



# 121ST U.S. OPEN

TORREY PINES GOLF COURSE (SOUTH COURSE)  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.



JUNE 17-20, 2021

**PLAYER MEMORANDUM**

## NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

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The USGA is undertaking significant measures to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 while conducting its 2021 championships. Despite these measures, complete elimination of risk of exposure and infection to COVID-19 is not currently possible.

If you choose to participate in a USGA championship, you must follow all mitigation measures implemented by the USGA with respect to COVID-19. These requirements are terms of the competition and, therefore, you will not be permitted to participate if you fail to comply. In particular, you may be required to do the following:

- Take a COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of expected arrival at the championship. Proof of a negative test result will be required to participate in the championship.
- Take an onsite COVID-19 PCR test upon arriving at the championship. Your access to the golf course and facilities may be limited while awaiting test results. If you test positive, you will not be permitted to participate in the championship, and you may be required to quarantine locally at your own expense.
- While at the championship, submit to screening for symptoms of COVID-19 regularly, as identified by the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>;
- Follow all onsite protocols established by the USGA including maintaining social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart from other people) whenever possible, washing hands for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer as often as possible, and wearing personal protective equipment such as facecloths or masks when directed at the championship; and
- Complying with limitations set by the USGA on allowing guests at the championship.

Further information about the requirements for the championship will be provided prior to arriving onsite.

Working together, we are confident we can make this championship safe and successful for you, your fellow players, and for the local community.

### Essential Personnel

The State of California is requiring the championship to be conducted under specific guidelines. All essential personnel will operate in a championship bubble and the championship will have a limited attendance. The following groups of individuals have been deemed essential personnel by California for the U.S. Open Championship:

- Players
- Player's Spouse/Significant Other
- Player's Child(ren)
- Caddies
- Player Instructors/Coaches
- Player Fitness Trainers



These individuals including children (two years of age and older) are required to go through COVID-19 testing protocols. At the current time, the State of California is not waiving the testing requirement for those that have received the vaccine.

#### Other Player Support Personnel

Although deemed non-essential, the State of California recognizes that other individuals provide support to players and will allow them to attend the championship. These groups are:

- Player Managers
- Equipment Manufacturers

These individuals are required to go through COVID-19 testing protocols. They will not have access to player specific facilities at the championship. At the current time, the State of California is now waiving the testing requirement for those that have received the vaccine.

#### International Travel Information

On January 31, 2020 President Trump issued Proclamation 9984, suspending the entry into the United States by foreign nationals who pose a risk of transmitting COVID-19. This original Proclamation specifically focused on individuals traveling from the Peoples Republic of China. Additional Proclamations added the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Brazil and those countries comprising the Schengen Area (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland).

On January 25, 2021 President Biden issued a Proclamation which continues the restrictions put in place under President Trump for individuals traveling from the countries listed above and added South Africa. President Biden's Proclamation can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/25/proclamation-on-the-suspension-of-entry-as-immigrants-and-non-immigrants-of-certain-additional-persons-who-pose-a-risk-of-transmitting-coronavirus-disease/>

The overriding key is any foreign national (regardless of country of passport issuance) who has visited any country listed within these Proclamations within a 14-day period is prohibited from entering the United States. The CDC summarizes these travel restrictions at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/from-other-countries.html>

In May 2020, the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security authorized an exemption to these Proclamations for athletes (and their spouses, dependents, support staff) that compete in major sporting events including professional golf events (PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour) and international federation events overseen by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The U.S. Open qualifies as such a major sporting event.

These athletes are exempt from the travel restrictions contained in the Proclamations and are free to enter the U.S. to compete in their sporting event subject to the submitted request for the travel waiver by the host organization. Travel waivers are currently granted on a one-time basis, good for travel for 30 days to the sporting event only. The USGA must apply for a travel waiver for each individual.



# PLAYER ACCOMMODATIONS

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## Hotel

The Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines hotel, located adjacent to Torrey Pines Golf Course, will serve as the host hotel for players for the 2021 U.S. Open Championship. The USGA is strongly encouraging players to secure rooms at this hotel. Please note that any player wishing to check into the hotel prior to Sunday, June 13 will be allocated a room pending availability.

All reservations and any subsequent changes to the reservations must be made through the Player Services Office by calling 908.748.4770 or emailing Jenny Pritchard, [jpritchard@usga.org](mailto:jpritchard@usga.org). Reservations may not be made through the hotel directly.

### **\*Hotel Shuttle Service\***

There will be no shuttle service from the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines to the U.S. Open Championship. We suggest using your courtesy vehicle to drive to Player Parking. You may also walk to the championship at your discretion.

