

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

Play is governed by the 2019 Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A, its clarifications and interpretations, 2020 Texas Golf Association Local Rules and Terms of the Competition ('Hard Card') and where applicable, the following Local Rules. All Local Rules listed on Walnut Creek Country Club scorecards, notice boards or posted on the course are **not** in effect for this championship. Unless otherwise noted below, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

1. **Format:** The sectional qualifying is scheduled for 18 holes of individual stroke play. Players are competing for 8 qualifying spots and 4 alternate positions.
2. **Tees:** Play will be contested from the Walnut Creek Country Club 'Gold' tee markers.
3. **Automotive Transportation:** Players may walk or ride in sectional qualifying at their discretion. Carts are limited to two (2) riders at a time and two (2) carts per group. **While there is more than one player in a cart, facemasks MUST be worn.** Players are allowed to place their clubs on the cart and walk without having to wear a facemask. **Caddies are required to walk at all times.** Violations or intentional disregard will be considered a breach of the TGA Code of Conduct. For more information, see the updated [TGA Covid-19 Championship Guidelines](#).
4. **Playoffs:** Ties for the last qualifying spot and alternate positions will be broken by a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff. There will be no playoff for medalist. The playoff will begin immediately after all scores have been approved and posted online by TGA. **All announcements pertaining to the playoff will be made at the scoring area by #18 Green.**
5. **Scoring:** Scores must be attested and verified verbally immediately after completing the qualifying round to the designated TGA scoring area, which is located behind #18 Putting Green. The scorecard is considered returned when the player verbally approved what is online/tv.
6. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to the items listed on the 2020 Texas Golf Association Hard Card, Out of Bounds is defined by:
 - a) White Stakes and lines/dots;
 - b) Paved Roadways;
 - c) Property Fencing;
 - d) Barb-wire fencing next to and behind #8 green;
 - e) Split-Rail fencing surrounding #9 green;

Note: A ball that crosses a public roadway defined as a boundary and comes to rest beyond that boundary is deemed to be out of bounds even if it lies on another part of the golf course.

7. **Flagsticks:** Flagsticks may not be touched or removed. Violations or intentional disregard will be considered a breach of the TGA Code of Conduct. For more information, see the [TGA Covid-19 Championship Guidelines](#).
 8. **Bunkers:** When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:
 - a) Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
 - b) Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One club-length, the reference point, **but** with these limits:
 - c) Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - o Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - o Must be in the bunker.
- In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.
9. **Penalty Areas:** When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out of bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out of bounds. *Note:* When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect and modifies the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.
 10. **Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions):** The following are treated as Immovable Obstructions with free relief available under 16.1 if there is interference:
 - a) **Decorative Stones, rock formations, and walking paths adjacent** to cart paths are treated to be a part of the same obstruction (See item D for loose rocks/gravel)
 - b) **Flower Beds/Landscaped Areas** that are completely encircled by an obstruction or white line.
 - c) **Concrete Drains** on holes #3, 17, 18 (primarily) are treated to be immovable obstructions whether or not they contain (temporary) water.
 - d) **Loose rocks/Gravel** are **NOT** treated as immovable obstructions, they are part of the General Area.

11. **Doubt as to Procedure:** If a competitor is in doubt as to a procedure under the rules and a referee is not proximately available, to avoid delay he may play a second ball under Rule 20.1c(3). He **must** report the facts to the Committee before returning his scorecard, otherwise he is subject to **disqualification**.
12. **Evacuation Procedure:** In case of a dangerous situation or suspension of play, players will evacuate the golf course and return to the main clubhouse for further instructions.
13. **Pace of Play:** The established Pace of Play for Walnut Creek Country Club is 4:42 hours for 18 holes.