



## OHIO JUNIOR GIRLS

### 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 Ohio Junior Girls 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) from other contestants, volunteers, and employees/staff of Marion 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 Marion 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.

#### 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 must register no more than thirty (30) minutes prior to your tee time. A registration table will be set up near the parking lot. During registration you will receive a plastic bag with your Round 1 scorecard, local rules, tee gift, and bag tag. The bag will also include several copies of WOSGA's Acknowledge and Consent Agreement for the event; all individual that enter the grounds will be required to sign the form.

#### 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 Laurie Keller, Tournament Director at 724-272-8448 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 \$15.00 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, July 07, 2020. **No refunds will be issued for any reason after Wednesday, July 08, 2020.**

#### ARRIVAL AT MARION COUNTY CLUB

Contestants shall arrive no sooner than thirty (30) minutes before their assigned tee times. At thirty (30) minutes before the Contestant's tee time, they, and their spectators, shall check-in at the registration table and receive tournament information and sign the **Acknowledgement and Consent Agreement**.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT AGREEMENT

Prior to entering the golf course, all contestants and their legal guardian, if applicable, and spectators and volunteers shall be required to sign and date the attached Acknowledgement and Consent Agreement. If you refuse to sign the Acknowledgement and Consent Agreement, you will not be allowed to enter the premises. 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
- Practice at the host facility after a contestant has completed their round is prohibited

## 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 Marion Country Club or bring you own water.

## ARRIVAL AT THE FIRST TEE

- Contestants should arrive five (5) 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

- THE WOSGA reserves the right to schedule tee times from #1 tee, #10, or in a scatter start format.
- This decision will be based on state guidelines at the time of play.
- **If a scatter start is scheduled, the driving range will be CLOSED for the second round. Please be prepared to warm up in an alternate manner. Instructions for Round 2 will be provided on site.**

## 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

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.

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by lifting and placing the ball in and playing it from the bunker. The ball may be cleaned. The ball must be placed:

- 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.
- The WOSGA will post scores on the website after the round. Scores may be updated on the website periodically throughout the day; no scoreboard will be displayed.
- 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**

- Any contestant who may be involved in a play-off shall be notified by a text message. Contestants will have at least 20 minutes to return to the golf course.

## **AWARDS**

- There will be no Award Ceremony, but awards will be announced upon completion of scoring on the second day.

## **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**

Contestants will be provided a boxed or plated lunch. 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.

## **WEATHER DELAYS**

- All contestants and spectators shall remain in their motor vehicles during any weather delay
- Contestants will be alerted to the resuming of play by the repeated sounding of a horn
- 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!**