

COVID-19 Hole-Specific Caddie Plan



Hole-specific caddying is a method that has been developed to preserve the benefits of caddying while addressing the challenges to social distancing caused by traditional caddying. Hole-specific caddying gives caddie programs a safe way to continue providing a valued service to members while adhering to proper social distancing practices.

Overview

- Utilize this method on your club's busy days and times, including league play weekends and golf events.
- Assign 1-4 caddies per hole. Caddies should be stationed on greens and tee boxes (especially par threes).
- Caddies, golfers and staff are always required to observe safe social distancing practices.
- Caddies should wear appropriate protective gear, including a mask and any other safeguards as required by the club. We recommend each caddie carry hand sanitizer to use as needed.
- Caddies will receive individual rakes and divot repair mix, which will be sanitized and issued at the beginning of their shift, before they report to their station.
- Caddies should greet golfers and introduce themselves as the players play through.
- Caddie duties include locating golf balls, giving yardages, repairing divots and ball marks, reading greens and raking bunkers.

Scheduling

- Schedule caddies in four-hour shifts, which would equal one loop.
- Use Google Docs, Foretees, email, text or other technology to schedule caddies and communicate.
- Assign caddies to specific holes and stagger their arrival based on hole assignment. There should be no need for caddies to congregate in communal areas.
- Caddies should check in via text upon arrival and should not congregate before reporting to assigned hole.

Payment

- Suggested ways to collect caddie fees include:
 - Set fee (e.g., \$15-\$30) per golfer who played that day.
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 - Ask golfers to pay an optional fee for the caddies. Payment and amount is at the player's discretion.
- Caddie fees paid by the golfers would be appropriately divided up and distributed to the caddies by the staff immediately following each shift.
- Payment to caddies can be distributed in a sealed envelope, or electronically through PayPal, Venmo, Zelle or another method.

Training

- Necessary training can take place via a virtual format, preventing any need for in-person contact.
- Additional training methods are also available through the Western Golf Association.

**Questions?
Contact us.**

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