



2020 Tournament Protocols

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Preface

For the sake of this document:

All First Tee representatives on-site and involved in programming and tournaments are referred to as “**coaches**,” whether they are full-time staff, part-time staff, adult volunteers, interns, or junior coaches.

All players engaged in the tournament play environment are referred to as “**players**.”

All others are referred to as “**spectators**”

All procedures are based on the most recent guidelines provided by local government, and in this case for the state of Arizona. Guidance is subject to change over time, and based on the applicable jurisdiction(s).

Virus Prevention Procedures

Proper Hygiene:

Wash hands thoroughly (for a minimum of 20 seconds) and frequently (at least once before and after every class).

Hand sanitizer and facial tissue are available in high traffic areas, such as starting tees and scoring areas.

Disinfect equipment and learning areas (see below).

Face Masks:

All coaches are required to wear face masks

Players are not required to wear face masks, but are encouraged to wear them in high traffic areas. Players should NOT wear masks as they are playing.

Social Distance and No touching:

Players, spectators, and coaches are to remain 6ft away

This includes all practice facilities, such as range, practice green, teeing area, etc.

No touching will be allowed of players, coaches, and equipment to limit contact tracing.

This includes no post round handshakes/hugs

Coaches and players are to use their words when demonstrating good sportsmanship

Only exceptions to emergency situations will be allowed.

Players and spectators are requested to leave the golf course immediately after the round to avoid gatherings.

Health screening for coaches & players:

Each day of the tournament, coaches will be screened, using the health screening below.

Players and spectators do not need to go through a health screening but should follow guidelines provided by CDC and AZDHS in staying healthy.

If you are feeling sick, please stay home

If the coach fails the health screening they will not be able to participate in the tournament.

Ask if:

Medication was used to lower temperature

Coach has been exposed to anyone with coronavirus

Coach is awaiting test results in the last 14 days

Check temperature (over 100.4 is considered a fever).

Pass:

No to all questions above

Temperature under 100.4

Fail:

Yes to any of the questions above

Temperature 100.4 or higher

If they fail, the player or coach will be required to leave.

Tournament Procedures

Registration:

There will be a registration table to provide guidance of where to go.

Range balls will be provided at registration table by coach

No flyers or information will be provided at registration

All information will be emailed ahead of time.

Please keep from congregating at registration and keep your social distance

Starting Tee:

Players are to report to the starting table at their tee time.

The starter will provide the scorecard for the player and communicate any course rules.

There will be no exchanging of scorecards.

Players will take the name of another player and keep their score to check at the end of the round

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Players will verbally verify each other's scores before handing in their scorecard
Players should bring their own tees, sunscreen, marking pens, as these items will not be provided

Scoring:

After completion of the round, players will drop their scorecard in a box, for coaches to review later

Scores will be posted online

There will be no physical Scoreboards

There will be no awards ceremonies.

Awards will be mailed after events or given at the next event.

All ties for awards, including first, will be determined by a scorecard playoff

There will be no playoffs.

Bunkers/Rakes:

Bunker rakes will be removed from the golf course.

Preferred lies in the bunker: Player may place a ball in the same bunker, within 1 club-length of the original spot, not nearer the hole. The ball must remain in the bunker.

Players are encouraged to smooth sand with their feet or club before they leave the bunker.

Flagstick/Hole

Players must not touch or remove the flagstick at any time.

Touching or removing the flagstick is a violation of our updated code of conduct and may result in penalty.

Spectator Guidelines:

Spectators on the golf course will be limited to one person per player, preferably a family member or guardian.

Spectators may rent a cart from the golf course, if needed.

It is the golf course's discretion to provide the cart and charge of fee for the cart.

Only one person may ride in the cart at any time (unless the approved person cannot drive a golf cart, then two people would be allowed)

Spectators must practice social distancing by remaining at least six feet away from others while at the golf course.

Spectators will not be allowed on the driving range or practice putting green.

Food and Beverage / Water

Coaches will be equipped with coolers filled with bottled waters located on their golf carts for on-course distribution to players only.

Players must be prepared to start the round with their own water.

Golf course food available for purchase may be limited depending on the facility.

FAQ's

When should someone stay home?

If someone in your household has had any cold/flu symptoms in the past 72 hours.

People who are at a higher risk, including those: age 60+, with weakened immune systems, who are pregnant, and those with underlying health conditions including cancer, heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.

What if a coach does not pass the screening?

Those who do not pass the screening are not permitted to participate, and must return home.

What if a coach does not comply with the guidelines?

Revisit the expectations and guidelines, and if the coach still does not comply, ask them to go home and/or call the Program Director to report the incident.

What if a player does not comply with the guidelines?

Revisit the expectations and guidelines, and if the player still does not comply, make immediate contact with a parent or guardian by phone. Report the incident to the Program Director.

How do we provide first aid or medical care while maintaining proper distancing?

In the event that medical care is required, that is the first priority. While the coach should not hesitate to follow First Aid & CPR procedures, including Check, Call & Care, they should first put on a face mask and disposable gloves.

What if there's an emergency, and evacuation procedures require us to gather in a smaller space or larger group?

In the event of emergency, where evacuation is necessary, the immediate physical safety of individuals and the group is first priority. Coaches should ensure that is taken care of, and then try to ensure COVID-19 prevention procedures are followed as possible.

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Resources (COVID-19)

[CDC Guidelines](#)

[OSHA Guidelines](#)

[Arizona Governor Guidelines](#)

[Arizona Department of Health and Safety](#)

Facility Specific

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Briarwood Country Club

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Encanto / Palo Verde GC

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Longbow GC

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San Marcos GC

Talking Stick GC

TPC Scottsdale

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