

Statement from GolfRSA

28 June 2021

Further to the Regulations of the Disaster Management Act in respect of the Adjusted Alert Level 4, as gazetted on Sunday, 27 June 2021, we would like to address the contents thereof as it pertains to golf and to reiterate our confidence in the GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines in place for golfers and golf clubs.

Since no changes were made in the Adjusted Alert Level 4 Regulations as it pertains to Sport activities, including both professional and non-professional matches, golf can continue to be played.

However, we are cognisant of rising threat of the 'Third Wave' of the virus and we have subsequently reviewed our GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines (RMG), and Good Golf Practice Guidelines and directives, which were developed to create a safe environment for the sport to be played and to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The RMG in place has not changed materially since it was first published in June 2020 and the emphasis on **physical distancing, mask wearing and sanitization** contained in the RMG remains. These are the most effective means to minimise the spread of the virus, as emphasized by the President in his address on Sunday night.

We have complete confidence that, should we all strictly adhere to these guidelines, we can ensure that golf facilities remain open as safe spaces to exercise, with no risk of becoming super-spreader venues.

We strongly urge all golf facilities to continue to enforce strict compliance with all GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines, and Good Golf Practice Guidelines and directives. We also urge all golfers to respect and adhere to these necessary and critical directives to ensure a safe environment.

We are aware that every club is unique. Bearing in mind the high transmission factor and infection rate of the Delta variant currently most prevalent in South Africa, we advise that every club reviews its own Risk Mitigation Plan.

Emphasis should be placed on preventing airborne transmission at arrival, departure, practice facilities, teeing areas, on the course and during departure, and touch transmission around equipment, scorecards, pin flags, hole and hole liners, bunker rakes etc. Due to the risk of touch transmission, Nearest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive and similar competition boards/holders may not be used.

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In enforcing club specific Risk Mitigation Strategies, attention needs to be paid to the following directives:

- Capacity to register golfers
- Capacity of the practice greens and warm-up facilities
- Capacity to manage the different formats of the game such as shot gun starts:
 - Ability to manage physical distancing
 - Dispatching golfers to starting tees and dispersing players at the end of the round to limit physical contact
- Management of "grab and go / takeaways" service
- Strict adherence to arrival and departure requirements
- No changeroom facilities, except ablution facilities
- Strict adherence to tracking and tracing systems. Paper based systems should not be allowed since this is high risk for transmission
- GolfRSA Good Golf Practice Guidelines to be followed
- Caddie guidelines – avoid touching golfers' equipment, etc.
- No waterpoints, benches etc.
- Prize giving is suspended in accordance with the amended Level 4 regulations
- Clubhouses should only be used in terms of the applicable current Government Regulations (i.e. closed for conferences, but open for deliveries, collection of food and soft drinks, Pro-Shop access, etc - chairs on table concept).

Please note that the GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines and Good Golf Practice Guidelines and directives relates to the playing of golf. The club's pro shop (retail side) and the Clubhouse facilities are regulated by different Regulations to those relating to sport.

Download the GolfRSA Good Golf Practice Guidelines on the link below:

<https://www.golfrsa.com/good-golf-practice-guidelines/>

All other relevant documentation is available for download under the COVID-19 HUB / Resources / Toolkit on the GolfRSA website.

The latest wave of COVID-19 has put enormous strain on the country, but if we all act responsibly, I am confident that we can beat it. I look forward to seeing the golf industry back to normal as soon as possible. In the meantime, please stay safe.

Sincerely

Yours Sincerely



Grant Hepburn
Chief Executive Officer

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GOLFRSA PHYSICAL DISTANCING & WEARING OF MASKS

CLUBHOUSE



MUST WEAR A MASK

ON THE GOLF COURSE



WEAR A MASK:

if you can not maintain
physical distancing of
3m or more.

in windy conditions
(24 kms/hour or more)
where you can not main-
tain physical distancing
of more than 5m.