### **Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines**

10950 N Torrey Pines Road  
La Jolla, CA 92037

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/santphh-hilton-la-jolla-torrey-pines/>

Rate: \$265 per night *(plus applicable state and local taxes)*

Parking: Self-Parking

| <u>Dining</u><br><u>(Open for To-Go Service)</u>   | The Hilton features include:<br><u>Guest Services</u>  | <u>Fitness &amp; Recreation</u>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Torreyana Grille &amp; Lounge</li><li>• Horizons Coffee Cafe</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complimentary High-Speed Wireless Internet Service</li><li>• Room Service</li><li>• Pet-Friendly rooms</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fitness Center (Currently Closed)</li><li>• Outdoor Pool</li></ul> |

## Private Home Rental

While the Player Services Office has assisted in facilitating home rentals in the past, we will not be able to assist with connecting players with homeowners due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the current state and county regulations in California. We recommend seeking homes through Airbnb, VRBO and/or Rent Like A Champion.

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

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San Diego International Airport (SAN) is the closest commercial and private airport to Torrey Pines. Atlantic Aviation CRQ at McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad is the closest airport for private air travel.

### Commercial and Private Air Travel

San Diego International Airport (SAN)  
<https://www.san.org/>

Distance to Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines: 16 miles

### Alternate Private Air Travel

McClellan Palomar Airport-(CRQ)

Atlantic Aviation CRQ  
<https://www.atlanticaviation.com/location/crq>  
2100 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Phone: 760.930.0123

Distance to Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines: 22.5 miles

### Alternate Arrival Locations

If you are planning to arrive at any airport other than SAN or Atlantic Aviation CRQ, you will be responsible for your own transportation to Torrey Pines.

### Lexus SUV Courtesy Car Distribution

Each player will be provided with a Lexus GX SUV courtesy car for use during the week of the 2021 U.S. Open. USGA representatives will be available to distribute your SUV upon your arrival to SAN (commercial or private), CRQ (private) or the player host hotel, Hilton La Jolla. Pertinent directions and procedures will be found within the vehicle as well as a built-in navigation system for your convenience.

# PLAYER INFORMATION

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## Credentials

Credentials will be distributed at Player Registration beginning Saturday, June 12 (see “Registration”). Each player will receive:

- A credential for himself
- A credential for his spouse/significant other
- Credentials for any children
- Up to two (2) complimentary credentials for his designated instructors. The “Player Instructor” credential will provide access to the Practice Facilities all week. This “Player Instructor” credential cannot be used by managers, agents or family members under any circumstance.
- A credential for his fitness trainer

These individuals including children (two years of age and older) are deemed essential and are required to go through COVID-19 testing protocols.

## Updated Ticket Policy as of 6/5/21

The U.S. Open will have limited attendance at the championship. The state of California has recently approved the USGA to slightly increase attendance and as such, each player will now be given four (4) gallery ticket packages (Wednesday through Sunday) for other family members and/or guests. These tickets will NOT have access to any player facilities. California has specific guidelines in place for gallery ticket holders including each attendee must provide proof of a negative result from a COVID PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to entry into the championship or 24 hours for an antigen test. Please carefully review the ticket information on the following link: <https://www.usopen.com/content/us-open/tickets/2021-u-s--open-tickets--faqs.html>

## Child Care

We are planning to resume the U.S. Open Child Care program at Torrey Pines by providing a safe child care solution that meets CDC and updated State of California guidelines related to COVID-19. We will also be following PGA TOUR recommendations and guidelines. All families and staff should receive specific information in advance of the championship.

## Equipment Conformance Issues

Players with any doubt over the conformance of their equipment should contact John Spitzer, Managing Director, Equipment Standards, at 908.310.5407 or [jspitzer@usga.org](mailto:jspitzer@usga.org). It is recommended that any concerns are raised before the start of the championship.

## Locker Room

The Locker Room tent will be located adjacent to the Practice Range and across from the Player Family Grill. A credential checkpoint will be located outside the Locker Room area. Proper credentials will be required to gain entry. There will be limited Locker Room attendants available to assist players, if needed. No additional access to the locker room will be permitted and will be limited to Players, USGA Player Services Team and select locker room attendants.

## Merchandise

A limited amount of merchandise will be available for purchase in the Player Services Office. Merchandise will also be available for purchase online at a discount for players and their families.



### Parking

Player Parking (Lot A) will be located onsite near the player facilities. Each player will be issued one (1) Lot A decal upon arrival to Torrey Pines. All players, caddies and player support must go through COVID-19 testing or present their COVID-19 vaccine card at the Hilton La Jolla prior to arriving onsite at Torrey Pines. Please follow the directions to the club provided in your Lexus courtesy car.

