



COVID-19



INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

120th Women's Western Amateur, July 20 - 25
Prestwick Country Club, Frankfort, Illinois

General Safety



If you display any symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to anyone infected with COVID-19 or have a reasonable concern over your health and safety, stay home and get tested. If you begin to display symptoms during the tournament, contact Madison Banas at (847) 920-8580, and seek guidance from the medical services team.



To help us create a safe tournament environment, players, staff, directors, and volunteers, will be required to sign off on the Tournament Waiver via **DocuSign** prior to arriving on site. Failure to do so will result in removal from the tournament.

Restore Illinois Golf Guidelines:

Players should not participate in a golf tournament, or be allowed to play golf, if sick or symptomatic (with cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 degrees or above, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or other CDC-identified symptoms), and sick or symptomatic players should be encouraged to seek medical council and be prepared to withdraw from the championship.

What to Expect



Health & Safety

- All players, staff, directors, and volunteers will be required to answer a series of screening questions and have their temperature taken at their designated check-in point to ensure they do not have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher. Touch-free infrared thermometers will be used.
- For subsequent days on site, it will be the individual's responsibility to notify a tournament official and the on-site medical professional if any symptoms have changed since the original screening.



Social Distancing & Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

- Please maintain a distance of six feet from others when not wearing a mask.
- Please utilize a mask when social distancing is not possible.
 - Masks will not be required for players or caddies during the physical play of the tournament.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the clubhouse and at starting and scoring areas.
- Players and caddies are encouraged to carry their own hand sanitizer.
- WGA Staff, Directors, and volunteers will be **required** to wear a mask in situations where social distancing is not possible.
 - Collecting scores, giving rules, finding golf balls, starting and scoring.
- WGA Staff, Directors, players, and volunteers will be **encouraged** to wear a mask in situations where social distancing is not possible.
 - Weather evacuations, indoor sheltering in large groups, registration, obtaining food and beverage.

Travel



- Players are responsible for researching and abiding by current travel restrictions in place by the US and their home country.
 - If these restrictions prevent a player from traveling and competing in the Championship, then we will work with them on refunding their application fee.
- Players traveling domestically should make sure the state borders are open for travel and travel should follow IDPH or ISDH & CDC approved guidelines.
 - Players are asked to be cautious while off-site visiting restaurants or seeking entertainment.
 - Private housing will **not** be available at the championship.

Player Registration



- In an effort to promote social distancing, all players should arrive at registration one hour prior to their scheduled practice round time to register and receive their tee gift package on Monday, July 20th.
- All players must register by 1:00 p.m. (CST), or confirm their arrival time in advance by phone or email to Sally White at (317) 331-1763.
- Registration will be located on the Prestwick Country Club back patio.
- A player's place in the tournament may be forfeited if she fails to register before 1:00 pm. (CST) on Monday, July 20th.
- **Players are required to bring and wear their own mask during registration.**

Competition Guidelines

Caddies & Push Carts



- Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round in the championship. A player may carry her bag or provide her own non-motorized push cart.
 - Please note: push carts will not be for rent at the club.*
- Club or local area caddies **will not** be available for hire, but the use of a personal caddie is permitted.
- We strongly encourage players to use personal caddies who are members of the same household.
- Caddies are encouraged to sanitize their hands frequently throughout the round.

Scoring



- Scores will be recorded by each individual on their own mobile device during play.
- Physical scorecards will be available for players who would like a physical copy.
- Scores will be verbally attested in the scoring area.

Bunkers

- All bunker rakes will be removed from the golf course. Players are encouraged to smooth the disturbed area with their foot or club after playing a shot.
- Disturbed areas are to be treated as ground under repair. This allows players to take free relief within the bunker. Please refer to the Notice to Players for additional information.

Flagsticks & Holes



- Players and personal caddies must not touch or remove the flagstick at any time. Removing the flagstick intentionally is a violation of the Code of Conduct policy and may result in a penalty.
- Cups will be set upside-down, and deep enough so that the ball can be holed under USGA regulations.

Starting Tents & Scoring Areas

- Players are asked to refrain from the traditional handshake or hug prior to and after all rounds.
- Hole location sheets will be sent to players the night before to print on their own and will also be provided at the tee.
- The WGA will no longer supply tees, pencils, permanent markers, sunscreen, or insect repellent. Players should come prepared with these items.
- Players will not be permitted to gather at the starting tent until the group ahead of them has teed off.

Practice Facilities



- Throughout the week, the driving range and short game area will be closely moderated.
- There will be 16 hitting spots at the driving range for players to use for a maximum of 30 minutes.
- Practice at Prestwick Country club after the rounds will be prohibited.
*This is subject to change once the schedule moves to match play.

Additional practice facilities in the area:



- Odyssey Golf Course, 19110 S. Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park, IL (708) 429-7400
- Green Garden Golf Course, 9511 W. Manhattan-Monee Rd., Frankfort, IL (815) 469-3350
- Sanctuary Golf Course, 485 N. Marley Rd., New Lenox, IL, (815) 462-4653
- Frankfort Square Links, 7861 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL, (815) 469-1600

Spectators



It is recommended to limit spectators to one guest per player. Spectators should bring their own mask and PPE.

Medical Services



Inclement Weather



- Players are to follow the evacuation procedures outlined on the back of their hole location sheets.
- Spectators are asked to seek shelter in their personal vehicles, if possible, until weather subsides.
- Please have a mask available if social distancing is not possible.

Clubhouse Access



- Players and player guests are permitted to use the clubhouse restrooms and dining facilities at the maximum capacity allowed. Face masks are encouraged.
- The golf shop will be open for retail operations and will accept cash and credit cards.

Food & Beverage



- A complimentary boxed lunch will be provided to players each day of tournament play.
- Indoor and outdoor dining will be available in accordance to local government rules and regulations.
- Breakfast will not be provided complimentary. Players are encouraged to eat prior to arriving on site.
- Food and beverage will be available for purchase at Prestwick Country Club for spectators.
- Water will be available at limited locations on the course.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own water and snacks.

Contact Information

For any questions or concerns, please contact:

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