

COVID-19 Phase 1 Policy & Best Practices Overview

Texas State Championships, March 26-28, 2021, Tyler, TX

The following provides an overview of the Policies & Best Practices in place for the Texas State Championship at Lindsey Park. **This event will be operating in Phase 1** of the [COVID-19 Requirements & Best Practices for PDGA Elite Series](#). This overview document provides important highlights of the full policy for quicker reference. For complete COVID-19 Policy information, please visit the [Elite Series COVID-19 Overview Webpage](#).

The PDGA follows state and local COVID-19 policies and guidance. Regarding the State of Texas and the City of Tyler, both entities allow for the PDGA to operate the event in accordance with state policies and the Elite Series COVID-19 Requirements & Best Practices.

To read about the current Texas COVID-19 Guidelines and Information, please visit the links below:

- [Texas COVID-19 Data Page](#)
- [Texas COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

COVID-19 Policies & Best Practices Phase 1 Overview for Texas States:

- **Event Site: Entry & Protocols**
 - Event Site is Established & Protocols START: **Wednesday, March 24, 8:00 AM**
 - Event Site Protocols END: **Sunday, March 28** (1 hour after play has concluded)
 - **COVID-19 COMPLIANCE QUIZ**
 - All persons (Competitors, Staff, Volunteers, Media) coming into the event site must complete the DGPT COVID-19 Compliance Quiz to ensure understanding and commit to following all event site policies regarding COVID-19.
 - **CHECK IN:** All persons must check in at the COVID compliance desk to ensure they have passed the compliance quiz before getting their credential badge.
 - Event Protocols are in place for **ALL** persons entering the event site and consist of the following:
 - All persons must present their event ID badge (or provide ID and pick up their event badge) to enter the event site.
 - All persons must speak to the entry site staff and show no visible symptoms of respiratory illness (coughing or visibly ill) and affirm that they have not had any symptoms or contact with anyone with COVID-19 symptoms for the past ten days.
 - All persons are asked to limit arrival time to no sooner than 1 hour before their tee time or the start of their shift (staff/volunteer/media). All staff and media may ensure they have enough time to prepare on-site.

- All persons are asked to depart the event site no later than 30 minutes after their round/shift.
 - If persons wish to remain on-site longer, they must request specific permission to spectate post-round/shift at Tournament Central.
- **Testing & Tracing Program Active**
 - Full Policy provided to Competitors, Staff, Volunteers, and Media via the complete Elite Series COVID-19 Policy.
 - Testing is required for any person entering event sites with signs, symptoms, or recent contact (past ten days) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Contact tracing program implemented and managed by the DGPT for touring persons.
 - Any needed COVID-19 testing is provided for free for all event persons.
- **Social Distance**
 - Social Distancing of 2 meters will be enforced.
 - PDGA Rule, [Courtesy 812](#), in effect, and the following additional language will be added and applied in Phase 1 & 2 of DGPT events:
 - “Players must not violate the social distancing policy of 2 meters without a mask on”
- **No Caddies**
 - Only competitors, media, and necessary staff and volunteers will be allowed within 50 ft of tees and greens.
- **One Travel/Support Staff Allowed per Competitor**
 - Every competitor will be allowed to bring one travel/support staff with them to the event site if necessary. They may not caddy or come within 50 ft of tees or greens. Support staff are asked to volunteer as UDisc live scorers.
 - All travel/support staff will be required to be registered no later than Friday, March 19 via the COVID-19 Compliance Quiz.
 - No travel/support staff will be allowed on site without prior approval.
 - All travel/support staff must follow all event site COVID-19 protocol.
- **Mask Policy (Phase 1 & 2)**
 - All of the following guidance applies to all persons while in the event site:
 - All persons must carry an approved face covering at all times.
 - All persons must wear a face covering when indoors.
 - When outside and able to social distance, a face covering will be strongly recommended but not required (except within 50 ft of a teeing area, see below).
 - Teeing Area: All persons, including competitors, must wear face-covering when within 50 feet of a teeing area.
 - When it is a competitor’s turn to throw, they are permitted to remove their face covering when throwing.
 - In designated areas, such as pinch points, warm-up areas, and all indoor spaces, all persons must wear a mask regardless of social distancing.

- When outside and where social distancing of 2 meters is not possible, all persons must wear a face covering.
- All on-course staff and volunteers must wear face coverings whenever engaged in close distance communication with players inside of 10 meters.
- **Spectators Prohibited**
 - Please note: If event staff, volunteers, media, or competitors wish to remain on-site past their shift to spectate, they may request approval to do so. All persons staying on-site to spectate must check in at Tourney Central, follow provided guidance and stay away from tees and greens and stick to designated areas to view the competition.

Best Practices

- Practice good hygiene.
- Use hand sanitizer (Hand sanitizer provided in player packs).
- Disinfect surfaces (Disinfectant spray bottles provided throughout the facility).
- Wash your hands before and after your round.
- Wear a face covering at all times.