



43rd Ryder Cup: Covid Protocols Clarification

Protocols in the event a player testing positive for Covid

According to the Captains' Agreement, any player who tests positive for Covid, even while playing a match, is immediately ineligible for the remainder of that match and the remainder of the Ryder Cup.

Prior to the start of the matches

Team substitutions are permitted up until the teams are announced at the Opening Ceremony.

For Team USA, that player will be replaced by a Captain's pick.

For Team Europe, if the withdrawal is one of the four players qualified from the European Points List, he will be replaced by the fifth player from the European Points list. If that fifth player is already on the team from the World Points List, he will be deemed to have made the team from the European Points list and the replacement will be the next person from the World Points List. If that fifth player from the European Points List was a Captain's pick, he will be deemed to have qualified for the team through the European Points List and the replacement will be picked by the Captain. If the withdrawal is one of the five players who qualified from the World Points List, he will be replaced by the next player not already on the team from the World Points List. If that player is a Captain's pick, then he will be deemed to have qualified for the team through the World Points List and the replacement will be picked by the Captain. If the withdrawal is one of the three Captain's picks, then the Captain will pick the replacement.

After the Opening Ceremony

As not all players play in foursomes or fourballs, the Captain would select eight players for each session from 11 players instead of 12.

For the singles, it would be similar to the sealed envelope scenario which applies in the event of illness or injury, as set out in the Captains' Agreement. Such matches would be deemed tied.

In terms of multiple players testing positive, either from one team or on both teams, while not speculating on precise numbers, the exact details of the scenario would be assessed by both organizations in order to determine its impact on the overall playing of the Ryder Cup.