NO MASK REQUIRED:

only if you can maintain
physical distancing of 3m or
more.

only if you can maintain
physical distancing of 5m
or more in windy conditions
(24km/h or more).

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS PRACTICE SAFETY MEASURES:

- PHYSICAL (SOCIAL) DISTANCING
- WASH YOUR HANDS/SANITISE REGULARLY
- AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE & MOUTH
- PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PHYSICAL DISTANCING ON TEES AND GREENS

NOTE: this does not supercede any SA government regulations. For further information please go to: www.golfrsa.com

SAFETY FIRST | STAY SAFE

GolfrSA GOLFER SAFETY MEASURES

BEFORE THE ROUND



BOOKINGS

Online or telephone.
Maximum group size



PAYMENT

EFT, Club, Debit
or Credit card



PACK YOUR OWN SANITIZER



ARRIVAL AND WAITING

Club will advise
time to depart for
the tee box



PUTTING GREEN

Practice social
distancing.
Only players teeing
off in next group


















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GOLFRSA EMPLOYEE & CADDIE SAFETY MEASURES

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 <p>Wear a mask at all times when closer than 3m from another person.</p>	 <p>Daily screening on arrival at work.</p>	 <p>Sanitize hands regularly.</p>	 <p>Caddies to be allocated their OWN locker or allocated a specific area for personal items.</p>	 <p>Maintain 3m distance at all times.</p>	 <p>Avoid touching the player's golf clubs, balls, tees, towel or personal items.</p>	 <p>BOTH the player and caddie must wash/sanitize their hands regularly during the round.</p>	 <p>Sanitize the golf bag BEFORE and AFTER the round (especially the strap and handles).</p>
 <p>No shaking of hands.</p>	 <p>Do not touch the scorecard.</p>	 <p>No rakes in bunkers.</p>	 <p>If you are assigned to maintain a bunker, only you may use the rake.</p>	 <p>Flagstick may be centered, attended or removed. Sanitize hands PRIOR to and AFTER handling.</p>	 <p>Do not touch or pick up golf balls.</p>	 <p>Payment of caddies: Sanitize the cash.</p>	

It is recommended that clubs repurpose caddies and casual staff to assist with Risk Mitigation on the golf course.

For further information, please visit the Covid-19 Resource Centre at www.golfrsa.com

AFTER THE ROUND



USE OF FACILITIES
subject to Club/Facility
Risk Mitigation Plan
and SA Government
Regulations and
Directions.



ENTER SCORE
USING HNA APP

NEED TO KNOW MORE?

For further information, please consult
the Good Golf Practice Guidelines document
or visit the Covid-19 Resource Centre at
www.golfrsa.com

These Golfer Safety Measures do not supercede SA government gazetted regulations.



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CONSOLIDATED GOLFRSA RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINES

GOLFRSA REQUIREMENTS

RISK MITIGATION GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND/ INTENT AND CLUB RISK MITIGATION PLAN (RMP)

COURSE CAPACITY MANAGEMENT

Capacity guideline:
4 Balls / 10-min intervals / Two-tee start **OR**
4 Balls / 8-min intervals / One-tee start.

Shotgun start: max of one fourball on par 3s and two fourballs on par 4s and par 5s (i.e. 128 players on 18-hole courses having 4 x par 3s and 14 x par 4s and 5s), subject to the following requirement: Host club/facility must provide multiple registration areas to avoid congregation of players.

The number of golfers on the course must be restricted to ensure physical distancing is possible at all times throughout the facility and the congregation of golfers is prevented. The guideline provided allows for reduced utilisation of the course in line with reduced capacity targets. Club's RMP must be developed based on their own circumstances and their tee sheets arranged in such a manner that the number of golfers on their course ensures safe distancing.

The tee sheet may make provision for a two-tee start as long as the capacity utilisation of the course is managed.

