



Policies and Procedures for NCJT Tournament Operations During COVID-19

Our basic approach to this tour season will be the FRESH AIR approach to safety, which can be easily accomplished while playing the game of golf. We have broken down the activities the juniors and the committee will encounter during the day into the following categories and the procedures we will follow during each:

1. The Basic Safety Policy for both Players and Spectators:

Please practice social distancing (maintaining a 6 foot distance when standing around with or engaging with others or a comfortable distance, with your head turned away, when forced to pass closely by others (like hallways in a building or in restrooms), we'll call this our "Six Foot Rule"). We encourage the Six Foot rule at all times throughout the entire NCJT event for all players, caddies and spectators on property. Spectator carts are permitted under NCJT policies, but courses may not allow them this year, so call ahead to see if they are permitted.

2. Course Arrival to the First Tee:

From the parking lot to your arrival at the first tee you may enter the golf shop or clubhouse under the courses posted rules. We are assuming the most facilities will have restrooms open, so be sure to wash hands well after use. At NCJT registration we ask that you practice the Six Foot Rule from our committee person while you check-in. All players are required to check-in as soon as possible upon arrival. The purpose of registration is to share any special instructions, point out the location of where you can warm-up, your starting tee and to confirm that you are on property in case we are looking for you for any reason prior to your tee time.

3. The First Tee

Players are responsible to report to the first tee on time for their tee time. It is recommended that you arrive at least 10 minutes prior to your starting time. If another pairing is still on the tee please stand back at least 20 feet away from the tent and group on the tee. At the First Tee you will be greeted by committee members and other players. We recommend that all greetings be done in a touch-less manner. Eye contact with air fist bumps will be the preferred method of greeting from a six foot distance (we call it the "Hand Shake Alternative"). All players should locate their golf bags in a position to maintain the Six Foot Rule. The Six Foot Rule must be maintained at all times around the first tee.

4. During Play

The Six Foot will need to be practiced for the entire round, especially at the gathering points; tees and greens.

5. The Flagstick Rule

This year the flagstick will be off limits to touch and must remain in the hole at all times.

6. The Bunker Rule

The bunker rule will be modified to a preferred lie rule, due to no rakes for smoothing out the

sand. Players will have the option to play the ball as it lies or place the ball to the nearest lie that is clear of footprints and no nearer the hole. Clear of footprints is for only the lie of the ball and not for a player's stance.

7. Committee Involvement with Play

One of the main roles of our committee is to promote the 'Spirit of the Game' and to create "Tournament Players" out of our junior golfers. The process of achieving this is done by educating players on proper tournament procedures during play and teaching players to play with efficiencies to achieve a proper pace of play. When players learn and practice the proper tournament player procedures their overall game will improve with the added confidence and the uplifting "Spirit of the Game" they will enjoy during tournament golf, which is the ultimate goal.

To achieve this goal our committee from time to time will educate players during their round. During those times the Six Foot Rule will be used by committee members. The only time the rule will be loosened is when a committee involvement/cart shuttle is required. The committee will only have group interaction when it is necessary, such as long distances from green to tees, slow play or for education moments deemed necessary. When a player or players are asked to hop on a cart by a committee member the players will have two positions on the cart to be shuttled. #1 is standing on the back with clubs on their back and holding the roof supports for a solid grip. #2 is sitting on the seat next to the committee member with the bottom of the golf bag resting on the floorboard between the players legs. When option #2 is used the committee member and the player must not touch or face each other during the shuttle. If the player has a push cart the Committee person must handle the push cart during a shuttle (the purpose is so the golf cart driver can feel the stability of the push cart wheels during the shuttle). Committee members will also have sanitizer bottles on their carts to sanitize any touch points during a shuttling encounter.

8. After Play

When a group finishes its final hole they can use the Hand Shake Alternative as their customary Spirit of the Game hand shake. Scoring will be changed for all tournaments in June to eliminate gatherings in the clubhouse and scoring operations will work as follows: a table will be setup near the 18th green to finalize scorecards. Players will practice the Six Foot Rule at the scoring table and finalize scorecards as normal under tournament golf. Once scorecards are finalized (signed and returned to the committee) players should leave the scoring area and practice the Six Foot Rule until they depart the property.

**** These policies have potential to be changed/extended throughout the season dependent on requirements and policies set forth by the State and the CDC. We believe our fresh air approach to keeping everyone safe can be accomplished without the use of masks. However, if anyone feels the need to wear a mask at anytime they should do so. If anyone doesn't feel comfortable or safe on tour we will be glad to workout a refund for any remaining entries. It's important that anyone experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms contact us for a full refund and to not attend any events until we are presented with a written clearance to return to play from a medical doctor. ****

We look forward to using common sense and good safety practices to keep everyone safe during this unprecedented time while hosting our high quality tournaments. Thank you for joining us for the 2020 tour season, we'll see you on tour!