



American Rivers Conference Golf Protocols

- First and foremost, A-R-C schools shall follow all COVID-related protocols in place at the host course (e.g., pool noodles in cups, clubhouse restrictions, etc.).
- Face coverings shall be worn in the clubhouse and all registration areas.
- Face coverings shall be worn when within six feet of other teams' student-athletes before teeing off. Pay particular attention to holes/areas where back-ups have occurred. Coaches and event personnel shall remind players about physical distancing when the opportunity arises.
- Coaches shall wear face coverings when within six feet of her/his own student-athletes or other coaches/student-athletes.
- Range access shall be limited to no more than three teams at a time. Face coverings are strongly encouraged for the putting green.
- A single-tee format is recommended to minimize COVID exposure. Regardless of format (single-tee, double-tee, or shotgun) coaches shall be responsible for relaying all course information to their players prior to reporting to the tee-off hole. When possible, there shall be a starter for a first-tee or double-tee start; that individual can answer any questions not covered by the head or assistant coach.
- Consideration shall be given to having each team play as one group together (e.g., in a fivesome) based on local health conditions and campus COVID conditions (e.g., an outbreak on a campus even if it hasn't affected members of the golf team). The tournament committee shall make that decision.
- Scorecard protocols shall not change unless requested by the tournament committee. Players shall exchange scorecards on the first tee and shall keep the score of the designated opponent.
- Upon completion of the round, each player shall turn in her/his scorecard to the designated tournament official. In the case of the conference championship, there likely will be a scoring area where physical distancing shall be maintained. Face coverings shall be worn in the scoring area.
- Strong consideration shall be given to not holding an awards ceremony after an event. The tournament committee shall base the conduct of a conference championship awards ceremony on local conditions and campus conditions at the time of the event. Regardless of conditions, the ceremony shall NOT be held indoors.
- Decisions on spectators' presence shall be made by the tournament committee based on local health conditions and guidelines. If permitted, spectators shall observe universal masking and physical distance. Coaches and event personnel shall remind spectators about physical distancing when the opportunity arises.