



2022 MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
HILLCREST CC; BARTLESVILLE, OK
July 18-19, 2022

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: Low score following 36 holes of Stroke Play determines Champion.

Teeing Area: All contestants will play from the **BLACK OGA Tee Markers**

Out of Bounds: defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level of white stakes and fence posts surrounding the course. A ball is *out of bounds* when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the *course*. Additionally,

- Cemetery between Hole #12 and Hole #16 is *Out of Bounds*
- Clubhouse parking lot behind and right of #18 green is *Out of Bounds*

Penalty Areas: All *penalty areas* are marked with either red lines or yellow lines.

- Yellow Penalty Area on Hole #16 is designated as a *Red Penalty Area* during play of the Hole #15 Only.
- All native grass and dense wooded areas on the course not marked with red or yellow lines or stakes are not *Penalty Areas* and are part of the *General Area*.

Dropping Zone Hole #16: Only if a ball is in the Yellow Penalty Area on **Hole #16**, including when it is known or virtually that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the 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* located on the most forward tee. The *Dropping Zone* is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

Immovable Obstruction:

- 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.
- 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

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: In the event of a tie for 1st place only, a hole by hole playoff will commence immediately after all scores have been posted. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made at the public scoreboard upon completion of the final round.

Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the Oklahoma Golf Association Rules Committee



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.

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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.

Decisions by the Committee are final.

Rules Committee Members

Bob Phelps, Mark Felder, Jay Doudican, and John Hron