Maridoe Golf Club Information and COVID-19 Protocols
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The highest priority of Maridoe Golf Club (MGC) is protecting the health, safety, and well-being of all players, coaches, and staff when participating in the Maridoe Invitational (MI). The following are a set of policies and procedures that have been created for the championship operations. MGC created these policies and procedures to keep golf safe and follow guidelines set forth by local and state government officials.

It is the responsibility of players and staff to fully read, understand, and follow these policies and procedures set forth by Maridoe Golf Club. Not adhering to these policies and procedures may result in disqualification from the MAC.

**COVID-19 Education & Protection**

It is important for everyone attending the MAC to understand how COVID-19 spreads as well as ways to protect themselves. The following information is from the Governor’s Report to Open Texas. 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 2 oz. 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 Texas.

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

- Every player and your designated guest or coach must agree to and sign a COVID Release Waiver. Any player, guest or caddie 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.
- Maridoe staff will wear a face covering when engaging with players, coaches and guests, specifically when managing the registration area, starting tee, and scoring area, sharing a golf
Players, coaches, and guests are not required to wear a face covering at Maridoe except when entering the clubhouse, course evacuation and when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Maridoe staff will either wear gloves or have properly sanitized hands when engaging players, coaches and guests at registration, starting tee and scoring area.

Maridoe staff will provide hand sanitizer stations for players, coaches, and guests at the registration area, starting tee, scoring area and throughout the golf course.

Maridoe asks regardless of a player’s, caddie’s or guest’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, coaches, and guests.

All players and coaches must refrain from touching other players and coaches 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, coaches, guests, and Maridoe staff are required to self-screen prior to being on-site each day. Maridoe staff will temperature check each morning prior to arriving on property in addition to the daily temperature screening at Maridoe. MGC 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.

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

**COVID Testing Options in Carrollton, TX Area**

If an individual should need or desire to take a COVID-19 test while at the Southern Amateur 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 male individuals contact Total Men’s Primary Care Addison office at 630-909-9069 or reserve an appointment online at www.totalmens.com. This is the rapid Antibody test with results known in 15 minutes. Most major insurance providers will cover the cost of the test. Cash price is $199. Total Men’s will not test symptomatic individuals.

- Symptomatic individuals or Asymptomatic female individuals contact Care Now Urgent Care – Carrollton at 972-939-9495 or book appointment online at https://www.carenow.com/patient-services/medical-tests/covid-19.dot

**Communication Plan for Possible or Known COVID Infection**

In the event MGC learns that any person in attendance at the MI is infected, being tested for, or shows
verified symptoms of COVID-19, MGC will notify all players, coaches, guests, staff, and club officials of the facts as known to MGC. 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, MGC will provide updates to all persons originally notified as to the outcome of any testing or other related information.

**Traveling During COVID-19 Best Practices**

- Driving to Dallas/Carrollton 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 Dallas/Carrollton. 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](#)

**Championship Registration**

Championship registration is on Saturday, October 17 from 7:00am-5:00pm in the Maridoe Clubhouse. All players and coaches must register on Saturday.

**Host Facility Information**

**Club Address**
Maridoe Golf Club  
2020 Kelly Blvd  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
Golf Shop: 972-416-6496

**Guest Policy**

We recommend player guests be an immediate family member or live in the same household. It is also recommended that guests 65 years of age or older or coaches with preexisting health conditions carefully consider their participation in the event.

**Temperature Screening**

All persons entering Maridoe Golf Club are subject to a daily temperature check at the entrance gate issued by a medical professional. 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 in the vehicle with that person will not be allowed to enter the facility until negative COVID test result(s) is presented (see “COVID Testing Options” section).

**Clubhouse Access**

Clubhouse access is limited to business-only purposes such as utilizing restroom facilities, visiting the golf shop or for a course evacuation. Weather permitting, MGC will make best efforts to ensure food and beverage service will be available outdoors. Masks will be required whenever entering the clubhouse at Maridoe.
Face Coverings and Masks
- Players, coaches, and guests should bring their own face covering. Masks will be required for all persons entering the clubhouse at Maridoe and when receiving any shuttle rides whether for parking or an evacuation situation.
- Maridoe staff will wear a face covering when engaging with players, coaches, and spectators, specifically when managing the registration area, starting tee, and scoring area, sharing a golf cart, or providing a ruling.

Bottled Water Coolers & Hydration
- Bottled water coolers and stations will be located throughout the golf course.
- 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.
- Use the trash cans located at each tee for garbage.

Dining
Hosted breakfast and lunch will be provided to players each championship day at MGC (see “Championship Schedule & Format” section for service times and location). 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. Verbal communication (phone calls) must be outside buildings.

Parking
This will be a very busy week at MGC with the championship and normal club activities. Parking will be available on-site at MGC. However, we request for players, coaches, and family members to carpool as much as possible. A shuttle cart will transport players and guests from the auxiliary parking lot to the clubhouse roundabout and pick-up from the clubhouse roundabout to be returned to the auxiliary parking lot. Masks are required while riding a shuttle.

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 applies to coaches and spectators. Please remove hats while inside the clubhouse.

Medical Assistance
First Aid station in the clubhouse from Saturday-Tuesday.
Championship Information

Championship Office
Championship office will be in the clubhouse Conference Room. This area will be restricted to Maridoe staff and officials only.

Communications
MGC 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. In addition, one copy of these documents will be made available for players and coaches. Coaches should confirm that all contact information in there is correct at registration.

Arrival Time
It is recommended that players and coaches arrive at the golf course no earlier than one (1) hour prior to their starting time.

Practice Facilities
- All players and coaches are responsible for maintaining proper social distance when utilizing the practice facilities. Guests 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 1 hour prior to the first tee time each morning and close at dusk each afternoon during championship week.
- Driving Range
  - Stations will be spaced at least 6 feet apart and balls will be set in sanitized baskets.
  - Access to the driving range is limited to no earlier than one hour prior to your assigned starting time. Check-in with the Maridoe staff member managing the range for a stall assignment.
- Putting Green and Short Game Area
  - Maintain social distancing while utilizing these areas.

Course Information
Championship Yardage: 7287 yards Course Architect: Steve Smyers
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Northbridge Bermuda); Putting Greens (Champion Bermuda)
Director of Golf: Marc Wielgosz
Course Superintendent: Shawn Westacott

Flagsticks, Holes and Rakes
- **(Subject to Change)** Players and coaches 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.

Scorecards & Live Scoring
- Scorecards will be distributed to each player on the starting tee by the MGC 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.
Scoring Area *(Subject to Change)*

- Once the round is completed, players must proceed to the scoring area inside the clubhouse (follow signage to 19th Hole). 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.
- 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 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 MGC scoring official and exits the scoring area.
- Players, coaches, and guests are encouraged to use Golfstat to view tournament Results and will be sent via email and/or text daily.

Severe Weather Plan
MGC will alert players with any tournament delays or schedule changes.

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 MGC followed by verbal notification and assistance to nearest evacuation site. Disregard any horns signaled from area businesses.*
- 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.
- Due to social distancing guidelines and likely time constraints, practice may not be allowed before the resumption of play.

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