



## 2021 COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

**(SUBJECT TO CHANGE & APPROVAL BY ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES)**

### COMPETITION OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- Strictly adhere to ALL Alberta government, AHS and NAGA-AB Guidelines as well as industry best practices.
- Strictly adhere to ALL Glencoe G&CC facility standards and protocols
- Control the flow of competitors and restrict gatherings on/off course
- Minimize the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19

### WAIVER

All competitors and volunteers must agree to follow all protocols and sign the DC Bank Glencoe Invitational Tournament Waiver and Release before completing the registration process and agreeing to participate in the event.

### HEALTH CHECKS

The TeamSnap app will be used to communicate with players and perform daily Health Checks for all competitors and volunteers. This app will administer, manage and track all required health checks. Competitors and volunteers will simply flash their clearance screen when they arrive—indicating they're cleared to participate.

### ILLNESS

If any competitor, staff or volunteer is showing signs of illness they should stay home. If they become ill while at a facility, they should leave the facility in a manner intended to address the safety of the competitor and others. If an Official becomes aware of a competitor who appears to be ill while at a facility, the Official may require the competitor to leave the facility in a manner intended to address the safety of the competitor and others. Competitors who become ill shall contact Alberta Health Services (AHS) via 811 or <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-testing-in-alberta.aspx> to review symptoms and arrange for testing if required. If a competitor or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19 they are asked to advise Derwin Parker – Health & Safety Manager, Glencoe G&CC via ([dparker@glencoe.org](mailto:dparker@glencoe.org) 403-585-0459) and cooperate with The Glencoe Club and Alberta Health Services in identifying close contacts. The Glencoe G&CC will cooperate with Alberta Health in identifying and contacting those individuals.

### CONTACT TRACING

All competitors are encouraged to download and have active the Federal Covid Alert exposure notification app on their mobile device when in Alberta. [Download COVID Alert: Canada's exposure notification app - Canada.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-testing-in-alberta.aspx)

### MASKING

All competitors and family members travelling together to participate in the event must strictly adhere to Alberta government and AHS guidelines in place at the time. This is applicable to the entire duration of stay in Alberta.

## QUARANTINE

All competitors must follow the quarantine protocol guidelines of their own home province when returning from the event.

All competitors and family members travelling together to participate in the event will have to be prepared to isolate for a minimum of 10 days (up to 24 days) if they become ill or are identified as a close contact while participating in the tournament. Tournament hosts will not be responsible or liable for expenses such as missed travel arrangements, lodging, meals, salary replacement or incidentals incurred by having to isolate.

Competitors will also be responsible to follow quarantine rules in their respective home province that are applicable at the time of return to their home province.

## CONSEQUENCES

All competitors found not to adhere to these guidelines will be immediately suspended from the competition and will not be allowed to participate in future Glencoe Invitational tournaments.

## COVID-19 TESTING

The tournament will not be providing COVID-19 testing before/during/after the event. Any need for testing will be provided by the local health authorities.

## PRE-EVENT QUARANTINE

It is expected that all competitors complete any required quarantine period required by the Canadian government if returning to Canada as part of US or other international college season participation. The current 14 day quarantine period must be completed prior to any travel to Alberta and participation in the Glencoe Invitational.

## OFFSITE ACTIVITY PROTOCOLS

### HOTEL

All competitors travelling from out of province MUST stay at one of the two host hotels (Sandman Inn or Grey Eagle Casino). There is a block booking for 20 rooms at each hotel with check-in on June 15th and checkout on June 20th. Players will have access to the block bookings on a first come first serve basis once AHS approves the event later in May. Note there will be no allowance to stay with friends or family within Alberta as per current Alberta Health Services guidelines ([Stronger public health measures | Alberta.ca](#)).

When at the hotel, competitors are expected to stay in their own hotel rooms. There is to be no mixing between rooms and all hotel bookings will be single occupancy. The only exception will be to accommodate members of the competitor's immediate family that has travelled with the competitor.

### FLIGHTS

Players that need to travel by air to the event will have access to a Westjet 10% discount code which will be provided once AHS approves the event later in May. Players are encouraged not to make travel arrangements until AHS lifts current restrictions and approves our drafted protocols.

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The tournament will provide transportation between the airport/hotel as well as hotel/golf club during the event using an approved method of transportation to the current AHS guidelines at the time of the event. Competitors are encouraged to leave their golf clubs at the golf course during the event using the bag storage facilities provided. All competitors/family members/drivers will be required to wear masks when using the transportation. Vehicle windows will be encouraged to remain open. Players can use their own vehicles as transportation as well.

