

Frequently Asked Questions

Please note that all Els for Autism Golf Challenge regional event venues have different social distancing guidelines that players must follow. Our team at the Els for Autism Foundation is aware of the changing nature of public events currently, and the flow and format of all events is subject to change at any time. All registered players and sponsors will be notified 2 weeks then again 3 days prior to the event on what to expect at each Golf Challenge tournament.

Q: What if an Els for Autism Golf Challenge regional event is canceled due to COVID-19?

A: If a Golf Challenge regional event is canceled due to circumstances surrounding social distancing guidelines, you may choose to donate the registration fee to the Els for Autism Foundation, be issued a full refund, or transfer registration or sponsorship to another Golf Challenge event.

Q: What golf tournament format will the Golf Challenge regional events use?

A: Due to COVID-19, some regional events may have to play tee times rather than a shotgun start. If tee times are issued, players will be notified three days prior to the event on what time they will tee off at. However, if a shotgun start is permitted, players will be assigned to a specific hole to start on.

Q: How will registration be conducted?

A: All Els for Autism staff and volunteers will be wearing masks and participants are asked to stand six feet away from one another.

Q: Will players have to ride one player per golf cart?

A: Each golf course venue has different regulations regarding golf carts. The Els for Autism events team will notify players prior to the regional event if they are permitted to share a golf cart with their playing partner. If a player is not comfortable riding with another player, our team will arrange for them to have their own cart.

Q: Will food and beverage be provided at the Golf Challenge regional event?

A: Prior to play, all players will be provided with breakfast or lunch. After play, golfers will be served lunch or dinner. The serving style will depend on the social distancing guidelines at the golf course venue. Please be aware that a boxed or plated meal may be the only option at some events.

Q: Will there be a post golf reception?

A: To limit social interaction, there may not be a post golf reception at every Golf Challenge regional event. If the Els for Autism team is not able to safely host a post golf reception, alternative arrangements will be made to offer meals, announce the tournament winners and update participants on the work being done at The Els Center of Excellence.

Q: How will I know who wins the golf tournament at the regional event?

A: A communication will be sent out after the event, notifying all players of their score if we cannot host an awards ceremony at the Golf Challenge regional event.

Q: Will there be an in-person raffle and silent auction?

A: No. All Golf Challenge regional events will participate in a mobile raffle and silent auction. Players will receive communications prior to event day on how to participate on their mobile device.

Q: What if I win a prize at the raffle, silent auction, or golf tournament?

A: To limit social interaction, all prizes will be mailed directly to your home address within one week of the Golf Challenge regional event.

Q: Will you still be holding the Grand Finale?

A: We are currently planning a very special 10-year anniversary Grand Finale in the Bahamas, October 25 – 26, 2020. If COVID-19 circumstances require our team to change this event, we plan to reschedule the Grand Finale to a future date.

