



WOMEN'S OHIO STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

COVID-19 RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations have been developed so that the Women's Ohio State Golf Association (WOSGA) may move forward with the Women's Ohio State Senior Amateur safely and responsibly. At all times, the WOSGA considers the safety and well-being of contestants to be paramount and reserves the right to modify these Rules and Regulations depending upon conditions existing at the time of the scheduled tournament.

The WOSGA has taken into consideration the current State of Ohio and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. **It is the contestant's responsibility to be familiar with the policies set forth herein and to abide by said Rules and Regulations at all times.** Failure of a contestant to abide by the Rules and Regulations may result in warnings and subsequent disqualification as further set forth herein.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

At all times, contestants and spectators shall maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from other contestants, volunteers, and employees/staff of Piqua Country Club. **Social distancing is to be maintained by all individuals at all times.**

FACE MASKS

All individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face masks.

CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

In addition to the Rules and Regulations set forth below, any and all rules and regulations set forth by Piqua Country Club shall be in effect and followed at all times, which shall include, but not be limited to, ingress and egress to the clubhouse, pro shop, practice facilities, and restrooms, and the availability of food and beverage

CARTS

The WOSGA Cart Policy is in effect with the following modifications:

1. Golfers shall be offered flexibility related to cart use, including the option to ride in a cart alone, ride with another contestant or walk.
2. Carts will be offered first come first serve
3. If you select to ride with another player, you will ride with the same person for both days.

SPECTATORS

Contestants may be allowed up to bring a reasonable number of spectators as long as:

- All spectators practice social distancing.
- At all times, spectators do not congregate in groups of more than ten (10) people.
- If more than ten (10) spectators are watching one group play, they must act responsibly and separate themselves from other spectators ensuring compliance with guidelines about the congregation of groups of people.
- The contestant accepts full responsibility for the actions of their spectators and agrees that they are subject to warnings and disqualification if their spectators do not adhere to all Rules and Regulations.
- Spectators follow all Rules and Regulations and if asked by WOSGA to move, leave an area, or separate from other people, they shall abide.

SCORECARDS, LOCAL RULES, HANDOUTS, ETC.

- All tournament paperwork, except the scorecard, will be provided before the tournament. A player should read these materials on their own before their round. **It is the responsibility of the contestant to know the rules of the event.**
- All rules questions shall be resolved in an area separate from the scoring table.

REGISTRATION

CHANGE FOR 2020. On-site registration will be on Monday. You are required to register and be at the first tee ten (10) minutes prior to your tee time. At that time, you will be given your scorecard and tee gift. There will also be additional WOSGA Acknowledgment and Consent form. You must either present a signed Acknowledgment and Consent form to the Starter or sign the Acknowledgment and Consent form at the first tee prior to the commencement of play on the First day. You are **not** required to sign a WOSGA Acknowledgment and Consent form each day.

WDs and REFUNDS

Withdrawal: After the start of the Championship, a player must have the consent of the WOSGA Executive Committee or Tournament Directors (not host club personnel) to withdraw from the Championship. Players must contact De McNichols, Tournament Director at 614-989-0959 or Nancy Battista-Allen at 614-208-6464 to withdraw from the Championship. If a player withdraws without this consent, they shall be ineligible to play in the Championship for one year.

Refunds: A \$30.00 service fee will be deducted from ALL refunds. The entry fee will be refunded, minus the service fee, for injury or illness if requested by 11:59 p.m. EST on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. **No refunds will be issued for any reason after September 18, 2020 .**

ARRIVAL AT BELMONT COUNTY CLUB

Contestants shall arrive no sooner than thirty (30) minutes before their assigned tee times. **CKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Prior to entering the golf course, all contestants shall sign the Acknowledgement and Consent Agreement, you will not be allowed to commence play.. Any contestant or person who does not have a fully executed Acknowledgement and Consent Agreement will be considered to have withdrawn from the event or not be permitted to enter the premises.

PRACTICE

- Practice privileges shall be limited to ten (10) minutes at each the driving range and putting green
- Social distancing shall be practiced while at the driving range and putting green
- Contestants shall not come into contact with any non-personal items on the practice facilities

WATER

- **The WOSGA will NOT provide water.**
- This action follows of the guidelines set forth by the CDC and State of Ohio to limit contact.
- Please buy water and other beverages from Belmont Country Club or bring you own water.

ARRIVAL AT THE FIRST TEE

- Contestants should arrive ten (10) minutes before their tee time and shall practice social distancing.
- A sanitization table will be set up, and contestants are encouraged to sanitize their hands upon arrival.
- There will be no starter's box, and contestants are responsible for bringing their own pencil, pen, etc.
- There shall be no personal contact between contestants, shaking of hands, etc.

ROUND TWO

- Round Two (2) shall have a shotgun start. You are required to play with the person you played with on Monday regardless of score.
- The shotgun start will be ay 8:30 a.m. UNLESS changed by the Host Club.

