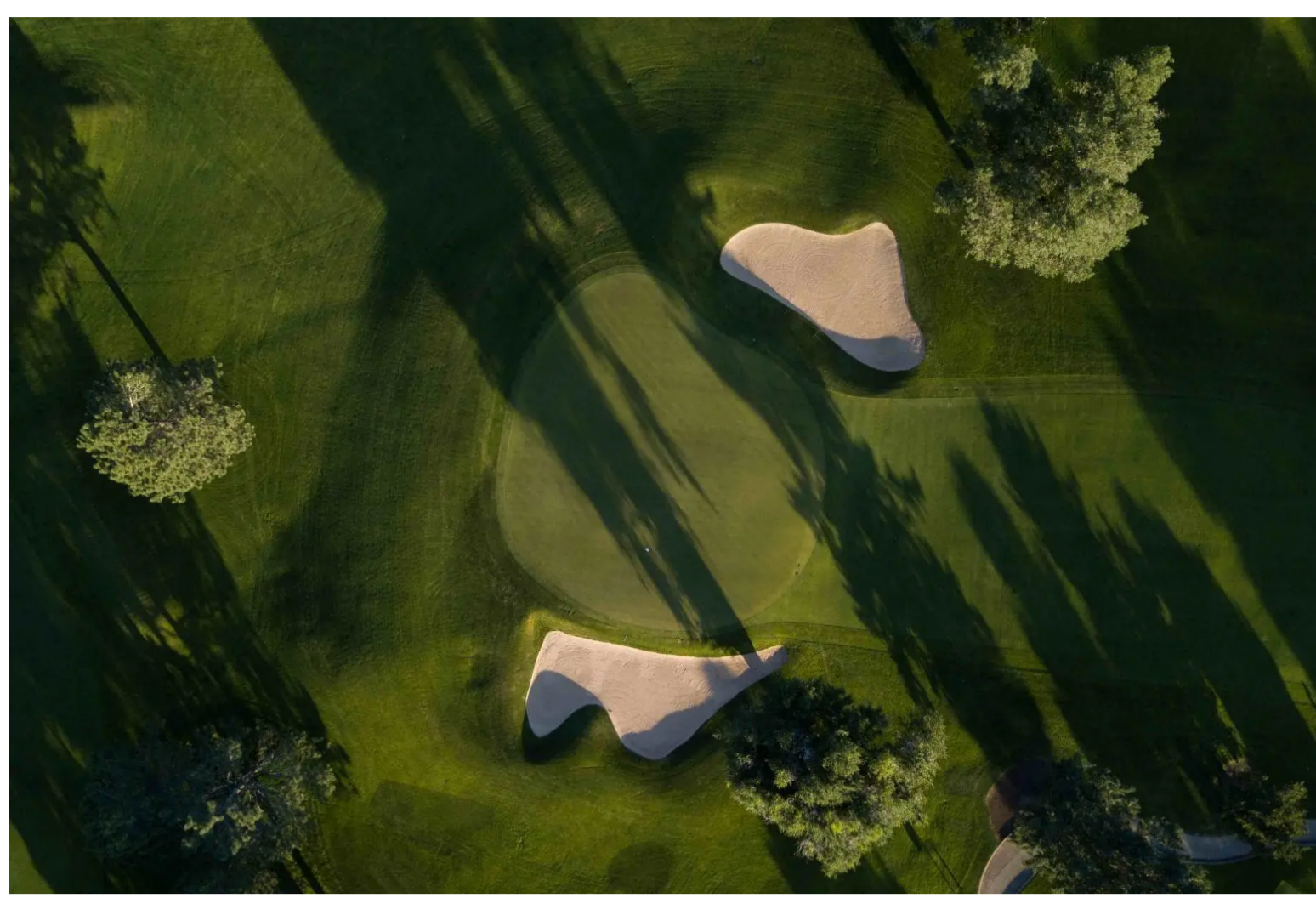




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No Fans For the Rest of 2020 TOUR Season

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No fans for the rest of the 2020 TOUR season became official after an announcement made on Monday before the season schedule, four PGA tournament organizers said that spectators would not be allowed on-site during these events.

Rise in cases result in no fans for the rest of 2020 TOUR season

This decision was due to the recent rise of COVID-19 cases across the country. The PGA TOUR's chief of tournaments, Andy Pazder, confirmed this in this statement, "Our No. 1 priority remains the health and safety of everyone in the communities where we are invited."

The organizers of the four tournaments in question, which feature the Wyndham Championship and three others making up the FedExCup, gave a separate statement on Monday about no fans for the rest of the 2020 TOUR season.

The TOUR Championship executive director, Allison Fillmore, commented, "These decisions are never easy." He added, "We would like to thank the City of Atlanta and PGA TOUR headquarters for their extensive collaboration as we arrived at what was the best decision for all involved with the TOUR Championship and the community."

The TOUR Championship has earlier been rescheduled for Sept. 4-7 taking place at the East Lake Golf Club, in the city of Atlanta. The Championship in previous years has been held after major tournaments, featuring the largest purses in the PGA Tour.