### Player Family Grill

The Player Family Grill is a tented facility located adjacent to the practice range. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks will be served daily, compliments of the USGA. Only players and their spouse/significant other and children may gain access into the Player Family Grill. A credential scanning checkpoint will be located just outside the facility

The USGA has worked to create a safe dining environment with indoor and outdoor seating. More details will be provided to players upon arrival.

### Player Mail and Package Delivery

All player mail and packages will be delivered to the Player Services Office. Players will be notified via text message when a package has arrived for them and may be obtained from the Player Services Office. Torrey Pines has one address for both standard mail and packages. All mail and packages will be thoroughly screened at a postal inspection facility prior to arrival onsite. Please use the following address:

Player Name  
Attention: Player Services Office  
2021 U.S. Open Championship  
11482 N. Torrey Pines Rd  
La Jolla, CA 92037

### Practice Facility

Players will have access to the practice range and a short game area located in close proximity to the Locker Room. A credential checkpoint will be located at the entrance to the Practice Facilities and proper credentials will be required in order to gain access. Only a player, his caddie and his instructor will have access to the Practice Facilities.

The Practice Facilities will be open during the following hours:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Friday, June 11 – Sunday, June 13   | 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, June 14 – Saturday, June 19 | 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, June 20                     | 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |

### Practice Rounds

Torrey Pines will be accessible, pending availability, for any player wanting to make an advance trip prior to the U.S. Open Championship. Please contact Robbie Zalzneck in the U.S. Open Player Services Office or via cell 910.409.0465 for further details.

Practice round tee times can be made for Saturday, June 12 beginning at 11 a.m. and Sunday, June 13 beginning at 8:00 a.m. from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. Official championship practice rounds are scheduled to begin on Monday, June 14. Practice round tee times for Saturday-Wednesday can be secured in advance by calling the Player Services Office or upon arrival at player registration.



The schedule for official practice round tee times is as follows:

|                  | <u>Monday, June 14</u> | <u>Tuesday, June 15</u> | <u>Wednesday, June 16</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>#1 Tee</u>    |                        |                         |                           |
| A.M. Start Times | 6:45 a.m. – 8:57 a.m.  | 6:45 a.m. – 8:57 a.m.   | 6:45 a.m. – 8:57 a.m.     |
| P.M. Start Times | 12:30 p.m. – 2:42 p.m. | 12:30 p.m. – 2:42 p.m.  | 12:30 p.m. – 2:42 p.m.    |
| <u>#10 Tee*</u>  |                        |                         |                           |
| A.M. Start Times | 6:45 a.m. – 8:57 a.m.  | 6:45 a.m. – 8:57 a.m.   | 6:45 a.m. – 8:57 a.m.     |
| P.M. Start Times | 12:30 p.m. – 2:42 p.m. | 12:30 p.m. – 2:42 p.m.  | 12:30 p.m. – 2:42 p.m.    |

**\*Practice Round Attire\***

Players may wear golf shorts during practice rounds. Shorts must be knee-length, tailored and neat in appearance. Compression leggings worn underneath shorts must be solid in color. Please note that long pants are still required during championship rounds.

**Registration**

Player Registration will be conducted in the Player Services Office. Players may register beginning Saturday, June 12 at 12:00 p.m. once they complete the testing protocols. Registration officially closes at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14.

Registration hours are the following:

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday, June 12 | 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, June 13   | 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  |
| Monday, June 14   | 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  |

Players must register in person during the hours listed above, unless they officially notify the USGA. Any player who has not registered onsite or has not notified the USGA by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, is subject to having his spot in the championship replaced by an alternate.

If a player has any questions about the registration process, he may contact the Player Services Office at 908.748.4770. If any player has a question about the actual conduct of the championship, he may contact Jeff Hall, Managing Director, Rules & Open Championships, at 908.781.1096 or by cell phone at 908.217.9432.

**Withdrawals**

If a player has to withdraw from the championship, the player must advise Robbie Zalzneck, Director, U.S. Open Player Services, without delay by calling 910.409.0465.

**Two-Tee Start**

The 2021 U.S. Open will utilize a two-tee start, from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees, during the Thursday and Friday championship rounds. In addition, the two-tee start format will be used during the official practice rounds.

Because the 10<sup>th</sup> tee is not near the practice facilities, players are encouraged to begin at least one of their practice rounds at the 10<sup>th</sup> tee in order to become familiar with the shuttle location and service that will be provided.