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## **GOLF CONSIDERATIONS**

Each school should develop a plan with their local health officials to successfully complete the fall season. Below are considerations to include in your plan.

### **Special Considerations for the use of the following equipment:**

- Golf Balls
- Clubs
- Tees
- Ball Markers
- Bags
- Towels
- Scorecards
- Water Bottles
- Gloves are permissible for all players, coaches and officials.
- Each team is responsible for its own towels, hand sanitizer and med kit

### **Special Considerations for the use of the following components of the facility:**

- Pins
- Carts
- Warm-Up Areas (Driving Range, Chipping/Putting Green, Practice Bunker)
- Clubhouse
- Team Areas
- Bathrooms/Portable restrooms
- Hydration stations
- Entry/Exit

**Practices** – Screenings, face coverings and individual hygiene of all participants should be followed in accordance with WHSAA Smart Start Guidelines and the WHSAA Screening/Monitoring form should be utilized.

- Workouts/practices should be conducted in “pods” of participants with same golfers practicing together to limit overall exposure
- Golfers should maintain the recommended six feet of distancing between individuals and have no physical contact with each other
- No sharing of equipment
- All activities (including meetings) occur outdoors
- Avoid grouping of athletes at the start and end of practices and during transition times
- Face coverings are optional while golfing but are **recommended** before and after practice for everyone (athletes and coaches)

**Events** - WHSAA Smart Start Guidelines must be utilized for all events.

- Regular season spring contests will follow Rule 7.8.1.5, the same as in the past.
- Tees, pencils and ball-markers and sharpies will not be available. Players must bring their own equipment.
- Limit all use of golf shop and retail operations to maintain social distancing guidelines. If social distancing cannot be maintained, golf shop access should be prohibited.
- No pre or post-meet handshakes or fist bumps should take place

- Face coverings are optional while golfing but are **recommended** before and after contests (when not golfing) for everyone (coaches and athletes).
- It is recommended, all event workers utilize face coverings, and gloves when appropriate
- No pre or post game gatherings should take place to assist in limiting exposure. (i.e. Tailgating, BBQ's, etc.)

**Post Season:**

If a conference decides to hold a Conference Meet, it may be played the same as in the past.

**Back2Golf Operations Playbook:**

[https://www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/images/course-care/covid-19-resource-center/back2golf/back2golf\\_operations\\_playbook-version4-0-june10-2020.pdf](https://www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/images/course-care/covid-19-resource-center/back2golf/back2golf_operations_playbook-version4-0-june10-2020.pdf)