

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 Bentwood 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 tournament is scheduled for 54 holes of individual stroke play. After 36 holes, the Championship, Senior and Super Senior Division will be cut to the low 72 players (and ties), with a pro-rated representation from each division. The pro-rated representation will be as followed: Championship, top 42 and ties, Senior, top 21 and ties, Super Senior, top 9 and ties.
2. **Tees:** The Championship Division will play from the TGA White Rectangular tee markers. The Senior Division will play from the TGA Blue Circular tee markers. The Super Senior Division will play from the White Bentwood CC tee markers.
3. **Automotive Transportation:** Players are encouraged to ride during all rounds of the West Texas Amateur. 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. Intentional disregard will be considered a breach of the Code of Conduct.
4. **Caddies:** Caddies are not allowed during any Tournament Rounds.
5. **Scoring/Playoffs:** Scores must be attested and verified verbally immediately after completing the round to the designated TGA scoring area, which is located adjacent to the Scoreboard/Practice Putting Green. The scorecard is considered returned when the player verbally approved what is online/tv. There will be no playoffs for any Division in the West Texas Amateur.
6. **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 paved roadways and parking lots;
 - White posts, stakes and lines.
 - Property Fence; When a property fence lies on top of an obstruction, that obstruction defines Out of Bounds
 The "DIG" (Dotted/Dash line) right of #6 fairway/green does not define out of bounds, it is the white stakes itself.
Note: A ball that crosses a roadway defined as a boundary and comes to rest beyond that boundary is deemed to be out of bounds even if that ball may lie on another part of the course.
7. **No Play Zones:** All flower beds and ornamental plantings located in the General Area, are treated as No Play Zones from which play is prohibited. Relief is MANDATORY under Rule 16.1f.
8. **Mulch:** Mulch is treated as a loose impediment. A player must not deliberately remove a loose impediment that, if moved when the ball was at rest, would have been likely to have caused the ball to move. If the player does so, he gets a one penalty stroke, but the removed loose impediment does not need to be replaced.
9. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines:** If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent elevated power line or cable during the play of a hole, the stroke does not count. The player MUST play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.
10. **Stones/Decorative Rocks Adjacent to Cart Paths:** Stones and Decorative Rocks located adjacent/coincide to cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction. Relief without penalty is available under Rule 16. Stones/small pebbles not located adjacent to cart paths are loose impediments in the General Area.
11. **Green Complex Expansion Project:** Areas of the green that are being attempted to cut to green height is the putting green. Due to the expansion project, Bentwood CC is mowing areas to the new green size and will prepare them as such. If your ball is not on an area that is being prepared in this manner, your ball is off of the putting green.
12. **Obstructions on Putting Greens:** If a player's ball is on the putting green and there is interference by an obstruction, the player may take FREE relief by placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief. The nearest point of complete relief must be either on the putting green or in the general area. If there is no such nearest point of complete relief, the player may still take this free relief by using the point of maximum relief as the reference point, which must be either on the green or in the general area.
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **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**.
16. **Pace of Play:** The established Pace of Play for Bentwood Country Club is 4:39 hours for 18 holes.