

QUALIFYING – TEXAS MID-AMATEUR

Fair Oaks Ranch Golf & Country Club (Live Oak) | August 1 | Fair Oaks Ranch, 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 Fair Oaks Ranch 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 **3 alternate positions**.
- 2. Tees:** Play will be contested from the **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. The playoff will take place no earlier than 6:45 pm.**
- 5. Scoring:** Scores must be attested and verified verbally immediately after completing the qualifying round to the designated TGA scoring area, which is behind 18 green. The scorecard is considered returned when the player verbally approved what is online/TV.
- 6. 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](#).
- 7. Out of Bounds:** In addition to the items listed on the 2019 Legends Junior Tour Hard Card, Out of Bounds is defined by:
 - **Line between the course side points at ground level** of the following: **a)** white pvc posts; **b)** green posts connected by chain link (Hole 9, Hole 10 & Hole 18); **c)** walls and fencing that are tied in by white pvc posts or stakes;
 - Internal Out of Bounds - Hole #4 (See item 8 below);
 - Course side edge/curbing at ground level of roads and parking lots.

Note 1: White pvc posts and stakes define the boundary when they are located in front of property fencing and walls.

Note 2: 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 it lies on another area of the course.

- 8. Internal Out of Bounds – Hole 4:** For the play of **Hole 4 only**, there is internal out of bounds. Out of bounds on the right side of the hole is defined by the line between the Hole 4-side points at ground level of the white and green-topped posts. For the play of Hole 5, the white and green-topped stakes are deemed to be obstructions from which relief without penalty is available under Rule 16.
- 9. Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas – Hole 13 & 16:** If, during play of the below listed holes, a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found lies in the Yellow Penalty Area, the player may:
 - a. Proceed under Rule 17.1d; or
 - b. as an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the designated Dropping Zone:
 - i. *Hole 13 – left fairway by pond; Hole 16 – forward tee.*
- 10. Decorative Rock Formations:** In the general area, man-made rock formations are deemed to be obstructions. Areas include but are not limited to stone beds and areas surfaced with crushed granite. Areas that are directly adjacent or completely encircled by a cart path, are deemed to be part of the same obstruction. Relief without penalty is available under Rule 16.
- 11. 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.

- 12. 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 Ian Davis – 636-328-3242.**
- 13. Evacuation Procedure:** Players are to evacuate the golf course to the clubhouse for instructions.
- 14. Pace of Play:** The established Pace of Play for Fair Oaks Ranch (Live Oak) is 4:33 for 18 holes.