



Muskogee  
Golf Club

**MUSKOGEE SPRING BREAK CLASSIC**  
MUSKOGEE GOLF CLUB; MUSKOGEE, OK  
March 15-16, 2021

**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 (see reverse side), and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, which apply to this golf course.

**Format:** 36 holes of Stroke Play.

**Ties:** In the event of a tie for 1st place following the 36 holes of stroke play, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off, immediately upon the completion of the second round, and will continue until the champion is determined. All other ties will be decided using the USGA score card matching method (Final round, last 9, last 6, last 3, last hole).

**Teeing Area:** Male contestants will play from the **Yellow OJGT** Tee Markers  
Female contestants will play from the **White OJGT** Tee Markers

**Out of Bounds:** is defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level of white posts and fence posts surrounding the course. Additionally,

- The line between the course-side edge of residential fence posts defines *Out of Bounds*.
- The course-side edge of street curbing of public access roads defines *Out of Bounds*.

**Ground Under Repair:** Large debris pile on hole #13 is *Ground Under Repair* and defined by white lines. Irrigation repairs areas encircled with rope and defined by outside edge of stakes.

**Immovable Obstruction:**

- 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:** The fence located in the Red *Penalty Area* right on Hole #1 and left on Hole #10 is not a boundary object but is designated as an Integral Object from which free relief is not available.

**Prohibiting use of Motorized Transportation:** Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. During a *round*, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation **except** as authorized or later approved by the *Committee*. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of *stroke and distance* is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.

**Prohibiting use of Audio and Video Devices:** Model Local Rule G-8 is in effect. Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device, except that such devices may be used to access weather related and tournament related information without penalty.

**Rules Issues in Stroke Play: During Stroke Play Only** – A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty under **Rule 20.1c(3) & (4)**. The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making stroke. The player must announce (1) that he or she will play two balls and (2) the ball he or she wishes to count if the Rules permit. The player must report the facts of the situation to the *Committee* before returning the scorecard, even if the player scores the same with both balls. The player is **disqualified** if he or she fails to do so.

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## 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 obscene 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.
- Deliberate or negligent behavior resulting in damage to the golf course or any other property.

### POOR ETIQUETTE AND SPORTSMANSHIP

- 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).
- During a round, using headphones or earphones to listen to audio is prohibited.
- Volume levels of any audio or video must not be a distraction to other players. The other players or a member of the Committee will determine if the audio or video is a distraction.
- Audio or video that is audible or visible by other people must not be obscene 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 group takes more than the allotted time to play nine holes or eighteen holes, all players in the group will incur penalty strokes. In order to avoid such penalties, players must comply with these Pace of Play 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 promote a prompt pace of play, the *Committee* has adopted the following Pace of Play Policy.

### ALLOTTED TIME

Play is in groups of three (3). Each group is allotted: **2 hours and 15 minutes** to complete their first nine holes, **2 hours and 15 minutes** to complete their second nine holes, and up to **4 hours and 30 minutes** to complete 18 holes. When a group falls behind, for any reason, the group must regain its position. Time for ball searches, rulings, and walking between holes is included in the allotted time.

### PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES

When a group is out of position at the completion of its first nine holes, each player in the group will incur a penalty of one stroke for a breach of these guidelines. The first group is out of position if it fails to complete play of its 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes within the allotted time. Any following group is out of position when it: (A) completes their first nine holes in longer than 2:15, or their second nine holes in longer than 2:15, or their 18<sup>th</sup> hole in longer than 4:30 **AND**, (B) is more than fourteen (14) minutes behind the group previously finished. When a group is out of position upon completion of its second 9 holes, each player in the group will incur a penalty of one stroke if it is the first breach of these guidelines **OR** a penalty of two strokes for a second breach (making a total penalty of three (3) strokes after a second breach in the same round.) Penalty strokes apply at the group's 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes and will be added to the scores for those holes. **It is not a prerequisite to the assessment of a penalty for an Official to first warn a slow player or group.**

### 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 upon completion of their 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. A player concerned about a non-responsive fellow competitor in his group should request a Rules Official to monitor the group in case the group incurs a penalty pursuant to these guidelines and wishes to appeal.

### APEALS

Before returning his scorecard, 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 group; or
- (c) The player was delayed by another player in the group.

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