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## SPRING SPORTS

SEASON OF SPORT BEGINS:  
MARCH 1, 2021

SEASON OF COMPETITION BEGINS:  
MARCH 12, 2021

- All students, coaches and sideline/dugout personnel will be required to wear a cloth mask, disposable non-surgical mask, or gaiter for the entirety of a game/contest. Mesh masks do not meet this requirement.
  - **Exception:** students while actively participating in the contest. *Example: BASE/SB players on the field, batting or on base may remove their mask. Masks must be worn by all while in the dugout.*
- Each school will complete the AIA COVID-19 Athlete/Coach Monitoring Form the day of all games/contests and provide a copy to the opposing school prior to the contest.
- Spectator attendance is at the discretion of the home school.
- Anyone who attends spring sports events is required to wear a face covering for the entirety of the contest.
  - **Exception:** students & officials actively participating in the game/contest.
- In team sports multi-team scrimmages, invitational tournaments, or Region tournaments are not permitted for the 2021 season. If permitted a scrimmage may be held the week of March 8th but must be prior to the first scheduled contest.
- Individual sports tournaments must begin after 3:00pm Monday - Friday. Saturday tournaments are permissible.
- AIA member schools are not permitted to play any out of state team, nor participate in an out of state tournament.
- Must have a minimum of 10 days of practice before any competition.
- For the 2020-21 school year, the Non-school Participation Rule for spring sports will take effect on March 12, 2021. The Season of Competition begins March 12th for all schools in all spring sports without exception.
- Testing is recommended if possible in your county.
- Conference Leadership will determine the minimum number of contests required to qualify for the state tournament.
- **Any school that violates any of the mandatory modifications, including the COVID-19 Return to Play Form, will lose access to AIA officiating.**
- **All sport modifications are required.**



## 2021 AIA Spring Golf Modifications

This document provides guidance and game modifications for schools, game administrators, coaches, players, and officials to follow in accordance with NFHS, state and local restrictions and recommendations. Game Administration is responsible for informing all participants of local guidelines for participation.

### ❖ **GENERAL SAFETY AND SANITATION AT ANY GOLF FACILITY**

- Players must practice social distancing at all times while on property i.e. maintain a six-foot distance from others. This includes the driven range, practice putting green, teeing area, etc.
- Sanitizer should be available at starting tees.
- Scores will be posted on line only. There will be no physical scoreboards.
- Players and spectators are requested to leave the golf course immediately after the round to avoid large gatherings.
- Players should not participate in traditional handshakes or hugs, prior to, during or after the round.

### ❖ **BUNKERS / RAKES**

- Bunker rakes will be removed from the golf course.
- Preferred lies in the bunker: Player may place a ball in the same bunker, within 1 (one) club length of the original spot, not nearer the hole. The ball must remain in the bunker
- Players are encouraged to smooth sand with their feet or club before they leave the bunker.

### ❖ **FLAGSTICK / HOLE**

- Players must not touch or remove the flagstick at any time. Touching or removing the flagstick may be a violation or the updated code of conduct and may result in a penalty.

### ❖ **WARM-UP / BEFORE THE ROUND**

- Players should arrive 30 – 45 minutes before their tee times with face covering in place. Range time per team/player will be limited, possibly to 10 minutes per player/team depending on the event and golf course.
- Practice green is only available to players 10 – 20 minutes before each tee time.
- Spectators will not be allowed on the driving range or practice putting green.
- Face coverings must be worn by players until competition begins and immediately after competition ends.
- Coaches must wear face coverings at all times.

### ❖ **STARTING TEE / SCORING**

- The method of scoring will be done without the exchanging of scorecards and the gathering of players in an official scoring area.
- The AZPREPS365 Golf app allows event managers to collaborate and set up golf events online prior to the event date and the mobile app automatically assigns players as markers in each paring so players can score digitally for the group or pairing after each hole. At the conclusion of the round, the players in each group verbally validate their scores for the entire round from a safe distance and then notify tournament officials their scorecards are complete and accurate. Tournament official then lock the scores using the edit results interface.
- The AZPREPS365 Golf app eliminates the need to exchange scorecards while maintaining compliance with USGA rules of golf. The USGA Rules of Golf for 2019 rule 3.3b **Scoring in Stroke Play** states the scores must be entered after each hole on a scorecard. The definition of the **Scorecard** states that the scorecard is a documents, either paper or electronic form (as approved by the committee) used to record players' scores.
- Notice to players and hole location documents may be available for players and coaches at the starting tee and/or using your phone's camera will be acceptable.

*Should the conditions warrant, these modifications will be adjusted. Any further update will be posted on [aiaonline.org](http://aiaonline.org).*

- Players should bring their own tees, sunscreen, marking pens, as these items will not be available on the starting tee.
- Scorecards may be available in pro shop for individual use only.

#### ❖ **SPECTATOR GUIDELINES**

- Spectators on the golf course may be limited to two or fewer people per player, preferably a family member or guardian. College coaches may attend AIA events.
- Spectator carts must be pre-approved per AIA policy. Only one person may ride in the cart at a time (Unless the approved person cannot drive a golf cart, then two people would be allowed).
- Spectators must practice social distancing by remaining at least six feet away from others while on the golf course (excluding family members).
- Spectators will not be allowed on the driving range or practice putting green.
- Spectators must wear a face covering at all times.

#### ❖ **FOOD AND BEVERAGE / WATER**

- Coaching staff and volunteers will be equipped with coolers filled with bottled waters located on their golf carts for on – course distribution to player only.
- Players must be prepared to start the round with their own water bottle.
- Golf course food available for purchase may be limited depending on the facility.

#### ❖ **INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

- No school shall exceed 12 matches including four (4) invitational tournaments. All tournaments must be played on a Saturday with the exception that two of a schools four invitational tournaments may be played on a Friday and Saturday as a 27 hole event. All invitational events will count as one of the 12 matches.