



CONSOLIDATED GUIDELINES: ADVANCED LEVEL 3 FOR PRACTICE FACILITIES/DRIVING RANGES, INCLUDING PAR 3/MASHIE COURSES

GOLFRSA REQUIREMENTS FORMULATED PER CATEGORY	ADVANCED LEVEL 3	BACKGROUND / INTENT OF RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINE
CAPACITY UTILIZATION	Range bays to be set up 3m apart. For Par-3 (mashie) courses, tee time intervals should not be less than 14 min apart for 4 ball / one-tee start.	Requirement exists to ensure that capacity utilization is managed in a manner so as to ensure easy physical distancing and reduce the chance of transmission through airborne or touch. The facility's Risk Mitigation Plan (RMP) to state the maximum number of individuals allowed on the practice facility.
IDENTIFY ANY RESTRICTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY i.e. Club members only, registered golfers,etc	As determined by the facility.	There is no restriction on who the facility can allow to play. The facility, at its sole discretion, can decide whether it wants to accommodate corporate days, associations, visitors or only members. The only restrictions that apply are no spectators or prize givings/congregation of persons are allowed and facilities have to comply with the requirements for managing Capacity utilization requirements in 1 above.
ENTRY CONTROLS	All individuals accessing facilities should be subject to screening and the completion of the symptom-tracking declaration form. GolfRSA strongly recommends use of the HealthDocs Application.	Screening is a mandatory requirements for all employees, players and visitors. The facility's RMP must indicate the position of the screening station/s. The objective is to prevent individuals who display symptoms from entering the facility's premises. The HealthDocs Self-Assessment App can be used to validate that the individual is symptom free and the number of symptom free days which their self-assessment indicates. The temperature of each individual to be taken at the screening station using a non-touch thermometer. The relevant information for each person entering the premises must be captured and stored on a central database or using an equivalent method. The GolfRSA-supplied HealthDocs Application is the recommended method (equivalent systems may be used) since it ensures compliance to the requirements as legislated.
SCREENING POINT	At one access point set up for purpose.	

DEFINE BOOKING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS	As per current policies. Where possible, pitch-and-play or walk in customers should be avoided.	The booking/access process should ensure that the number of individuals using the facility does not exceed the capacity of the facility determined in the capacity utilization guidelines as per 1, above.
DEFINE HANDLING OF GOLFER'S EQUIPMENT	Golfers to handle own equipment. No bag stands or assistance to load bag on cart. Player's responsibility to sanitize equipment after practice.	The facility's RMP must describe the process to be followed once golfers arrive at the facility to reduce the chances of transmission through touch. All golf bags must be sanitized if a caddie will be used.
PAYMENT OPTIONS	Practice aligned with retail industry. Encourage no-touch payment through EFT, club, DT and CT cards.	The facility's RMP should stipulate the payment options allowed. Should cash be allowed, strict sanitization protocols should be considered. The risk during payment is transmission through touch and airborne.
GOLFERS TO WEAR FACE MASKS WHEN WITHIN 3 METRES OF OTHERS	GolfRSA guidelines for the wearing of masks should be incorporated into the facility's RMP. https://www.golfrsa.com/golfer-safety-poster-masks/	During windy conditions, airborne transmission risks are increased and recommended physical distancing is > 5 m. Use masks at all times when conditions justify this.
REQUIREMENTS OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING	Physical distancing in accordance with the Golfer Safety for Individual Lessons and Group Lessons is recommended.	In order to reduce the risk for touch or airborne transmissions, physical distancing through a RMP for all areas including practice tees, greens and other facilities is essential. The Golfer Safety for Individual Lessons and Group Lessons documents proposes 3m between bays and a minimum of 3m between individuals at all times.
GOLF CARTS	1 player/bag per cart unless from the same bubble/household (subject to approval upon booking).	The risk of transmission through sharing of golf carts is through airborne and touch. Golfers are less than 1,5 m apart for an extended period, which is deemed to be a high risk for airborne transmission. The sharing of golf carts negates the physical distancing that is inherent to the sport. The touch transmission risk is also high, since golfers would tend to swop the function of driving the cart, accidentally touch or choose to share each other's equipment or accidental personal contact etc. The international best practice in most countries in similar stages of pandemic control remains as per the GolfRSA guidelines.
	Facility policy. All facility-supplied equipment to be sanitized according to RMP procedures. Owner-operated carts are to be regarded as owner equipment or to follow the same process as facility-supplied equipment with regard to pre-round sanitization.	

GOLFRSA GOOD GOLF PRACTICE GUIDELINES (GGPG)	GolfrSA requests that the GGPG are adhered to in order to ensure that the game is played in the safest possible manner while still complying with requirements for scores to be submitted for handicap purposes.	The facility's RMP should include the implementation of the GolfrSA GGPG at the facility. Special attention to be paid to the specific guidelines to prevent airborne transmission through the processes to be followed on the practice greens, teeing areas and other areas. Prevention of touch transmission such as the introduction of risk mitigation equipment and processes relating to pin flags, hole and hole liners, bunker rakes etc.
TOURNAMENTS	Amateur competitions may be played, provided players do not have to travel across provincial borders, there are no spectators or prizegivings and all other Risk Mitigation requirements are in place.	
SPECTATORS AT TOURNAMENTS	Not permitted.	
PRO-AMS /CORPORATE HOSPITALITY AT TOURNAMENTS	Not permitted.	
CLUBHOUSE		
HALFWAY HOUSE	As per government regulations.	The facility's need to develop a RMP based on the Directions of Government Notice 356 of 2020, Gazetted on 29 June 2020. Facilities are specifically referred to Direction 5 pertaining to restaurants, fast food outlets and coffee shops.
RESTAURANT	As per government regulations.	
ABLUTION FACILITIES	Open/sanitized daily.	Open/sanitized daily.
LOCKER ROOMS	Closed.	

PROSHOP

NO-TOUCH SALE OF GOLF ESSENTIALS SUCH AS BALLS, GLOVES, TEES	Yes.	There are no restrictions on the sale of goods and the regulations pertaining to the retail industry should be adhered to especially as it relates to capacity utilization.
SALE OF GOLF EQUIPMENT		Yes.
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR		Yes.
RENTAL CLUBS	Yes.	The facility's RMP should address the management and controls pertaining to rental equipment.
SUBMISSION OF SCORECARDS	No.	Consider using WhatsApp photos to verify scorecards when required and no players should be required to co-sign scorecards.

These Risk Mitigation Guidelines have been prepared in accordance with the SA government gazetted: **(a)** Amendment of Regulations issued in terms of Section 27 (2), and published in the Government Gazette No. R43476 on 25 June 2020. **(b)** Directions on Risk Adjusted Strategy for Tourism Facilities, Services and Products published in the Government Gazette No. 43487, dated 29 June 2020. **(c)** R 639 of 2020 under Government Gazette 43400 of 4 June 2020 Consolidated COVID-19 Direction on Health and Safety in the Workplace. **(d)** Amendment of Directions issued in terms of Regulation 4 (10) of the Regulations made under Section 27 (2) and published in the Government Gazette No. R43507 on 6 July 2020.