

# The Italian Golf Federation guidelines and regulations for the control of Covid-19



**All members of the Federazione Italiana Golf ('tesserati') are urged to adopt a socially responsible attitude to their golfing activities during times of Covid-19. Concerning golf and behaviour on the course, the following rules apply:**

1. Players may only use their own golf bag and equipment and should disinfect it regularly.
2. Players should carry and use only their own disinfectant.
3. Players should only remain on or around the golf course for the minimum amount of time necessary.
4. Before arriving at the golf club, tee times should be preferably booked online or by phone; the corresponding green fees are to be paid electronically (if possible).
5. Shoes must be changed in the car park. Entry to the clubhouse and the rest of the building (pro shop, restaurant, changing rooms, common rooms etc.) is to be avoided unless absolutely necessary. That is until the relevant authorities have expressly authorised re-entry.
6. Players should only visit the reception if it is impossible to complete tee times or pay green fees and/or membership fees online/electronically. When entering the reception, the usual rules of conduct for public areas apply (e.g. keep your distance, wear a face mask, etc.).
7. People must avoid congregating anywhere on the course.
8. The two-metre safety distance must be maintained at all times (e.g. when waiting at the 1st hole, anywhere on the course and during any point of play or waiting).
9. Hands (including glove) and own ball must be disinfected at each tee-off and at the end of the game.
10. No objects and/or items may be touched on the golf course.
11. No signage on the course may be touched (e.g. tee boards, directional signage).
12. Shoe shine machines or similar may not be used.
13. Near the ball machine at the driving range, disposable gloves provided by the club must be used to insert coins, carry baskets, etc. Hands must be disinfected after using the ball machine.

# Golf rules, recommendations and technical guidelines



1. Only one person may use the golf cart at a time. No other person or equipment may be transported (except members of the same household).
2. Players are not allowed to touch, use or remove boards, fixtures (benches, ball washers, fountains) and all posts on the course.
3. Players are only allowed to play with their own balls.
4. Level the sand in the bunker with your feet or club.
5. Avoid touching the flagstick. The flag should be left in the hole during play.

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## Special golf course rules during the Covid-19 pandemic

Please note that the guidelines must be followed. This is not about arbitrary rules but the health of all players.

1. Players must comply with the legal requirements of the province and country regarding contact with people.
2. Ball washers are not to be used during this time.
3. The flag on the green must not be touched or removed.
4. All movable obstructions (bins, course marking posts, etc.) on the course are now declared as immovable obstructions and may not be touched. Follow procedure according to Rule 16.1 Immovable Obstructions.
5. all balls lying in the bunker may be bettered within one club length without penalty.

**Of course, non-compliance also affects normal play; in tournaments, non-compliance is punished with the basic penalty. Major non-compliance with the rules of conduct may lead to suspension from the game.**

UPlease find the communication of the rules of the Federazione Italiana Golf in its original format (Italian) at the following link: <http://federgolf.it/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PRO-TOCOLLO-FIG.pdf>