Memorial Tournament will now not have spectators

In the long run, other PGA Tour events won't kick off till a couple of months, and there is a very high possibility that the games will have no fans for the rest of 2020 TOUR Season. The Memorial Tournament featuring heavy hitters like Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy will be kicking off on Thursday. Earlier this tournament guaranteed clearance from health officials to welcome fans, but this decision has been revised due to the confirmed raise of the virus across the country.

Nevertheless, the announcement has nothing to do with the three major golf championship left this year, following the fact that the Championship scheduled for TPC. Harding Park, San Francisco has clearly said before now that there won't be hosting fans during the event.

The United States Open, which is to be held from Sept. 17-20, organized by the United States Golf Association, is yet to reveal their stand if there will allow spectators during the tournament. However, the USGA has earlier been speculated to hold the event allowing limited fan, but no official statement has been made yet.

The Masters' Tournament scheduled to hold from Nov 12-15 in Augusta, Ga., has also not revealed whether fans will be allowed – or prohibited.

The 2020 Ryder Cup

The Ryder Cup, a men golf competition dating back to the 1920s, has never been postponed. The 2020 season changed this course because the announcement revealed that the competition would be postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event which was earlier scheduled Sept. 25-27 with athletes from the United States and Europe is scheduled to be held Sept 24 to 26, 2021. The competition will still be held at Whistling Straits in Kohler as there were slated to host the event this year.

The PGA America's chief executive Seth Waugh gave a statement regarding this "Unlike other major sporting events that are played in existing stadiums, we had to make a decision now about building facilities to host the 2020 Ryder Cup at Whistling Straits" He added, "It became clear that as of today, our medical experts and the public authorities in Wisconsin could not give us the certainty that conducting an event responsibly with thousands of spectators in September would be possible."

Ryder Cup will now be postponed and affect 2023

The Ryder Cup is an event that alternates across sites in the United States and Europe. It has a reputation for pulling large spectators from this region, creating a distinctive atmosphere in golf. With fans not allowed into the golf tournaments across the world this summer, the idea of the competition not hosting spectators is a hard concept to grasp.

Because there will be no fans for the rest of 2020 TOUR season, fans and players have said they would prefer to postpone the event then to have no spectators.

This decision to postpone this year's Ryder Cup will have a long-run effect on other competitions like the President Cup, golf matches in the United States, and players featuring at the World minus Europe.

This was shown to have affected the 2022 season as well, has it turns out that the earlier scheduled 2022 Ryder cup with Rome hosting will now be held in 2023.

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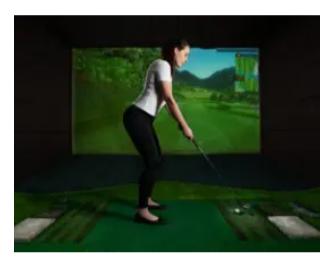


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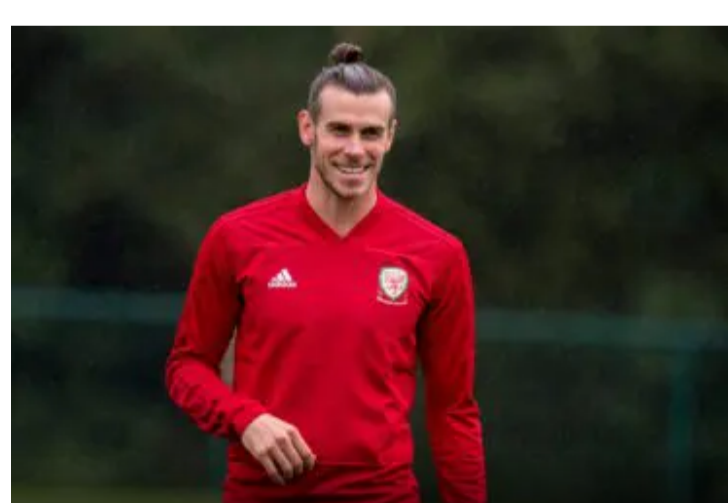
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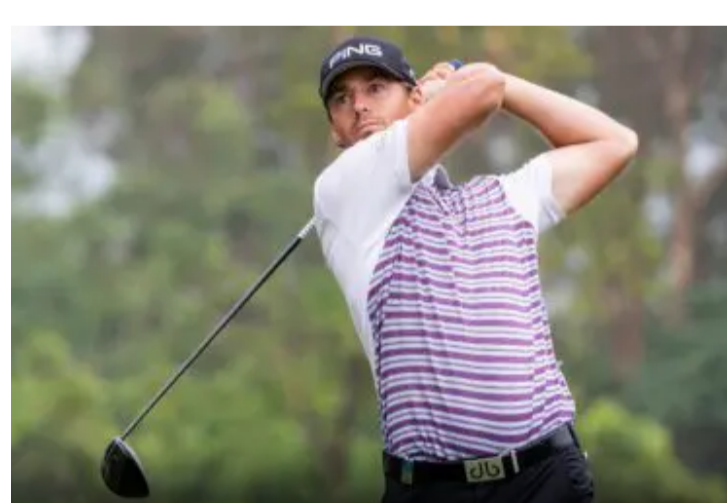
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