

2021 SENIOR STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
MEADOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB; TULSA, OK
July 12-15, 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 and Code of Conduct Policy (see reverse side), and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, which apply to this golf course. Disregard any Local Rules found on course scorecard or signs posted for regular play.

Format: 18 holes of Stroke Play determines seedings for Match Play. Except for a tie for the 32nd spot (see below), all ties will be decided utilizing the USGA (last 9, 6, 3, 1, Holes) scorecard method. Top 32 players advance to Match Play to determine 2021 Senior State Amateur Champion.

Teeing Area: GOLD OGA Tee Markers

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*. The driving range, clubhouse and parking lot are not *Out of Bounds*.

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* (lie of ball, stance or area of swing). 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**

Dropping Zones: During play of the following holes only, if a ball is in the Red or Yellow Penalty Area, including when it is known or virtually that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the Red or Yellow Penalty Area, the player may take relief under Rule 17.1d or, as an extra option, he/she may drop a ball in the *Dropping Zone*. The *Dropping Zone* is a relief area under **Rule 14.3**.

Dropping Zone locations: **Hole #8** - Forward Teeing Area
 Hole #17 - Forward Teeing Area

Play-off to determine Match-Play Field: In the event of a tie for the last (32nd) spot after 18 holes of stroke play, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately upon the completion of the round, and will continue until the match play field is determined.

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 a 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.

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 and Steve Ramsey

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.

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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).
- 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 9th and 18th 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 18th 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 9th and 18th 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 9th and 18th 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.

APPEALS

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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