

Future Tour Championship

Saturday, June 1, 2024 & Sunday, June 2, 2024

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

The rules of the USGA will govern play along with the following local rules.

PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES -All age divisions except for boys ages 9 and under and girls ages 12 and under will play the ball as it lies. If your age group is allowed, you may improve your lie one scorecard length through the green, no closer to the hole except when in a Penalty Area

PACE OF PLAY -The pace of play guideline for this event will be as follows: A group must complete each hole in no more than 15 minutes. A group that becomes out of position on the course will receive a warning and each player in the group will be timed by a rule official. A player may not take more than 40 seconds to play a shot after arriving at their ball once the group is being timed. If a player is timed over the 40 second limit, he will be subject to a one stroke penalty for the first bad time, a two-stroke penalty for the second bad time and disqualified for the subsequent offense. Rule 5.6

OUT OF BOUNDS is defined by white stakes and/or white lines between stakes if so marked. Rule 18.2

YELLOW PENALTY AREAS are defined by yellow stake and yellow lines. Rule 17.1

RED PENALTY AREAS are defined by red stakes and red lines. Rule 17.1

GROUND UNDER REPAIR is defined by enclosed white lines. Rule 16.1

1st, 17th and 18th Tees - The bricks & railroad ties supporting these tees are treated as immovable obstructions. Rule 16.1

HOLES 6 and 14-The artificial banks of the bunker, i.e., the wooden planks, are deemed to be an integral part of the course and thus are not obstructions.

FLOWER BEDS ENCIRCLED BY ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND RAILROAD TIES-Are deemed to be part of the obstruction.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY -will be signaled by one long blast of an air horn. Resumption of play will be signaled by two blasts. You must discontinue play immediately once play has been suspended.

ONE BALL RULE - is NOT in effect.

MAXIMUM SCORE - Boys 8- 9, Boys 7 and under, Girls 10 -12, and Girls 9 and under age groups the maximum score on a hole is ten strokes. Once you have reached ten strokes, pick up the ball and move to the next hole.

TIME OF STARTING- If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant.

waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 5.3, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE-Rule 20.1c. If a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, play a second ball. After the situation which caused the doubt has arisen, the competitor should, before taking further action, announce to his marker or a fellow competitor his decision to invoke this rule and the ball with which he will score if the rules permit.

CADDIES- Caddies are allowed only in the Girls 12 and under and the Boys 11 and under age divisions.

-- **TRANSPORTATION** -Players will always walk during the stipulated round and during Friday's practice round. Players in age groups 9 and under for boys and 12 and under for girls, may be shuttled between green and tee of next hole.

PROPER ATTIRE -All players shall wear proper golf attire while on club property.

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CLOSE OF COMPETITION - The competition shall be deemed to have closed when trophies have been presented for your age division.

-PLAYOFF - A tie for the 1st place in each division will be played off hole by hole until a winner is determined. Starting hole will be determined by the head rules official. Other ties will be decided by matching scorecards. The USGA recommended method for deciding scorecard ties will be used. YARDAGES on sprinkler heads are measured to the center of the green.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES - USGA approved devices are allowed. In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), **THE PLAYER MUST disable or it is a serious breach of rule 4.3, for which the penalty is Disqualification.**

CONTINUE PUTTING RULE - For age divisions 9 & under girls, and 7 & under Boys, once a player putts, he/she should continue putting until the ball is holed.

NO CELL PHONES WILL BE ALLOWED DURING COMPETITION

PRACTICE- No practice is allowed on the course during or between a competitive round. RULE 6.4

RELIEF FROM BUNKERS and PENALTY AREAS - Boys aged 7 and under and girls aged 9 and under will be allowed to drop out of all Bunkers and Penalty Areas without penalty. When dropping out of a Bunker, use the nearest white drop circle. When dropping from Penalty Areas, use the point the ball last crossed the margin of the Penalty Area and drop within two club-lengths of that spot. ANT BEDS are played as ground under repair. You may take relief no closer to the hole after you clear the condition.

RULES COMMITTEE – Jim Dorman, PGA - Head Rules Official. Miss. Golf Association Rules Committee. Other rules committee members will be wearing yellow shirts. These are the ONLY people with the authority to give rulings.