Shotgun: The limit of the number of players to one fourball on par 3s, and two fourballs on par 4s and par 5s would prevent the congregation of golfers since the required 8 minutes interval between tee-off times cannot be maintained in this format. The club's RMP should be developed based on the capacity of their practice areas and the club **MUST** provide multiple registration areas to prevent the congregation of players in the registration process for the event.

IDENTIFY ANY RESTRICTIONS ON GOLFERS ALLOWED TO PLAY

i.e. Club members only, registered golfers, immediate community (define)

Clubs to formulate their own policy with regard to facility access i.e. members/affiliated golfers/other.

There is no restriction on who the club can allow to play. The club, at their sole discretion, can decide whether they want to accommodate corporate days, associations, visitors or only members. The only restrictions that apply are no spectators are allowed and clubs have to comply with the requirements for managing tee sheets.

DEFINE BOOKING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

As per current policies. Controls to be put in place to adhere to capacity utilisation guidelines as per 1 above.

The club's RMP must indicate the process to be followed to book a tee time. It can be through electronic booking systems, telephonic or any other processes elected by the club.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS	Practice aligned with retail industry. Encourage no-touch payment through EFT, club, DT and CT cards.	The club'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.
PAYMENT PROCESS FOR CADDIES	No touch preferred. Strict protocols on sanitization if cash is used.	
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 App.	Screening is a mandatory requirement for all employees, players and visitors. The club's RMP must indicate the position of the screening station/s. The objective is to prevent individuals who display symptoms from entering the club'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 that their self-assessment indicates.
SCREENING POINT	Advised to have one access point (i.e. at clubhouse if main gate is not an option or is too remote and less controllable).	The temperature of each individual is 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
GOLF CONCIERGE	Golfers should handle their own equipment. No "drop-and-go" service and no bag stands.	The club's RMP must describe the process to be followed once golfers arrive at the club to reduce the chances of transmission through touch. All golf bags must be
GOLF CARTS	Occupancy limit to be determined by the club's own RMP, as aligned with SA Government Regulations and Directions. Club policy. All club 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 club supplied equipment with regard to pre-round sanitization.	Applicable Regulations and Directions published in terms of the Disaster Management Act.

<p>GOLFRSA GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES (GGPG)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The club's RMP should include the implementation of the GolfrSA GGPG at the club. Special attention is to be paid to the specific guidelines to prevent airborne transmission through the processes to be followed on the practice greens, calling up of groups to the tee. 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. Due to the risk of touch transmission, Nearest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive and similar competition boards/holders may not be used.</p>
<p>GOLFERS TO WEAR FACE MASKS WHEN WITHIN 3 METRES OF OTHERS</p>	<p>GolfrSA guidelines for the wearing of masks should be incorporated into the club's RMP. https://www.golfrsa.com/golfer-safety-post-er-masks/</p>	<p>During windy conditions, airborne transmission risks are increased and thus the advice to use masks at all times when conditions justify this.</p>
<p>REQUIREMENTS OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING ON TEES, FAIRWAYS AND GREENS</p>	<p>As per government regulations. Signage and training. Monitor compliance.</p>	<p>Physical distancing on the tees, fairways and greens address the risk of airborne transmission and the GolfrSA guidelines for wearing of masks and safe play is applicable.</p>
<p>TOURNAMENTS</p>	<p>Amateur Competitions may be played, provided there are no spectators and all other Risk Mitigation requirements are in place. In the event of club/facility venues being used for prize-givings, the use thereof and measures to mitigate the receiving of prizes shall be determined by the club's/facility's own Risk Mitigation Plan, as aligned with SA Government Regulations and Directions.</p>	
<p>PRO-AMS / CORPORATE HOSPITALITY / GOLF DAYS</p>	<p>As per government regulations. GolfrSA requests that clubs/facilities advise Golf Day organisers of the need to adhere to the GGPG and the Club's RMP to ensure that the game is played in the safest possible manner.</p>	<p>Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the applicable Government Regulations / Directions.</p>

FLAGSTICK

The flagstick may be centered, attended or removed by a player/or a person on their behalf, provided ALL persons sanitize their hands PRIOR and AFTER handling.

