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SCOTTSDALE GOLF COURSES KEEPING COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (April 27, 2020) – With “stay-at-home” restrictions cautiously being lifted across the country, leisure travel is likely to resume over the next several weeks and months. To help put the minds of golf travelers at ease, Scottsdale’s 50-plus golf courses are expected to continue the progressive social-distancing policies recently adopted by the industry through the end of the year.

The most common changes players will notice at Scottsdale golf courses include the removal of all on-course ball washers and bunker rakes. Coolers, towels and seed bottles also have been removed from golf carts. On greens, players are asked to leave the pin flags in place while putting, and cups have been raised above the level of the greens or bumpers have been put in place to keep golf balls out of the cups. Putts are considered “holed” if they tap the raised cup or bumper without ricocheting more than a foot or two. While unorthodox, these steps help reduce the number of “community items” a player may touch during a round. Food and beverage service have been modified at all Scottsdale golf courses. Some offer take-out or grab-and-go items from the restaurants while others only provide food service from the on-course beverage carts. Outside guest services such as club cleaning, club loading and unloading have been altered to keep both guests and staff safe and healthy.

Many courses, such as [The Boulders Club](#) and [Westin Kierland Golf Club](#) have gone to a cashless system for payment. Guests can prepay for their rounds online or use a credit/debit card for check in, but cash payments are not accepted for the time being. Others, such as [Talking Stick Golf Club](#) have moved the check-in process outside to keep players from being too close at the counter. [TPC Scottsdale](#) has closed its golf shop entirely and all rounds must be pre-paid online.

To enforce social distancing, players are being encouraged to walk or alternate walking and riding with their playing partners. Many, such as [Mountain Shadows Golf Club](#), and Westin Kierland Golf Club, are allowing twosomes to play by themselves to provide more spacing on course. TPC Scottsdale has mandated players each have their own golf cart unless they share a household.

Finally, behind the scenes, all courses have increased efforts to sanitize all equipment golfers are likely to contact during a round. Most importantly, courses are completely cleaning golf carts with disinfectant between rounds.

When visitors decide the time is right to begin enjoying the World's Greatest Golf Destination once again, they can rest assured Scottsdale's golf operators are taking every precaution to help them do so safely. To learn more about Scottsdale golf courses or plan a future trip, visit ExperienceScottsdaleGolf.com.

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