

TEXAS MID-AMATEUR MATCH PLAY

Willow Brook CC – July 23-26, 2020



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 Willow Brook 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:** 18 holes of stroke play qualifying. Low 32 players will advance to match play portion of championship. Should there be a tie for the last qualifying spot, there will be a sudden death playoff to determine the last position for match play.
2. **Tees:** Players will play from the **white rectangular** TGA tee markers.
1. **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 not permitted.** 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](#).
2. **Playoff:** Ties for the last position into Match Play will be broken by a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff. There will be no playoff for medalist. The playoff will begin promptly at 5:00 PM. **All announcements pertaining to the playoff will be made at the scoring area by #18 Green.**
3. **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.
4. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to the items listed on the 2020 Texas Golf Association Hard Card, Out of Bounds is defined by the inside edge/curbing (golf course side) of:
 - a. Inside Edge (golf course side) of parking lot to the left and behind #9 and to the left of #10;
 - b. The maintenance fencing left of #9.
5. **Dropping Zone:** If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the yellow penalty area surrounding the green at hole #15, that player may proceed under Rule 17.1, or as an additional option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke in the dropping zone.
 - a. Hole #15 – Forward teeing ground, approx. 94 yards

Note: Disregard any other dropping zones used by Willow Brook CC for member play.
6. **Practice Areas:** The practice areas (left of #1 and right of #16) are deemed to be in the general area. The practice putting greens are deemed to be a wrong green, from which relief is MANDATORY under Rule 13.1f. The bunkers in the practice areas are deemed to be ground under repair in the general area. The range itself is in the general area and not part of the practice area.
7. **No Play Zones:** In each of the below cases, relief is **Mandatory** under Rule 16.
 - Newly planted sod on #8 and #18 is deemed to be Ground Under Repair.
 - The croquet turf to the right of #9 fairway is also deemed to be Ground Under Repair.
 - The turf nursery left of #13 Green is Ground Under Repair.
8. **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](#).
9. **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:
 - i. 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.
10. **Doubts 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**.
11. **Pace of Play:** Play should be played at a prompt pace under *Rule 5.6b*. **The established Pace of Play for Willow Brook CC is 4:29.** The time to complete each hole is printed on the scorecard. See the reverse side of official scorecard for TGA Pace of Play Policy.