Where required, a player/person on their behalf is permitted to centre the flagstick in a safe manner, which does not involve using the hand (eg. using a club). Centring of flagstick allowed while player puts (eg. in windy conditions when the flagstick is leaning).

The removal of the flagstick is at the discretion of the player.

Non-pharmaceutical interventions, such as regular sanitisation remain the most effective means of risk mitigation against the virus.

FOURSOMES/GREENSOMES

Foursomes/Greensomes formats may be played subject to the following:

Each partner should use their own golf ball, which is only handled by that player for the playing of the hole.

For example the player teeing off from hole 1 is the only one that touches the ball from teeing off through to completion of the hole, subject to taking relief/preferred lies as set out below.

When marking and replacing the ball on the putting green this should be conducted by the partner the ball belongs to. Under this situation (or any other where the ball must be replaced) the original ball must be used and must not be substituted by another ball.

Note:

Under the Rules of Golf a partner is permitted to drop another ball (ie. their own ball) in taking relief.

In the event of Preferred Lies being in effect, the side may substitute the ball while taking relief allowing the 2nd player to put their own ball in play.

Non-pharmaceutical interventions, such as regular sanitisation remain the most effective means of risk mitigation against the virus.

CLUBHOUSE













HALFWAY HOUSE	As per government regulations.	
RESTAURANT / BAR	As per government regulations.	Clubs need to develop a RMP based on the applicable Government Regulations / Directions.
ABLUTION FACILITIES	Open/Sanitized daily.	Open/Sanitized daily.
MANAGEMENT OF SCORING	One scorecard per golfer or electronic scoring. Refer to GolfRSA GPG.	Transmission risk through touch is increased when using scorecards and, as such, scorecards should not be shared and should be used, players should not be required to co-sign scorecards. Electronic scoring and submission using the HNA electronic scoring App is recommended.
LOCKER ROOMS	Subject to Government Regulations / Directions.	<p>Should locker rooms be allowed to be open, then they are subject to regular sanitizing, wearing of a face covering/mask, physical distancing of 1.5m, those showering bringing their own towels, and compliance with the SA Government Regulations and Directions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common areas including toilets, door handles and shared equipment must be regularly cleaned and sanitised frequently; • Soap and water must be available in the changing rooms • Cleaning personnel must be available for continuously disinfecting all areas throughout the day using chemicals with antiviral properties; • Facilities must be cleaned throughout the day on a rotational basis by trained staff using materials with antiviral properties; • Disinfectant sprays and paper towels must be available for use and be disposed of in bins that must be emptied on a regular basis; • Windows should remain open during operation hours • Saunas and steam rooms must remain closed.
IF PRACTICE RANGE AT FACILITY, STIPULATE CONTROLS IF DIFFERENT TO GENERAL PROCESS	Club policy. Capacity restrictions should be implemented in line with the club's RMP. Physical distancing should be adhered to at warm-up areas and practice greens.	The Club's RMP to address the protocols for the warm up area at the club and the Risk Mitigation Guidelines should follow the Practice Facilities Guidelines document.

PRO SHOP

SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD AT PRO SHOP	No.	Recommended that score entry be done by golfers using the HNA Scoring application. Consider using WhatsApp photos to verify scorecards when required and no players should be required to co-sign scorecards.
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 utilisation.
SALE OF GOLF EQUIPMENT	Yes.	
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	Yes.	
RENTAL CLUBS	Yes.	The club's RMP should address the management and controls pertaining to rental equipment.

These Risk Mitigation Guidelines are subject to the applicable Government Regulations and Directions.

