

IGF OLYMPIC GOLF REGULATIONS

- ADDENDUM COVID-19

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PROTOCOLS FOR ASYMPTOMATIC CASES

Notification of Follow-Up Nasopharyngeal PCR Test Before or After Round has Commenced

- If an athlete/caddie returns two positive saliva test results and is required to undertake a follow-up COVID-19 nasopharyngeal PCR test, the athlete will be permitted to start or finish their round in their original group. They will be notified by an IGF representative to maintain strict social distancing during their round.
- The IGF representative will inform other athletes in the same group.
- Upon finishing their round, the athlete will be notified prior to entering the scoring area and provision will be made under supervision of the IGF Technical Officials for the athlete to properly sign, validate and return their scorecard without entering the scoring area, thereby allowing the athlete's round to be considered completed and official.
- In the event that an athlete is delayed due to COVID-19 protocols, the IGF Technical Delegate in his discretion may modify the starting times and/or groupings.

Positive Follow-Up Nasopharyngeal PCR Test

If an athlete/caddie or an individual critical to competition returns positive saliva test results and subsequently returns a positive follow-up COVID-19 nasopharyngeal PCR test, he/she will not be allowed to access the golf venue or participate unless medically cleared.

Medical Clearance for Competition

After the initial positive follow-up nasopharyngeal PCR test, the individual may undergo a confirmatory test as soon as possible. If the confirmatory test is negative, then a subsequent test will be taken at least 24 hours later. If that test result is negative, the athlete/caddie/individual would be allowed to return to competition. During this time of repeat testing, the individual would not be allowed to enter the golf course property and may be required to self-isolate upon consultation with the IGF Chief Medical Officer.

ISOLATION PROTOCOL

If the confirmatory test or analysis confirms the positive test result, the individual should then be isolated as quickly as possible with access to appropriate medical care and an environment in which he/she could isolate for up to 10 days after the day of the first positive result with assistance to meet daily needs. Contact tracing and enhanced evaluation of confirmed contacts will be performed by medical personnel.

The individual would be allowed to return to their country of residence after the 10th day if at least 24 hours had passed since recovery, which is defined as resolution of fever without the



use of fever-reducing medications and improvements in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

PROTOCOLS FOR SYMPTOMATIC CASES

In the case where an athlete/caddie/individual returns a positive follow-up COVID-19 nasopharyngeal PCR test and is symptomatic, a symptom-based model is followed, allowing him/her to return to competition/venue if:

- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery, which is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and,
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

ADDITIONAL SCENARIOS

False Positive due to Viral RNA

Medical advisors have indicated that PCR tests have shown a possibility of detecting viral RNA even after the infectious virus is no longer present. This would potentially become a persistent positive test result, despite the individual not being contagious.

- All participants who have had COVID within the previous 3 months, should be allowed to travel to Tokyo with the approved documentation providing medical clearance.
- All participants that have met the IGF approved criteria can return to competition/venue. These individuals will be allowed to access all athlete restricted facilities and be placed in the groupings according to normal protocols.

CONTACT TRACING PROTOCOL

Contact tracing and enhanced evaluation of confirmed contacts will be performed by medical personnel. The Contact Tracing COVID-19 protocol is as follows:

- In the case of a positive test, individuals will be interviewed to determine whether they meet the definition of close contact.
- Individuals who are vaccinated are not subject to contact tracing
- Individuals who meet the definition of close contact and are not vaccinated must go into contact tracing protocol. They will continue to be tested daily in accordance with Tokyo 2020 protocols.
- Athletes and caddies in contact tracing protocol may play in original groups but will be asked to maintain strict social distancing.



- Anyone in contact tracing protocol is prohibited from using any indoor facilities except the designated contact tracing room for seven (7) days. They can use all outdoor practice facilities.

RESULTS MANAGEMENT

Any abnormal daily on-site medical screening will be reported to the IGF Medical Officer and will require a clinical evaluation in the designated area. An IGF representative will contact the athlete and medical personnel will assess the individual and determine appropriate action. This evaluation may include additional COVID-19 testing.

Involvement in the decision-making process:

- IGF Medical Officer
- Tokyo 2020 Medical personnel

DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

Athletes choosing to participate in the Olympic Golf Competitions must follow all mitigation measures implemented during the competition with respect to COVID-19. These requirements are a condition of competition and any violation may result in disciplinary action under the IGF Olympic Golf Regulations.

