

QUALIFYING – TEXAS MID-AMATEUR

Bentwater Yacht & Country Club – Miller Course | July 27, 2020 | Montgomery, TX



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 Bentwater Y&CC 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 **9 qualifying spots** and **3 alternate positions**.
2. **Tees:** Play will be contested from the **Bentwater 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 can place their clubs on the cart and walk without having to wear a facemask. Spectators may **not** ride in carts unless in an approved TGA Medical Cart. 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. It is the player's responsibility to be present for the playoff. **All announcements pertaining to the playoff will be made at the 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 adjacent to the clubhouse. The scorecard is considered returned when the player verbally approved what is online/TV.
6. **Out of Bounds:** Out of bounds is defined by white stakes, fence posts, parking lot and roadways.
 - White lines, white dots, white stakes and the golf course side at ground level of residential fence posts (including large brick fence posts). When white stakes are adjacent to the corner fence posts of a discontinuous residential fence, they tie into the residential corner fence post for defining out of bounds:
 - A row of white stakes inside (golf course side) of a residential fence define the out of bounds.
 - The inside edge/curbing (golf course side) of public paved roadways; and
 - The fence posts of the split rail fence behind the 18th Green;

Note: A ball that cross a paved roadway and comes to rest on another part of the golf course is still deemed to be Out of Bounds.
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. **Immovable Obstructions:** Include, but are not limited to:
 - Large diameter rock (bull rock) adjacent to immovable obstructions, such as cart path or drainage grates, are part of the obstruction even if not marked.
 - Large areas of embedded rock (bull rock) in the rough placed for erosion control (such as, left of the 2nd hole fairway) are considered an Immovable obstructions.
9. **Ground under Repair:** Areas in the General Area and purposely not covered by grass (areas of the rough) are subject to sever washouts. Relief from **sever** washouts **may** be available as ground under repair (Rule 16.1d). If the player's ball lies in such an area or the area interferes with the path of his intended swing, he may:
 - Obtain a ruling pertaining to the availability free relief from a nearby Referee; or
 - If a Referee is not readily available, play two balls under Rule 20.1c(3) and take pictures of the lie of the ball in the area where availability of relief is questioned.
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 **disqualified**. **Should you need assistance, please contact OIC.**
12. **Evacuation Procedure:** Players are to evacuate the golf course to the clubhouse for instructions.
13. **Pace of Play:** The established Pace of Play for Bentwater Y&CC Miller Course is 4:35 for 18 holes.