

COVID-19/Corona Virus

The objective of this communication is to let you know that the association is constantly monitoring/reviewing the ever-changing circumstances involving this virus which is becoming a hurricane in pandemic disease terms

Information had been obtained from the Government of Western Australian Department of Health and the Chief Health officer Dr Andrew Robertson.

I will outline the key information most of which you may already be aware of as many golf clubs are providing subject updates. As part of the associations policy we will be communicating with the host golf clubs in our 2020 fixture program before our actual specific club visit. The host club will obviously dictate whether our fixture will take place therefore communications will be undertaken to give members as much notice as possible if the fixture is to continue or be cancelled.

Please note the circumstances are ever changing and we could ultimately be affected by decisions made from federal and state governments.

It is important to check local rules as several clubs have instituted a number of measures e.g. Removing rakes from bunkers, flag sticks to be left in the hole, switching off of public water fountains.

Specifically, the aim of the communication is to safeguard members health and well-being whilst participating in the WAVGA golf program.

All health organisations are now reinforcing the importance of vigilance regarding personal hygiene/actions which are outlined as follows: -

- Anyone returning from travel overseas is now required by law to self-isolate for 14 days what is being termed as quarantine. It is important that all our members adhere to this instruction and not present themselves to any of our fixtures.
- If you have any cold like or flu symptoms stay at home.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or sanitiser.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use your inner elbow
- Clean your mobile regularly
- Please refrain from hand shaking
- Department of Health are recommending social distancing. Please ensure you comply with those requirements

Additional considerations include the following: -

- Reduce money handling where possible e.g. dollar bets
- The money for the super pin will be placed in envelopes as is the current practice
- Anyone manning the registration desk will be issued with disposable nitrile gloves for cash handling
- Prize presentation's are going to cease from now on and recipients of awards will receive them individually following the fixture or at a future date.

We would ask you all to be vigilant and err on the side of caution especially regarding personal hygiene in an attempt to reduce the risk to our members of cross infection from this very contagious virus. The main objective of the association is to protect all our members health and wellbeing whilst enjoying golf in a variety of locations.

If anyone requires clarification on any of the points raised do not hesitate to contact me.

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