## ONSITE ACTIVITY PROTOCOLS

### CADDIES

Caddies will not be permitted at any all championships and qualifiers.

### SPECTATORS

Spectators will not be permitted to attend any championship rounds.

## **FLAGSTICKS**

Competitors must not touch with their hand, or remove, the flagstick at any time. Removing or touching the flagstick will be a violation of the Alberta Golf Code of Conduct policy and may result in penalty.

## **BUNKERS**

All bunker rakes will be removed from the golf course. Competitors 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. Competitors are encouraged to smooth their footprints (with foot and/or club) to the best of their ability when exiting the bunker.

## **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

Competitors and their golf bags must maintain a minimum two (2) metres of distance between themselves and other competitors. This includes when they are preparing for a shot, walking down the fairway/rough, on the teeing ground, on the putting green, and in the scoring area. Competitors not maintaining physical distancing will be in violation of the Alberta Golf Code of Conduct policy which may result in penalty.

## **GATHERINGS**

No gathering of any kind is permitted. All scoreboards (manual and electronic) will not be used. Scoring will be via the tournament website live scoring system. Some exceptions may apply for playoffs (competitors will be notified). Competitors must not gather (multiple groups) on any tee deck if a hole is backed up. Physical distancing must be maintained.

## **PRACTICE ROUND**

Competitors will be responsible to arrange their own practice round time (one only) on June 16th directly with the host facility based on availability. Contact the pro-shop directly to arrange at 403 571-0055. During the practice round, competitors must follow the operating procedures of the Glencoe G&CC facility, including protocols relating to the practice facilities. For more information please visit the tournament website.

## **PRACTICE FACILITIES**

To help reduce congestion on practice facilities, competitors will be assigned 20 minutes of warm-up time on the driving range and 15 minutes on the putting/chipping green prior to their tee time. This will be managed by host club staff. Driving range stalls will be spaced to allow for physical distancing, balls will be set out, and holes will be removed from practice putting and chipping greens.

## **CLUBHOUSE**

Depending on government and host facility guidelines, the clubhouse may be closed to all competitors and accompanying adults with the exception of washroom use. Lockers will not be available. Access to pro shop is based on facility protocols at the time of the event.

## **REGISTRATION**

Championship registration will be conducted immediately prior to the competitor's first round tee time for the competition.

## **MEDIA DAY**

There will be no 2021 media day. Player interviews must be outside while maintaining physical distancing or on-line.

## **FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Traditional competitor meals will not be available before or after the round. Grab & Go Breakfast, boxed lunch/dinner will be provided. There will be no on course water stations, competitors are encouraged to bring their own water bottles or purchase beverages from host facility. A voucher for on-course snack and drink will be provided for each tournament day.

## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

Competitors will be provided with access to adequate hand sanitizing stations throughout the facility and will be encouraged to bring and use their own PPE (masks, gloves, sanitizer, etc). The Glencoe G&CC will provide masks and gloves for use by staff and volunteers.

## **EVACUATIONS**

In case of inclement weather, competitors will be asked to return to their vehicles. If the clubhouse is open, competitors without access to a vehicle will be able to seek shelter inside the clubhouse or event tent while still maintaining social/physical distancing. If shuttling competitors off the course is required, staff/referees/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. Instructions to resume play will be provided via email notifications to all competitors.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Essential operational volunteers will be recruited. Volunteers should arrive no later than 20 minutes before their assignment and must leave the facility immediately after their assignment.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP DOCUMENTS**

Hole location sheets, official yardages, pace of play and the notice to competitors will only be available through the tournament website. A link to these documents will be e-mailed to all competitors in the field in advance. We encourage all competitors to familiarize themselves with this information prior to the start of the Championship.

#### **SCORECARDS & STARTING**

Scorecards and pencils will be provided by the Glencoe G&CC.

#### **SCORING**

At the conclusion of a round, competitors are asked to refrain from the traditional handshake or hug. Competitors must proceed to the scoring area to verify their scores with the scoring official. Scorecards will not be exchanged at the scoring area, scores will be read to the competitor by the marker and then verbally attested. Only two (2) people (the competitor and marker) will be permitted in the scoring area at a time (while maintaining physical distancing). Some exceptions may apply for playoffs.

#### **TOURNAMENT FINALE**

At the conclusion of the event, an online tournament presentation will be arranged. All competitors will be encouraged to attend. This will not be a gathering and competitors are not to gather as part of attendance in the finale.

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