

**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 Sugar Creek CC scorecards, notice boards or posted on the course are **not** in effect for this qualifier. 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 **7 qualifying spots** and **4 alternate positions**.
2. **Tees:** Play will be contested from the **Black Sugar Creek CC** 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. 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 scoreboard/scoring area.**
5. **Scoring:** Scores must be attested and verified verbally immediately after completing the qualifying round to the designated TGA scoring area, which is located by the practice 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 the inside edge/curbing (golf course side) of:
  - White lines and utility boxes marked "OB"; and
  - The course side edge of the **curbing along the parking lot** on hole #18.When white stakes are in front of fence posts, the white stakes define Out of Bounds.
7. **Immovable Obstructions: Include**, but are not limited to:
  - all **artificially surfaced paths**, including any adjacent curbing or rocks;
  - Pumphouse to the right of hole #1 green; and
  - Halfway House behind hole #9 green and Restrooms.
8. **Putting Green Edging Grooves:** The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of Putting Greens are Ground Under Repair. If a ball lies in or touches a groove or if the groove interferes with the area of the area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b when the ball lies in the General Area or Rule 16.1d if the ball is on the putting green. But interference does not exist if the edging groove only interferes with the player's stance.
9. **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](#).
10. **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:
  - **Reference Point:** Spot of the original ball.
  - **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** One club-length, the reference point, **but** with these limits:
  - **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**
    - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
    - 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.
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, 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 **4:40 off hole #1** and **4:41 off hole #10** for 18 holes.