



## WHAT TO EXPECT AT AN ADAPTIVE GOLF CLINIC IN 2021

*The highest priority for the Georgia State Golf Association (GSGA) is the health, safety and well-being of all participants, GSGA staff, GSGA volunteers, as well as everyone at our host facilities that generously offer their golf course for our activities and events. The intent of the following policies and procedures is to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 by utilizing publicly available guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), but the GSGA cannot guarantee a risk-free environment. It is everyone's responsibility to follow these guidelines and do your part to help make our activities and events as safe as possible. We thank you in advance for familiarizing yourself and following all policies and procedures the GSGA has implemented. **Until further notice, the following policies and procedures will be in effect:***

### **Prior to clinics:**

- If you feel sick, show any symptoms of COVID-19, or have felt sick or shown symptoms in the last fourteen (14) days, we ask that you stay home and not attend any clinics or play days.
- Please be certain that you have signed and returned the GSGA's *COVID-19 Release, Waiver and Covenant Not to Sue* that will be sent to you electronically.
- The number of participants at clinic locations may be limited so that we can promote social distancing and other policies and procedures outlined here. If this is necessary, GSGA may also break a clinic up into multiple sessions and reduce the length of time for a session in order to accommodate more participants.
- Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own equipment for clinics and to limit equipment to no more than four (4) clubs at a clinic. GSGA will have limited equipment available and will sanitize all GSGA-owned equipment after each use.
- We request that participants not arrive at the golf course more than 15 minutes prior to the clinic start time so that we can avoid potential large gatherings of participants.
- Please ensure all contact information is updated with Dave Windsor ([dwindors@gsga.org](mailto:dwindors@gsga.org)) so we can contact you via e-mail about important updates and weather delays.
- Virtual clinics may continue to be held to accommodate any participants that prefer not to attend in-person clinics or who are at higher risk based on publicly available information from the CDC.

### **During clinics:**

- We request that social (physical) distancing is always practiced by keeping at least six (6) feet from others. At clinics, the GSGA may install rope, barriers or signage on the ground or above the ground to help promote social distancing.
- Participants will be required to check-in on site at each clinic and undergo a health screening questionnaire before they are permitted to participate.
- There are no restrictions on caregivers attending clinics. However, caregivers are encouraged to wear a face covering when assisting a participant and to maintain social distancing with all other participants.
- Participants are asked to refrain from physical contact with others to include handshakes, hugs, fist-bumps, high-fives, etc.
- Please be aware of any signage on and around the golf course that provides important safety instructions.
- Participants will be expected to tee up their own golf balls during clinics or must use one of automated ball dispensers. In an effort to promote social distancing, GSGA volunteer coaches will be prohibited from teeing up a golf ball for participants.
- Carts may be used to transport participants to and from various locations on the course (to/from parking lot, between clinic stations, etc.) including during emergency or course evacuation situations. During these times, social distancing may not be possible, and participants should be prepared to ride with another individual if they choose to utilize a cart before, during or after a clinic.

- Staggered short breaks will be taken by participants throughout clinics to provide an opportunity for water, snacks, restroom, etc.
- Bottled water will be available at clinics, but measures will be put into place to allow participants to acquire bottled water while minimizing touchpoints. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle, and to label it with your name prior to the clinic. Snacks will not be provided to participants and you must bring your own items or purchase them from the host facility. GSGA also strongly discourages participants from sharing food and beverages with anyone else while at a clinic.
- Gatherings of participants for announcements, group photos or other reasons which cannot adhere to social distancing should be avoided at all times.
- GSGA staff and volunteer coaches may choose to wear face coverings and other PPE at all times but will only be required to wear face coverings at clinics when they are unable to maintain a safe social distance from a participant, caregiver, fellow volunteer or other individual.

**On Course Playing Opportunities (in addition to policies mentioned above):**

- All host golf course rules and restrictions will apply (i.e., raised cup, bumper cup, PVC or foam in holes, single rider carts, bunker rakes, clubhouse access, etc.).
- We ask that flagsticks remain in the hole at all times.
- If no rakes in bunkers; do your best to fix the bunker sand with your feet or club prior to exiting the bunker.

**Important Reminders:**

- If you come into physical contact with others, please refrain from touching your face, nose, eyes or mouth and wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Please wash your hands after going to the bathroom, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If you do cough or sneeze, please cover your mouth with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. Do not cough or sneeze directly into your hands.
- Keep an alcohol-based hand sanitizer readily available with you (Note: GSGA will provide small bottles of hand sanitizer at clinics).
- Please familiarize yourself and follow publicly available best practices as published by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO) and state / local governments.
- **PLEASE BE PATIENT.** Allow more time for things such as waiting your turn for use of restroom facilities, hitting stations, transportation to another hitting station, etc.
- Respect all direction and instruction provided by GSGA staff, volunteers and/or the host club regarding safety measures in place.
- Respect your fellow participants and understand everyone also has their own personal comfort level regarding safety practices. However, everyone must abide by the policies and procedures put in place by GSGA and the host club. Failure to abide by such policies and procedures may result in suspension from future Adaptive Golf clinics.