

2020 HOSPITAL AUXILIARY COVID-19 PROTOCOLS, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Before you attend our golf event--either as a participant or volunteer--you must be free of fever, cough or other symptoms of COVID-19. You must not have come in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for a minimum of two weeks. Also, please familiarize yourself with and follow best practices regarding social distancing and hand hygiene published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The South Carolina Golf Association has adopted new guidelines to protect the health and safety of players, host facility staff and volunteers. **KEEP IN MIND THESE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES CAN CHANGE AT ANYTIME** as guidelines and recommendations from DHEC, CDC, and our state and local government change. Thank you for reviewing and adopting these practices to protect all stakeholders at events.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

All players must maintain a minimum of **SIX FEET** distance from all other people, including other players, club staff, volunteers, etc. at all times. This includes the parking lot, putting green, practice area, on the golf course, restrooms, clubhouse and golf shop at host facilities. The only exception is when riding in a golf cart with another player.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In order to be eligible to participate in the event **YOU WILL BE REQUIRED** to sign a waiver of liability on day one of the event. We will send via e-mail and collect these before you tee off on day one.

CLUBHOUSE

All players and spectators are discouraged from congregating in the clubhouse, parking lot or any other common areas. Should a suspension of play occur, please head immediately to your car and wait for instruction by text message.

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE COURSE:

You will need to handle your own golf bag on and off the golf cart. We will have two players per cart. However, you have the option of carrying your own bag, push cart or one walker and one rider or wearing face protection.

PRACTICE AREAS & PRE-ROUND WARMUP

Players should not arrive at the golf course more than **ONE HOUR** before their starting time. To eliminate congestion on the practice facilities, warm up time and spaces will be limited.

FIRST TEE and TOURNAMENT PAPERWORK

Tournament paperwork (hole locations, rules sheets, hard card, etc.) will be sent to participants by email, text and will be posted on our tournament information page (which can be viewed from smartphones). Limited copies of these will be available at the starting area (players are encouraged to take a picture with smart phones for reference, if needed).

DURING THE ROUND

Bunkers – If tournaments are played without bunker rakes: Relief from an abnormal ground condition (i.e. a footprint) **for the lie of the ball only**, the player may lift the ball, smooth the area and place it within one club length, no closer to the hole. Players are also encouraged to smooth out all bunkers with their feet when exiting after play.

Holed – The definition of Holed is modified in this way: If any part of the ball is in the hole below the surface of the putting green, the ball is treated as holed even if the entire ball is not below the surface.

Flagstick - Under the Rules of Golf, players are permitted to leave the flagstick in the hole while putting.

POST-ROUND

Players are asked to refrain from the traditional handshake or hug prior to and after all rounds. A friendly nod, a tip of the cap, or wave is a recommended form of greeting or sportsmanship. As soon as you attest your scorecard, you will need to immediately leave the golf course.

SCORING

After the round, all players will verify scores verbally and visually. Scores are deemed returned and attested once players verbally verify scores. Results from round one and round two will be sent to the team captains electronically and available on the website. **There will be no scoreboards, all scoring will be visible online through Golf Genius TM.**

AWARDS & GIFT CERTIFICATES

The committee will mail golf prizes to the flight winners along with prizes for closet to the pin.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Java Burrito will provide morning coffee and Panera will provide bagels. Kroger will provide lunch each day and Coca Cola will provide soft drinks and water. There will be beverage carts on the course for snacks and other beverages at your own expense.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/SUSPENSION OF PLAY

In the event of inclement weather, **PARTICIPANTS** will be the top priority. Players are to report to their vehicles during suspensions and/or delays. Suspensions, delays and starting instructions will be sent via text, email to all participants.

FORMAT: Two (2) Best Balls (NET) of foursome over 36 holes. Your team has been placed in one of 16 flights based on the team's total HDCP.

- **TEES:** Men will play from 6,200 yards, except those men opting to "Tee It Forward" who will play from tee markers set at 5,800. A player will deduct 2 strokes if teeing it forward, beginning with the easiest stroke holes.
- **BOGEY RULE:** To speed up play, the maximum NET score for a player on any hole is a bogey.

HANDICAP

- **MEN:** Your course handicap is based on your 11/15/20 index from 6,200 yards x 80%.
If you elect to "Tee It Forward" to 5,800 yards, you must deduct 2 strokes.
- **WOMEN:** Your course handicap is based on your 11/15/20 index from 5,100 yards x 80%.

RULES

- Winter Rules (Lift, clean and place--one club length--no closer to hole in your own fairway) ARE in effect.
- USGA plus local club rules apply. The club professional staff at each course will serve as official rules committee and their judgment is final. Electronic yardage aids ARE permitted. Anchoring is permitted. USGA rules will decide all ties. In the case of a tie, the Harbour Town score will be used as the tie breaker, then last 9, last 6, 3, 1 at Harbour Town.

TOURNAMENT TEAM PRIZES

- #1 Low Net Team will have their names engraved on the permanent Max Stein Award and have first choice of prizes.
- First place in EACH flight will receive a golf certificate for a round of golf for four players at a local golf course.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

- **HOLE IN ONE:** Hilton Head BMW will award a 2-year lease on a new 2020 BMW for the FIRST hole-in-one scored on the 17th hole at Harbour Town AND the FIRST hole-in-one on the 13th hole at Oldfield. Various hole-in-one prizes will also be awarded on other par-3 holes at both courses, including a day at BMW Performance Driving School, Titleist Pro V1 balls and a putter, and a Pinehurst Golf Getaway. (Reminder: Pros are NOT eligible for ANY hole-in-one prize!) NOTE: To be eligible to win the hole-in-one prizes, men must play from 175 yards for the car hole and 135 yards for all other par-3's. Ladies play from 160 yards and 120.
- **CLOSEST TO THE PIN:** One dozen golf balls will be awarded for closest-to-the-pin on all par 3's on both golf courses, each day of the event.

PUTTING CONTESTS

There will be a putting contest at each course on both days at Harbour Town and Oldfield. Your entry both days will be paid for by the Hospital Auxiliary in lieu of the banquet which we canceled. There will be nice prizes for the best putters in our field.