



Golf NB COVID-19 Tournament Protocols *as of March 18, 2021*

NOTE: Provincial Law and Health Guidelines will supersede all protocols set forth below.

1) Event Cancellation Deadlines

With the exception of COVID-related cancellations (see #3), decisions on whether an event will proceed will be made, and communicated to each competitor, no later than 3 weeks prior to the start of the event. If an event or championship is cancelled for any reason it WILL NOT be rescheduled.

As an example, the NB Men's Four Ball is scheduled to start Saturday May 29, 2021. Golf NB will advise no later than Saturday May 7, 2021 if the event will be held. Refunds of entry fees will be processed as soon as possible in the event of cancellation.

2) Insufficient Registration Numbers

Golf NB strongly recommends competitors enter any events scheduled in which they intend to play this season. Golf NB reserves the right to cancel an event or championship for any reason should the registered number of competitors be insufficient to justify holding the event at the conclusion of registration.

In general, Golf NB will require a minimum of 25% of the maximum field for each event, as outlined in the Tournament Information Page. If Golf NB cancels the event because of insufficient registrations, entry fees will be 100% refunded.

Please note:

- In general, the closing of registration has been established at 10 days prior to the first round of competition.
- The achievement of a 25% of the maximum field size WILL NOT guarantee that an event or championship will take place as scheduled.

3) Changes to Regional Health Zone Recovery Phase

To safely operate our 2021 schedule, Golf NB will implement several policies and guidelines to ensure player, volunteer, and staff safety while remaining as transparent as we can for participants and host facilities.

If all Provincial Health Zones are, and remain, in the Yellow Phase of recovery, Golf NB is confident that we will be able to deliver our full championship schedule under the same guidelines and protocols as we were able to in 2020. However, if zones do start to transition from phase to phase the following protocols and guidelines are presented for discussion and consideration.

- Player Residency Requirements** - All event participants **MUST** reside in a Provincial Health Zone that is at a minimum in the **YELLOW** Phase of Recovery at the time of first round of competition for the event.
- One or More Health Zones Move from Yellow to Orange / Red Phase of Recovery** - Should any health zone move from the Yellow or Green to Orange or Red, or remain in Orange or Red, then the following is recommended.
 - Greater than 3 weeks from the First Day of Competition** – Registered participants from the region(s) receive an e-mail communication notifying them that their participation in the event(s) may be in jeopardy due to Health Concerns and Restrictions.



- b. **One to Three Weeks from the First Day of Competition** – Registered participants from the region(s) receive an e-mail communication notifying, or reminding, them that their participation in the event(s) may be in jeopardy due to Health Concerns and Restrictions.
 - c. **Less than One Week from the First Day of Competition** – Registered participants from the region(s) receive an e-mail communication notifying them that they will not be able to participate in the event(s) in question, that their registration has been cancelled and that they will receive a 100% refund of their entry fee.
 - iii. **Host Health Zone Moves from Yellow to Orange / Red Phase of Recovery** - Should the “Host Zone” for a Golf NB event or championship be moved from Yellow to Orange or Red, or remain in Orange or Red, then the following is recommended;
 - a. **Greater than 3 weeks from the First Day of Competition** – No Change or communication required.
 - b. **One to Three Weeks from the First Day of Competition** – E-mail notification to registered participants indicating that the event(s) status is in question, and that the event may need to be cancelled due to Health Concerns and Restrictions.
 - c. **Less than One Week from the First Day of Competition** – The event is cancelled due to Health Concerns and Restrictions.
 - iv. **Zone 3 (Fredericton Region) Moves from Yellow to Orange / Red Phase of Recovery** - Should Zone 3 (Capital / Fredericton Region) be moved from Yellow to Orange or Red, or remain in Orange or Red, the ability for Golf NB Staff and volunteers will be limited or restricted. As such, the following is recommended;
 - a. **Greater than 3 weeks from the First Day of Competition** – No Change or communication required.
 - b. **One to Three Weeks from the First Day of Competition** – E-mail notification to registered participants indicating that the event(s) status is in question, and that the event may need to be cancelled due to Health Concerns and Restrictions.
 - c. **Less than One Week from the First Day of Competition** – The event is cancelled due to Health Concerns and Restrictions.
- 4) **COVID-19 Withdrawal Policy.**
Players that withdraw from any Golf NB Event due to medical concerns will receive a **100% refund**, regardless of when they withdraw.
- 5) **Golf Only**
All Golf NB events and championships will be “Golf Only”. Golf NB will not be hosting any social functions as part of its 2021 events or championships. Additionally, any gatherings at or around the club will be subject to the respective golf course “Operational Plan” and mandated Public Health Guidelines as set forth by the Province of New Brunswick.
- 6) **Tee Times**
All Golf NB events will consist of a 1st tee start only. “Split tees” or “Shotgun” starts will not be used at any point.



7) **Maximum Field Size**

In an effort to ensure efficient movement of participants around the property, as well as to provide the greatest opportunity to meet all required physical distancing measures, Golf NB will not be expanding its established maximum field sizes for any Golf NB Events & Championships in 2021.

Note: Golf NB reserves the right to reduce the maximum field size of any Golf NB event and championship to conform to Province of New Brunswick Health Guidelines and Protocols.

8) **No Spectators or Caddies**

In an effort to limit the number of individuals on, and around, the golf course at any given time, Golf NB will be implementing a strict no spectator, or caddies, policy for all events. Players found to have spectators following their group or choosing to use a caddie during their round will be subject to discipline under Golf NB's Player Code of Conduct.

Note: As an exception to this guideline, event competitors who have completed play for the day will be permitted back on to the field of play to follow a group, or groups, for the purpose of spectating. Competitors wishing to do so, MUST walk, MUST not serve as a caddie, and MUST remain 50 yards from all competitors from the time of a competitor's tee-off until the competitor's scorecard is returned at the scoring tent.

9) **Prize Presentation**

There will be no prize presentation following the completion of the competition. Prize winners will be posted on the Golf NB Tournament Information Page and Golf NB Gift Certificate will be mailed to all winners following the completion of the event. A complete list of 2021 Golf NB Championship Guidelines will be distributed to competitors prior to each event and championships.

10) **National Championship Exemptions**

Golf NB will continue to allocate available exemptions into Golf Canada events and championships, should they proceed, based on player's result at the applicable Provincial Championships.