DURING THE ROUND

 <p>GOLF CARTS Occupancy limit to be determined by the club's own Risk Mitigation Plan, as aligned with SA Government Regulations.</p>	 <p>ONLY GO TO TEE BOX ONCE GROUP AHEAD HAS DEPARTED</p>	 <p>KEEP YOUR OWN SCORECARD (no sharing)</p>	 <p>3m DISTANCE ON TEE BOX AND GREENS</p>	 <p>3m DISTANCE ON FAIRWAYS</p>	 <p>ONLY USE YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT</p>
 <p>BUNKERS (smooth sand with club/foot)</p>	 <p>DO NOT TOUCH STRAY BALLS</p>	 <p>FLAGSTICK may be centered, attended or removed. Sanitize hands PRIOR to and AFTER handling the flagstick.</p>	 <p>DO NOT SHAKE HANDS</p>	 <p>SANITIZE HANDS REGULARLY</p>	 <p>WEAR A MASK if you cannot maintain physical distancing of 3m or more.</p>

GOLFRSA GOOD GOLF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Playing Golf Under COVID-19 Restrictions

COURSE SETUP

ON-COURSE ITEMS

1. All rakes and ball retrievers to be removed.
2. Ball washers and drinking fountains to be covered up.
3. It is recommended that clubs position hand sanitizers at strategic places on the course.
4. Benches and bins to be removed, covered or sign-posted in such a way that players do not touch them.
5. All other removable items to be removed.
6. Due to the risk of touch transmission, Nearest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive and similar competition boards/holders may not be used.

HOLE AND FLAGSTICK

1. Flagsticks can be centred, attended or removed by a player, or a person on their behalf, provided all persons touching the flagstick sanitize their hands PRIOR TO and AFTER touching the flagstick.
2. Clubs should insert a hole liner/plate that restricts the ball from falling into the hole below the surface of the putting green, and so that the ball can be easily retrieved. There are various options in order to do this, such as turn the cup upside down, cut a pool noodle to the right height and wrap it around the bottom of the flagstick, or put in a plate that rests against the top of the cup liner.

PRACTICE AREAS

1. Practice areas, including practice nets, to be closed unless safe sanitizing practices can be guaranteed.
2. The following practices will be a necessity: wash range balls regularly, remove benches/seating and club cleaning facilities, control availability on the range, ensure three- to five-metres spaces between bays, sanitize range buckets after every use and use own towel.

BEFORE THE ROUND

BOOKINGS

(Refer to the GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines)

- Clubs/facilities to organise a system of booking and allocation of tee times that ensures safety of staff and golfers.
- The maximum number of golfers in a group per tee time to be confirmed by the club/facility and must be in accordance with the GolfRSA general guidelines and any government requirements.

ARRIVAL AND WAITING TO PLAY

(Refer to the GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines)

- The clubhouse/facility (ie. halfway house, restaurant, bar, conference/meeting facilities) are subject to compliance with the relevant government gazetted regulations/directions.
- The opening of Locker rooms and shower facilities are subject to the applicable Government Regulations/Directions at the time. Should they be permitted to be open, then this is subject to regular sanitizing of the facilities, wearing of a face covering/mask, physical distancing of 1.5m, those showering bringing their own towels, and compliance with SA Government Regulations and Directions.
- Clubs/facilities to communicate in advance with golfers on physical distancing requirements that are being applied on arrival at the club/facility, for example not leaving cars until a certain time before their tee time.
- Clubs/facilities to have procedures in place to ensure physical distancing requirements in the area of the pro shop or starter's building in advance of golfers teeing off.
- Trolleys, carts or other items available for hire, on condition of using safe sanitising practices.
- Facilities to have procedures in place for the practice putting green, for example giving priority of use to the players in the next group due to tee off, remove cups, or using a method of inserting the hole liner to be used that means that all of the ball does not fall below the surface of the putting green and can be easily retrieved.

DURING THE ROUND

Golfers should keep a minimum of 3m apart, and 5m apart during windy conditions (>24km/h).

TEEING AREAS

- Remind golfers to keep 3m apart at teeing areas.

