

RGV API Members,

Happy New Year! I hope all is well with all of you and your families. The golf tournament fundraiser is coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Palm View Golf Course.

Due to COVID 19, we were unable to raise funds in 2020 but we continued to support our scholarship recipients and even accepted several new students to our scholarship program. We need your support in 2021 so we can continue to support these deserving students.

This year's golf tournament will not be the same due to COVID 19. We have stringent social distancing guidelines set forth by local and state health authorities.

We want everyone to enjoy themselves, but we also want everyone to be safe. We can't wait to see all of you at the golf tournament in April, but we also want to see all of you at our fishing tournament in August.

The guidelines are listed on the following pages. Please read them carefully, they are designed with safety in mind.

# Tournament Social Distancing Guidelines

## Tee Off

There will be NO shotgun start, Tee Off will be by tee time, which will be set by Palm View Golf Course. Two teams will tee off as a group. Because of this format, the team **registration form and fees must be received by the RGV API no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>**. This will allow Palm View Golf Course enough time to schedule the tee times according to the number of teams registered and allow us to post the tee times on our website. The first tee time on Saturday will depend on the number of teams registered. The first group on Saturday may tee off as early as 10:00 a.m. The first group on Sunday will tee off at 8:00 a.m.

## Registration

Registration will take place outside in front of the Club House. Registration will be done by TEAMS and **only one** team member is allowed to register the team. No more than 2 teams at a time will be allowed at the registration tents. Registration will take place as follows:

1. Two separate registration tents will be set up in front of the Club House at least 20 feet apart from each other. Door prizes and raffle items will be on a table set up between the registration tents.
2. Registration times will be assigned for each team and teams **must** adhere to assigned times. **Late arrivals may not be allowed to play and may forfeit their registration fees. Please be on time!**
3. To avoid congestion and gatherings, players/teams arriving at the golf course more than 10 minutes before their assigned registration time will be asked to remain in their vehicle until their assigned registration time.
4. Upon arrival, the team representative will be directed to the designated registration tent to collect all registration materials/items for the team.
5. Immediately after completing the registration process, players must proceed to

their assigned carts and report to the starting tee 10 minutes before their tee time. **Assigned carts will not be issued to players more than 20 minutes before their assigned tee time.**

## **General**

1. **Socializing or gathering in any area of the golf course is strictly prohibited, including the parking lot.** The driving range will be closed and **not** available for tournament players. Tournament players will be allowed to roll a few putts on the practice green, but no hole will be available.

2. Upon completion of the round, scorecards must be returned to the Golf Shop staff. Golfers **must** leave the premises immediately after the round.

3. Door Prizes will be pre-drawn, and a list of winners will be posted at the door prize table and may be picked upon completion of the round on Saturday.

4. Tournament results will be posted on the RGV API website.

5. Please note:

- There is no drinking water on the course, except at cook stations
- Ball washers are covered and out of service
- Bunker rakes have been removed and are not available
- The air hose for cleaning shoes and equipment before & after the round is not available
- Only one (1) group at a time is allowed at the starting tee, one (1) group by the practice putting green and one (1) group at the cart staging area
- A face mask must be worn if entering the Club House
- A maximum of 4 people allowed to work the cook stations
- **ONLY** two teams (one group) at a time allowed at a cook station
- Family members are not allowed on the premises

6. While on the course, Tournament players **MUST**:

- always adhere to the 6-foot social distancing rule
- not approach groups in front or behind them
- not approach a cook station if another group is present (only 4 players allowed at a cook station at one time)
- play with the flagsticks “in” and must not touch the flagstick; holes have been modified for the golfer to play without the need to touch the flagstick
- wash their hands as frequently as possible and avoid touching their face
- avoid the traditional handshake at the completion of the round