DURING THE ROUND

- Contestants shall practice social distancing at all times while on the golf course. Regardless of a player's position on the golf course, a player must maintain six (6) feet of distance between themselves and other players. This includes when preparing for a shot, walking down the fairway/rough, on the teeing ground, on the putting green, and all other locations.
- Contestants shall only touch their own equipment and golf bag, i.e., do not pick up a contestant's club or touch the flagstick.
- Once the round is completed, do not shake hands and proceed immediately to the scoring table.

FLAGSTICK

- **Flagsticks shall remain in the hole and not touched by any contestant.**
- A ball retrieval system will be used that will eliminate the need to touch the flagstick or the hole itself.

BALL IN THE HOLE

- **A ball is in the hole only when it stays in the cup.** A ball that hits the flagstick or the ball retrieval system and bounces out of the hole is NOT considered to be in the hole. You must continue putting and count strokes until your ball rests in the cup.

BUNKERS

- **IF** your ball is in a bunker **and** it is in an area that has been disturbed by the play of another player which, under normal conditions, would have been smoothed by the rake (footsteps, divot, splatter from the shot, etc.), then the contestant may lift their ball and place it at the nearest point of relief in the bunker not closer to the hole. There is no penalty for this relief. Please refer to Local Rules.

There will be no rakes for maintaining the bunkers. We will be playing preferred lies which means—LIFT, CLEAN, and PLACE with one club length.

- In the bunker
- Not closer to the hole
- Within one club length of the ball's original lie in the bunker

Contestants should smooth out their footprints, if possible.

CELL PHONES

Cell phone usage will be allowed for the use of golf-related applications that show only distance or golf rules. Phones may also be used to document a situation through a photo in which a ruling is needed and two balls were played. All cell phones shall be in silent mode—no ringer, no vibration. No phone calls. Slow play as a result of cell phone usage is subject to WOSGA's Pace of Play policy. Please see the Conditions of Play for further information.

SCORING

- Contestants shall maintain social distancing. Contestants must wait until the group ahead clears the scoring table, only one (1) group at a time.
- No spectators are permitted at the scoring table.
- A sanitization table will be at the entrance of the scoring table. All contestants must sanitize before approaching the scoring table.
- Contestants shall verbally confirm their individual hole scores.
- All scorecards will be placed in a box at the conclusion of scoring.
- At the time the Contestant's score is accepted, each player shall move away from the scoring table and to their cars.
- All disputes shall be settled prior to leaving the scoring table.

PLAY-OFF

- The only play off shall be for first place overall. All other ties will be completed by scorecard playoff.

AWARDS

- There will be no formal Award Ceremony, but awards will be announced upon completion of scoring on the second day and distributed in their original box.

RULINGS

- All rules questions shall be resolved in an area separate from the scoring table.
- Read the USGA Rules of Golf before playing in the event. Know the most commonly used rules such as when, where, and how to drop the ball when in Ground Under Repair, a penalty area, or out of bounds, and what to do if a ball moves unintentionally during the round.
- In a situation where you don't know the rule and what to do, to prevent back-ups on the course, playing two balls is mandatory. If in doubt:
 - Consult the USGA rules app
 - If possible, take a photo of the situation and make a recording describing it using your phone; be careful not to disturb other players while speaking
 - Play two balls; record each score
 - You must report the situation to a WOSGA rules official after you finish play and before you turn in your scores to determine the outcome of the ruling and your score.
 - Call the rules official.

LUNCH

A Buffet Lunch will be served on Monday and Tuesday after your completion of play. Social distancing is required at all times. Please space yourself six (6) feet apart when eating and do not congregate in groups of more than ten (10) people. The Betty Peppard Award will be announced and presented on Tuesday during the Buffet.

WEATHER DELAYS

- All contestants shall remain in their motor vehicles during any weather delay
- Contestants will be alerted to the resuming of play by the Pro Shop.
- There shall be no practice/warm-up during the weather delay

FAILURE TO FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The WOSGA will be closely monitoring players and spectators to assure that the Rules and Regulations, as listed above, are followed. Contestants and spectators, upon violation of the Rules and Regulations, will be given a verbal warning. If non-compliance continues, contestants and spectators will be given a second and final warning. After the second final warning, the Contestant will be disqualified (DQ) and any spectator(s) will be asked to leave the golf course. Because of the seriousness of COVID-19, we are holding the Contestant responsible for their spectators, and thus, the Contestant may be DQd because of their spectators' actions.

The WOSGA reserves the right to modify these Rules and Regulations dependent upon tournament day conditions.

The WOSGA is hopeful that by following these Rules and Regulations that all contestants will be able to participate safely.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING THIS EVENT HAPPEN AND FOR KEEPING EVERYONE INVOLVED SAFE. PLAY WELL!