GENERAL

- Remind golfers to stay more than 3m apart when walking, searching for a ball or playing shots.
- Remind golfers not to touch stray balls.
- No sharing of scorecards. Electronic scoring is preferred.

BUNKERS

- With no rakes allowed on the course, remind golfers to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet.

PUTTING GREEN

- Remind golfers to keep 3m apart on the putting greens and always only handle their own equipment such as clubs and balls.

AFTER THE ROUND

- Score entry by the golfer using HNA App.
- Use of facilities subject to Club/Facility Risk Mitigation Plan and SA Government applicable Regulations and Directions.
- Sanitize or return rental equipment for sanitizing.

RULES OF GOLF RELATED MATTERS

The R&A released Covid-19 Guidance on Rules of Golf on 29 June 2020. As such, GolfRSA has implemented amendments to the Covid-19 Rules of Golf.

Note: If a committee follows any of the options contained in this guidance, the competition is being played under the Rules of Golf. Modifications to the Rules of Golf during Covid-19 are also for handicap purposes.

The following are acceptable on a temporary basis:

FORMS OF PLAY AND SCORING

- Amateur Competitions may be played, provided all other Risk Mitigation requirements are in place.
- Foursomes/Greensomes may be played subject to: Each partner should use their own ball, which is only handled by that player for the playing of the hole. *For example, the player teeing off from hole 1 is the only one that touches the ball from teeing off through to completion of the hole, subject to taking relief/preferred lies as set out below.*

When marking and replacing the ball on the green, this should be conducted by the partner the ball belongs to. Under this situation (or any other where the ball must be replaced) the original ball must be used and must not be substituted by another ball.

Note: Under the Rules of Golf, a partner is permitted to drop another ball in taking relief.

If Preferred Lies is in effect, the side may substitute the ball while taking relief, allowing the 2nd player to put their own ball in play.

- In competitive stroke play or match play, a method of scoring needs to be used that does not require handling/exchanging of scorecards. (Use HNA App or alternative means for electronic score submission, including the use of scoring devices, which if used shall be sanitized before and after use by the player.)
- For competitive rounds, committees may allow methods of scoring in stroke play and match play that do not comply with Rule 3.3b. For example:
 - Players may enter their own scores on the scorecard (it is not necessary for a marker to do it).
 - It is not necessary to have a marker physically certify the player's hole scores, but some form of verbal certification should take place.
 - It is not necessary to physically return a scorecard to the club.

BUNKERS

- Should clubs not deploy an assigned individual per hole to rake bunkers, they can declare bunkers "waste areas" that are raked each morning and encourage members to smooth with their foot/club.
- Committees may elect to adopt the Local Rule below:

MODEL LOCAL RULE FOR BUNKERS

When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once, by placing the original ball or another ball and playing from the relief area.

Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.

Size of the Relief Area: One club length, but must not be closer to the hole and must remain in the bunker.

FLAGSTICK

- Flagstick may be centered, attended or removed by a player/person on their behalf, provided ALL persons sanitize their hands PRIOR TO and AFTER handling.
- Where required, a player/person on their behalf is permitted to centre the flagstick in a safe manner, which does not involve using the hand, even when wearing a glove or using a towel (for example, by using a club). Centring of the flagstick may be allowed while a player putts (eg. in windy conditions when the flagstick is leaning towards the player making the stroke).
- As a temporary provision, for the purpose of player safety, flagsticks that do not meet the specifications in Part 8 of the Equipment Rules, can be used.

HOLE AND 'HOLED'

- The hole liner (or 'cup') is to be set in a way that all of the ball cannot be below the surface of the putting green, so the ball is considered holed if any part of it is below the surface of the putting green.
- To minimise the need to lift the ball from the hole, it is recommended that the Most Likely Score (MLS) Rule, Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Handicapping, be applied. This does not prevent a player in match play conceding a stroke that is outside this length or allowing a player to putt out should they elect to do so.

NOTE: Treating a ball as "holed" when it has bounced out of a hole is not in accordance with the Covid-19 Rules of Golf.