

## 2021 OKLAHOMA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 26-28, 2021

Oak Tree Country Club – East Course; Edmond, OK

### 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. Disregard any Local Rules found on course scorecard or signs posted for regular play.

**Format:** Low score following 54 holes of Stroke Play determines Champion. The field will be cut to the low 40 players plus ties after 36 holes of play.

**Teeing Area:** All contestants will play from the **BLACK** OGA 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 points, at ground level of white posts surrounding the driving range
- The course-side edge of residential fence posts and the course-side edge of curbing of public access roads. Brick (or similar) columns between fence posts are *Boundary Objects*.
- Where property fences consist of brick (or similar) columns and interspersed metal grating with no fence posts, the line between course-side edge of the brick columns at ground level defines *Out of Bounds*.
- A ball is *Out of Bounds* when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the *course*.
- Except a ball played from the *Teeing Area* on hole #2, a ball that crosses any public access road and comes to rest on another part of the course is *Out of Bounds*.
- On **Hole #12 only**, the outside edge of the cart path on the right side of the hole between the two white stakes defines *Out of Bounds*
- White stakes supersede both boundary and property line fences when both are present. When both stakes and lines are used to indicate out of bounds, the stakes identify out of bounds and the line defines out of bounds.

**Penalty Areas:** All *Penalty Areas* on the course are Red Penalty Areas. There are no Drop Zones designated for this competition.

#### **Immovable Obstructions:**

- Fans located near Putting Greens are *Immovable Obstructions*, free relief is available only for interference with the lie of ball, stance, or area of intended swing. There is no relief for “line of sight” interference.
- Railroad Ties, Curbing or Other Similar Artificial Edges adjoining cart paths are part of the same obstruction
- Asphalt and Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths: White lined areas of ground under repair tying into such roads or paths are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.
- 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:** All railroad ties and pilings located around *Bunkers* and within *Penalty Areas* are *Integral Objects* from which free relief is not available.

**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.

**Play-off Procedure:** In the event of a tie for the Championship, a hole-by-hole play-off will begin immediately following play on Hole #1 and, if still tied, will continue to holes #2-#18, repeated if necessary, until a Champion is determined.

**Decisions by the Committee are final.**

#### **Rules Committee Members**

Bob Phelps, Dane Williams, Mark Felder, Bob Ricks, Larry Burch and Devin Davenport

## 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. 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 the 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.

### 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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