

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 Bay Oaks 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 **4 qualifying spots** and **2 alternate positions**.
2. **Tees:** Play will be contested from the **Blue** Bay Oaks CC tees.
3. **Automotive Transportation:** Players may walk or ride in sectional qualifying at their discretion. 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, property fence posts, parking lot and roadways.
 - The driving range to the right of hole #18 is Out of Bounds.
 - **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. **Obstructions:** Obstructions include but are not limited to the items listed below, and relief is available under Rule 16. When an obstruction is directly adjacent to or abutting another obstruction, both are considered the same obstruction.
 - Utility boxes throughout the golf course in the general area; and
 - Drain basins throughout the golf course in the general area.
8. **Penalty Areas:** The following red penalty areas listed below are defined only on one side and extend to infinity.
 - Penalty area to the right of holes #2, 3 and 4; and
 - Penalty area to the left of hole #13.
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 readily 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 Alex Michalak (815-325-4343).**
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 Bay Oaks CC is **4:32** for 18 holes.