adhering to the dress code at the host facility.
- Conduct not becoming of an SGA player, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions such as loudly playing music or listening to sporting events during a round.
- Use of headphones during a round.
- Failure to treat host golf course with respect by ignoring the responsibility of caring for the course, filling divots and fixing ball marks.
- Physical abuse, threat of physical abuse, verbal abuse, slander or libel towards other players, host golf course staff or members, SGA staff, directors, or volunteers in any medium.
- Incidents of wagering or gambling considered flagrant or excessive by the Committee.
- Use of cellular phones (except for emergencies, a ruling, viewing tournament leaderboard, viewing weather forecasts, or use as a distance measuring device), laptop and tablet computers, PDA's, and the like.

Code of Conduct Violation Penalties

The SGA Tournament Committee may assess any or all the following penalties based on severity and frequency of the Code of Conduct violation(s):

- Warning or Committee sanction
- One penalty stroke
- Two penalty strokes
- Disqualification

Depending on the severity of the violation, a tournament disqualification may also result in disqualification from future SGA event(s). The SGA reserves the right to suspend or revoke a player's ability to compete in SGA events for a major breach of the Code of Conduct. SGA participants violating the Code of Conduct at non-SGA competitions may also be subject to the penalties above based on severity.

Remember our best defense during these times is to wear a mask, social distance and sanitize/wash your hands frequently.

