



CONSOLIDATED GOLFRSA RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINES

These Risk Mitigation Guidelines have been prepared in accordance with the SA government gazetted: **(a)** Amendment of Regulations issued in terms of Section 27 (2), and published in the Government Gazette No. R43476 on 25 June 2020. **(b)** Directions on Risk Adjusted Strategy for Tourism Facilities, Services and Products published in the Government Gazette No. 43487, dated 29 June 2020. **(c)** R 639 of 2020 under Government Gazette 43400 of 4 June 2020 Consolidated COVID-19 Direction on Health and Safety in the Workplace.

GOLFRSA REQUIREMENTS	AMENDED LEVEL 3	BACKGROUND/ INTENT AND CLUB RISK MITIGATION PLAN (RMP)
COURSE CAPACITY MANAGEMENT	Capacity guideline: 4 Balls / 12 min intervals / Two-tee start OR 4 Balls / 10 min intervals / One-tee start.	The number of golfers on the course must be restricted to ensure physical distancing is possible at all times throughout the facility and the congregation of golfers is prevented. The guideline provided allows for reduced utilisation of the course in line with reduced capacity targets. Club's RMP must be developed based on their own circumstances and their tee sheets arranged in such a manner that the number of golfers on their course ensures safe distancing. The tee sheet may make provision for a two-tee start as long as the capacity utilisation of the course is managed.
IDENTIFY ANY RESTRICTIONS ON GOLFERS ALLOWED TO PLAY i.e. Club members only, registered golfers, immediate community (define)	Clubs to formulate their own policy with regard to facility access i.e. members/affiliated golfers/other.	There is no restriction on who the club can allow to play. The club, at their sole discretion, can decide whether they want to accommodate corporate days, associations, visitors or only members. The only restrictions that apply are no spectators or prize givings/congregation of persons are allowed, and clubs have to comply with the requirements for managing tee sheets to adhere to the Course Capacity Management requirements in 1 above.
DEFINE BOOKING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS	As per current policies. Controls to be put in place to adhere to capacity utilisation guidelines as per 1 above.	The club's RMP must indicate the process to be followed to book a tee time. It can be through electronic booking systems, telephonic or any other processes elected by the club.
PAYMENT OPTIONS	Practice aligned with retail industry. Encourage no-touch payment through EFT, club, DT and CT cards.	The club'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.
PAYMENT PROCESS FOR CADDIES	No touch preferred. Strict protocols on sanitization if cash is used.	

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 App.	Screening is a mandatory requirement for all employees, players and visitors. The club's RMP must indicate the position of the screening station/s. The objective is to prevent individuals who display symptoms from entering the club'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 that their self-assessment indicates. The temperature of each individual is 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	Advised to have one access point (i.e. at clubhouse if main gate is not an option or is too remote and less controllable).	
GOLF CONCIERGE	Golfers should handle their own equipment. No "drop-and-go" service and no bag stands.	The club's RMP must describe the process to be followed once golfers arrive at the club to reduce the chances of transmission through touch. All golf bags must be sanitized if a caddie will be used.
GOLF CARTS	1 player/bag per cart unless from the same bubble/household (subject to approval upon booking).	The risk of transmission through sharing of golf carts is through airborne and touch. Golfers sharing a cart are less than 1,5 m apart for an extended period, which is deemed to be a high risk for airborne transmission. The sharing of golf carts negates the physical distancing that is inherent to the sport. The touch transmission risk is also high since golfers would tend to swop the function of driving the carts, accidentally touch or choose to share each other's equipment or accidental personal contact etc. The international best practice in most countries in similar stages of Pandemic control remains as per the GolfRSA guidelines.
	Club policy. All club 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 club supplied equipment with regard to pre-round sanitization.	
GOLFRSA GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES (GGPG)	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.	The club's RMP should include the implementation of the GolfRSA GGPG at the club. Special attention is to be paid to the specific guidelines to prevent airborne transmission through the processes to be followed on the practice greens, calling up of groups to the first tee. Prevention of touch transmission, such as the introduction of risk mitigation equipment and processes relating to pin flags, hole and hole liners, bunker rakes etc.

GOLFERS TO WEAR FACE MASKS WHEN WITHIN 2 METRES OF OTHERS	<p>GolfRSA guidelines for the wearing of masks should be incorporated into the club's RMP. https://www.golfrsa.com/golfer-safety-poster-masks/</p>	<p>During windy conditions, airborne transmission risks are increased and thus the advice to use masks at all times when conditions justify this.</p>
REQUIREMENTS OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING ON TEES, FAIRWAYS AND GREENS	<p>As per government regulations. Signage and training. Monitor compliance.</p>	<p>Physical distancing on the tees, fairways and greens address the risk of airborne transmission and the GolfRSA guidelines for wearing of masks and safe play is applicable.</p>
MANAGEMENT OF SCORING	<p>One scorecard per golfer or electronic scoring. Refer to GolfRSA GGPG.</p>	<p>Transmission risk through touch is increased when using scorecards and, as such, 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>
IF PRACTICE RANGE AT FACILITY, STIPULATE CONTROLS IF DIFFERENT TO GENERAL PROCESS	<p>Club policy. Capacity restrictions should be implemented in line with the club's RMP. Physical distancing should be adhered to at warm-up areas and practice greens. Refer to GolfRSA GGPG.</p>	<p>The Club's RMP to address the protocols for the warm up area at the club and the Risk Mitigation Guidelines should follow the Practice Facilities Guidelines document.</p>
SPECTATORS AT TOURNAMENTS	<p>Not permitted.</p>	
PRO-AMS/CORPORATE HOSPITALITY AT TOURNAMENTS	<p>Not permitted.</p>	

CLUBHOUSE

HALFWAY HOUSE	As per government regulations.	Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the Directions of Government Notice 356 of 2020, Gazetted on 29 June 2020. Clubs are specifically referred to Direction 5 pertaining to Restaurant Fast Food outlets and Coffee Shops.
RESTAURANT	As per government regulations.	
ABLUTION FACILITIES	Open/Sanitized daily.	Open/Sanitized daily.
LOCKER ROOMS	Closed.	

PRO SHOP

SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD AT PRO SHOP	No.	Recommended that score entry be done by golfers using the HNA Scoring application. Consider using WhatsApp photos to verify scorecards when required and no players should be required to co-sign scorecards.
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 utilisation.
SALE OF GOLF EQUIPMENT	Yes.	
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	Yes.	
RENTAL CLUBS	Yes.	The club's RMP should address the management and controls pertaining to rental equipment.