

2021 Competition Protocols

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The Durham Junior Golf Tour has adopted new guidelines to protect the health and safety of its players, parents, spectators, coaches, DJGT staff, host facility staff and volunteers. These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with normal operating procedures for Durham Junior Golf Tour events. **Operational guidelines may change based on government/facility regulations at the time of the competition.** Thank you for reviewing and adopting these practices to protect all stakeholders at events.

PRE-SCREENING: All players, DJGT staff, volunteers and spectators will have their temperatures taken upon arrival at the host course. In addition, players, DJGT staff, volunteers and spectators will be asked a series of health screening questions. Players and spectators are encouraged to perform a COVID-19 Self-Assessment prior to leaving for the golf course. The Self-Assessment can be found at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.

ILLNESS: If any player is showing signs of illness they should stay home. Withdrawals prior to the start of competition for any COVID-19 illness will result in a full-refund minus an administration fee. If a player becomes ill while at the host course, they should immediately notify a DJGT Official and then leave the course in a manner intended to address the safety of the player and others. If a DJGT Official or volunteer becomes aware of a player who appears to be ill while at a facility, they may require the player to leave the facility in a manner intended to address the safety of the player and others. Players who become ill should go to a COVID-19 Assessment Centre and must produce a negative COVID-19 test result prior to participating in future DJGT events. If a player tests positive for COVID-19 they are asked to notify the DJGT Tournament Director immediately.

TRAVEL ISOLATION: All players who have travelled outside of Canada within the past 14 days of a scheduled event will not be permitted to participate (A player may request approval from DJGT Competition Committee providing a negative COVID-19 test is provided prior to the official event starting time).

HOST FACILITIES: DJGT will work with and adhere to all host facilities current COVID-19 Protocols in place. Full event protocols will be provided to event participants ahead of each event during the 2021 season.

FIELD SIZES: All DJGT tournament fields will be limited to a maximum of 60 players to help reduce the number of players on course at any given time. Field sizes may be adjusted based on host course protocols and provincial guidelines in place at the time of competition.

SPECTATORS: Players may have one accompanying parent or guardian. Those adults must adhere to the DJGT Spectator Policy and check in at the registration table prior to accessing the golf course. Failure to do so may result in future spectator privileges being revoked. **Spectators may not be permitted based on host course and provincial guidelines in place at the time of competition.**

PUSH CARTS: Players wanting to use a push cart must bring their own.

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FLAGSTICKS: Players must not touch, or remove, the flagstick at any time. Removing the flagstick is a violation of the DJGT Code of Conduct policy and may result in a penalty. DJGT will utilize Pin Caddy's to assist players in the removal of their golf ball from the hole.

BUNKERS: All bunker rakes will be removed from the golf course. Players may lift, clean and place their ball within one club length of where their original ball lay that is not nearer the hole and in the same bunker. Players are encouraged to smooth their footprints (with foot and/or club) to the best of their ability when exiting the bunker.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING: Players and their equipment must maintain a minimum two (2) metres of distance between themselves, other players, DJGT staff, volunteers and spectators. This includes when they are preparing for a shot, walking down the fairway/rough, on the tee deck, on the putting green, and in the scoring area. Players not maintaining physical distancing will be in violation of the DJGT Code of Conduct policy which may result in penalty. Players are to refrain from the traditional handshake, high five, fist pumps or hug prior to, and after, all rounds.

FACILITY ARRIVAL: Players must check in for every round with the BlueGolf application (available on iOS and Android app store) as they arrive at the facility. Players are asked to arrive at the course no more than 30 to 40 minutes prior to their starting tee time. Players arriving earlier must remain in their vehicle.

PRACTICE FACILITIES: To help eliminate congestion on practice facilities, warm-up times will be assigned to players and managed by the DJGT. Driving range stalls will be spaced to allow for social distancing and holes will be removed from the practice putting green. **Practice after rounds will be prohibited.**

SAMPLE PLAYER SCHEDULE:

- Tee Time: 10:00am (based on arrival of 40 mins prior)
- 9:15am Arrive at the course - unload equipment and prepare for day
- 9:20am Driving Range - check in with DJGT staff, range stall to be assigned, warm up
- 9:40am Putting Green - move to putting green, warm-up, be prepared to be called to the first tee
- 9:50am Report to first tee
- 10:00am Begin round
- 2:15am Finish round, report to scoring area
- 2:30am Return to parking lot, pack up, leave golf course

GATHERINGS: No gatherings of any kind are permitted at DJGT competitions. Players must leave the host course immediately after completing the scoring process. Players must not gather (multiple groups) on any tee deck if a hole is backed up. Physical distancing must be maintained at all times.

CLUBHOUSE: Depending on government and host facility guidelines, the clubhouse may be closed to all players and accompanying adults with the exception of washroom use. Access to pro shop will be based on host facility protocols.

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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE): Players will be given a personal hand sanitizer bottle at registration check in and are required to keep this bottle in their bag for the duration of the tournament. Hand sanitizer will also be provided at the starting and scoring areas. All players are required to bring and use their own PPE (masks, gloves, additional sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, etc). Players are required to wear a mask when at the registration table, scoring areas and in any instances that social distancing is not possible (i.e. weather evacuation shuttles and indoor sheltering). All DJGT staff and volunteers will wear a mask when engaging with players.

EVACUATIONS: In case of inclement weather, players and spectators will be required to return to their vehicles. If the clubhouse is open, players without a car may seek shelter inside the clubhouse while still maintaining social/physical distancing. If shuttling players off the course is required, DJGT staff and volunteers will be equipped with appropriate PPE given that physical distancing may be more challenging in such circumstances. At minimum, the driver and passenger will both be required to wear a mask while in a cart. Instructions to resume play will be posted to the tournament information page and sent via text / email to all players.

EVENT DOCUMENTS: No tournament printed documentation will be available on-site. Notice to Players, Local Rules Sheet and Pace of Play documentation will be posted to the tournament information page. A link to these documents will be e-mailed to the field along with the players pairing and tee information.

DIGITAL SCORING: Players will be required to use the BlueGolf application (available on iOS and Android app store) which will serve as their Official Tournament Scorecard and Live Scoring. No paper tournament scorecards will be provided. Players may view, and print, a blank scorecard on the tournament information page.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS: The DJGT will no longer provide these items: lunch, tees, pencils, permanent markers or ball markers. Players should come prepared with these items. The DJGT will provide snacks and water at all events. All items will be sanitized by DJGT staff prior to distribution.

REGISTRATION GIFTS: All gifts will be sanitized by DJGT staff prior to distribution.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: Only players who have won their respected division will be permitted to attend the awards presentation. Awards will be sanitized prior to players receiving them.

The DJGT also asks that you use the following precautions:

- **If you have a fever, cough or other symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home.**
- **Avoid touching your mouth, nose, lips and eyes.**
- **Wash your hands frequently. If you are unable to wash your hands, use hand sanitizer.**
- **Please familiarize yourself and follow best practices as published by Health Canada and Ontario Public Health.**