

2020 STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

THE PATRIOT GOLF CLUB; OWASSO, OK

July 21-23, 2020

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2019, the Oklahoma Golf Association Local Rules and Terms of Competition Card (Hard Card), Pace of Play Policy and Code of Conduct Policy (see reverse side), and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, which apply to this golf course.

Format: 18-hole Match Play.

Extending a Tied Match: If a match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.

- See **Rule 5.1** (an extended match is a continuation of the same *round*, not a new *round*)
- The holes are played in the same order as the *round*, unless the *Committee* sets a different order

Teeing Area: BLACK OGA Tee Markers

Out of bounds: On **hole #9 only**, the *out of bounds* is defined by the course side (right) edge of the cart path bordering the left side of the hole. Elsewhere, *out of bounds* is defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level of white stakes, white lines and property fence posts. A ball is *out of bounds* when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the *course*.

Penalty Areas: All *penalty areas* are marked with either red lines or yellow lines. All native areas on the course not marked with red or yellow lines are part of the *general area*.

Obstructions: include irrigation control boxes, water cooler boxes, tee signs, and other similar man-made structures.

- Fans located near *Putting Greens* are *immovable obstructions*, free relief is available only for interference with the *conditions affecting the stroke*. There is no relief for “*line of play*” interference.
- Railroad ties, curbing or other similar artificial edges adjoining cart paths are part of the same obstruction.
- Wood chip paths: are *immovable obstructions*. Individual wood chips are *loose impediments*.
- Decorative landscape areas (flowerbeds/shrubberies and including everything growing within that area) surrounded by an *Immovable Obstruction* are treated as a single *Abnormal Course Condition* when taking relief under **Rule 16.1**

Integral Objects: Large landscaping rocks and stacked rocks placed on the course are *Integral Objects* from which no free relief is available.

Rules Issues in Match Play: During Match Play Only - The players in a match may agree how to decide a Rules issue. The agreed outcome is conclusive even if it turns out to be wrong, so long as the players did not deliberately agree to ignore any Rule or penalty they knew applied. In the absence of a *referee*, if the players do not agree or have doubt about how the Rules apply, either player may request a ruling under **Rule 20.1b(2)**. The player requesting the ruling must inform his or opponent they will request a ruling from the *Committee* and must do so before either player begins the next hole.

Decisions by the Committee are final.

Rules Committee Members

Bob Phelps, Dane Williams, David Thompson, Charlie Jackson, Mark Felder and Derrick Vest

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

This Code of Conduct Policy applies to players and caddies, in all Championships, major activities, events and competitions conducted by The Oklahoma Golf Association (OGA), in addition to any other requirements set out in tournament conditions, local rules or by-laws of facilities hosting OGA events.

Each Player and Caddie in a competition must adhere to commonly accepted standards of golfing etiquette and sportsmanship. In order to ensure proper standards of behavior during a competition, a Player or Caddie who commits an offense under this Code of Conduct Policy may incur a penalty in accordance with the penalty structure displayed on the OGA Hard Card.

Violations of the Code of Conduct Policy include, but are not limited to:

VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE

- Verbal or physical abuse of any OGA volunteer, OGA staff, facility staff, spectators or any other person.
- Audible outbursts of vulgar or offensive language.

DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT OR PROPERTY

- Failure to care for course (e.g. not raking bunkers, not replacing divots, not repairing pitch marks).
- Throwing or damaging player equipment.
- Damage to the golf course or any other property.

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- Deliberately distracting other players while preparing for and making a stroke.
- Being disrespectful to other players, referees, or spectators.
- Violating the Host Facility's Dress Code or Rules and Regulations.
- Other such behavior that falls short of the standards of etiquette and behavior outlined in Rule 1.2a of the Rules of Golf.

AUDIO AND VIDEO USE

- Any use of audio or video must comply with Rule 4.3a(4).
- Using headphones or earphones to listen to audio is not permitted.
- Volume levels of any audio or video must not be a distraction to other players. The other players or a member of the Committee determine if the audio or video is a distraction.
- Audio or video that is audible or visible by other people must not be profane or offensive.

NOTE: The OGA Tournament Committee is the sole judge whether an act is a breach of this Code of Conduct Policy. Furthermore, the OGA Tournament Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 1.2a for acting contrary to the spirit of the game if it finds that the player has committed serious misconduct.

PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

SUMMARY

When a match takes more than the allotted time to play nine holes or eighteen holes, the players in the match may incur a penalty. In order to avoid such penalties, players must comply with the Guidelines.

THE RULE

Rule 5.6. Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play states: "A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes. To encourage and enforce prompt pace of play, the *Committee* has adopted the following Pace of Play Policy.

ALLOTTED TIME

Play is in groups of two (2). Each match is allotted: **13 minutes** to complete a par 3, **14 minutes** to complete a par 4, and **15 minutes** to complete a par 5 and **2 hour and 06 minutes** to complete 9 holes and **4 hours and 12 minutes** to complete 18 holes. When a match falls behind, for any reason, the match must regain its position. Time for ball searches, rulings, and walking between holes is included in the allotted time. A match is out of position when it takes more than the allotted time and A match that is out of position may be timed.

MONITORING OF PLAY AND VERIFICATION OF PACE

The Committee will have officials on the course to monitor pace of play, to verify the pace of groups when asked, and to advise players of any penalties they may have incurred. When the Committee determines that a match will be put "on the clock", the players will be notified by a Rules Rover. Each player is permitted a maximum of 40 seconds to make a stroke. A player who exceeds 40 seconds is considered to have made a bad time and will be informed as soon as possible. The timing of a player's stroke begins when it is the player's turn to play without interference. When "on the clock", the Committee may assess a bad time to a player who delays play between shots or holes. The Committee reserves the right to put a match, or individual player "on the clock" regardless of whether the match is out of position

PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES

The following is the penalty structure for players who receive bad times while being timed ("on the clock"):

1st bad time – warning; 2nd bad time – 1 shot penalty; 3rd bad time – loss of hole; 4th bad time – loss of hole; 5th bad time – Disqualification

If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous bad times will be carried over for the remainder of the match. Any player who incurs a bad time(s) will be reminded of the bad time(s) if the player or the match requires additional timing.

APPEALS

Before the result of the match is posted of the official scoreboard, a player who has been ASSESSED A PENALTY FOR THE BREACH OF THESE GUIDELINES may lodge an Appeal with the Rules Committee. The Committee will consider an Appeal only if:

- (a) The player was delayed by the Committee; or
- (b) The player was delayed by a circumstance beyond the control of the player or the match; or
- (c) The player was delayed by another player in the match.

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