

Texas Four-Ball

August 21-23, 2020 | Bentwater Yacht & Country Club (Weiskopf Course) | 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, 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 the Bentwater Yacht & Country Club scorecards, notice boards or posted on the course are **not** in effect for this championship. Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

- 1. Tees:** The Championship Division will play from the **White Rectangular** TGA tee markers. Senior Division will play from the **Blue Circular** TGA tee markers. Super Senior Division will play from the **Green Circular** TGA tee markers.
- 2. Format:** 54 holes of Four-Ball stroke play with separate champions being crowned in each division. At the conclusion of 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low 40 teams (and ties), with a pro-rated representation from each division. *Pro-rated Cut: Champ – 24 teams & ties, Senior – 10 teams & ties, Super Senior – 6 teams & ties.*
- 3. Automotive Transportation:** Players are encouraged to ride throughout the Championship. Carts are limited to two (2) riders at a time and two (2) carts per group. **When riding in a shared cart both players must wear a face covering or mask. Spectators must walk at all times.**
- 4. Procedure for Ties:** Should there be a tie for 1st Place, the tie will be broken by a sudden death playoff after all scores have been officially verified and posted by the TGA. For all other ties, merchandise credit and TGA Player of the Year points will be split.
- 5. Scoring:** **Each score on the scorecard must be clearly identified as the score of the individual partner who made it;** if this is not done, the side is **disqualified**. Scores must be attested and verbally submitted to the designated scoring area immediately following play. The scoring areas are located **adjacent to 9th and 18th putting greens.**
- 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. Ball Holed:** There are foam inserts in the bottom of the holes. The ball must be holed for the score to count.
- 8. 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 from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
 - **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**
 - i. Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - ii. 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.
- 9. Out of Bounds:** Per the TGA Hard Card, the inside (course side) point at ground level of (a) white stakes and fence posts (white PVC pipes **do not** identify Out of Bounds). In addition, (a) split rail fence posts that are tied into white stakes or fences; (b) white dots and lines; and (c) the course side edge of public roads and parking lots.
 - *Note: A ball coming to rest on or beyond the road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.*
- 10. 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.
 - The concrete drainage to the left of hole 6.
 - The single rail fence that crosses the fairway of hole 9 and hole 10.
- 11. Practice Putting Green:** The practice putting green located behind the putting green of hole 9 is a wrong green and relief **must** be taken under Rule 13.1f.
- 12. Doubt as to procedure:** If you are uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole, and a referee is not immediately available, you may complete the hole with two balls under Rule 20.1c(3). The player **must** report the facts to the Committee before the verbal verification of the scorecard.
- 13. Pace of Play:** Play should be played at a prompt pace under Rule 5.6b. The established Pace of Play for the Bentwater Yacht & Country Club Weiskopf course is **4:34** (off both hole 1 & hole 10) for 18 holes. See the Player Information Packet for the TGA Pace of Play Guidelines.