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## **SDGA Championships, Junior Tours, and First Tee of South Dakota programming will be conducted in 2020!**

The SDGA and First Tee of South Dakota have been working hard to do what is necessary to allow us to proceed with our summer programming by taking all COVID-19 precautions, directives, and industry best practices very seriously. Our Championships, Junior Tour events, and First Tee programs will comply with local, state, and CDC mandates and we will continually monitor our protocols and adjust to any changing circumstances. Golfers have shown us all that they are able to "Respect the Privilege to Play" and follow course guidelines at courses throughout the state. This respect has given us confidence that we can run our events and programs under these conditions.

Before the start of our season in June, we will publish a complete list of the changes in procedures for each of our events. These procedures will be an extension of what we are already experiencing while playing at courses across South Dakota: A focus on social distancing, golf cart restrictions, clubhouse restrictions, limitations on the size of gatherings, removal of amenities on the course, and some potential modification to our Rules of play.

### **We have two schedule changes that you need to know about.**

**Two Man Championship at Bakker Crossing** - The Two-Man Championship will now be played August 29-30 at Bakker Crossing GC. We realized that conducting one of our most popular events, which regularly draws 200 players from across the state, on June 13-14 was not feasible given the current guidelines. Thanks to Bakker Crossing for agreeing to move this event and we look forward to a great event in August.

**Junior Tour at The Bluffs** - The new date for this event is Wednesday, June 10. Thanks to The Bluffs for moving this event from its previous date of May 27.

We will notify you about any other changes in our schedule and policies as we navigate this season. Stay safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing you on the links in the near future! If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

Be sure to thank the staff at your course for all the extra work they are doing to make it possible for us to enjoy our favorite pastime during these difficult times. Keep up the great job you are doing to adhere to course policies designed to make golf courses a valuable sanctuary where we can get exercise and fresh air while being socially responsible.

**We hope that you make the SDGA and First Tee a part of your summer plans and encourage you to take advantage of our early buy programs for our Championships, get registered for the Junior Tour, and get your kids involved in First Tee programs across the state.**



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**SDGA Junior Tour presented by the Sanford International - [www.sdga.org](http://www.sdga.org)** - Sign up now and enter your events to ensure that you can play where you want to play. Remember that we have a new 9 and Under age group.

**SDGA | Sanford Golf Series - [www.sdga.org](http://www.sdga.org)** - Applications are open for this Series designed for our experienced junior players who are considering playing golf in college. If you have not already received an invitation, you can apply for the Series by sending an application letter and your golf playing history to [SDGASanfordSeries@sdga.org](mailto:SDGASanfordSeries@sdga.org).

**First Tee of South Dakota - [firstteesouthdakota.org](http://firstteesouthdakota.org)**

**Championships - [www.sdga.org](http://www.sdga.org)** - Save \$20 per player when you register 30 days before any event. Here are the early buy deadlines for our June events.

Men's Mid-Am Championship - June 6-7 - Rocky Run GC, Dell Rapids - **Early Buy before May 6 - \$110** (Reg. Entry \$130)

Husband/Wife and Senior Husband/Wife Championship - June 27-28 - Moccasin Creek Country Club - Aberdeen - **Early Buy before May 27 - \$180** (Reg. Entry \$220)

Men's Two-Man Championship - **Now AUGUST 29-30** - Bakker Crossing GC - Sioux Falls - **Early Buy before July 29 - \$200** (Reg. Entry \$240)

We look forward to seeing our SDGA family on the course this summer. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, Tom, Ben, Coralee, and Kelli

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