

# 111<sup>th</sup> TEXAS AMATEUR

Boot Ranch | August 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | Fredericksburg, TX

## Notice to Players

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Play is governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A Rules Limited, its Clarifications, 2020 Texas Golf Association Local Rules and Terms of Competition ('Hard Card') and where applicable, the following Local Rules. All local rules listed on Boot Ranch scorecards, posted on notice boards or posted on the course **are not in effect** for this tournament.

1. **Format:** The competition is scheduled for 72 holes of stroke-play; at the conclusion of 36 holes, the field will be reduced to the low 54 players and ties.
2. **Tees:** All players will compete from the white (rectangular) Texas Golf Association tee markers.
3. **Procedure for Ties:** In the event of a tie for the 111<sup>th</sup> Texas Amateur, a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff will be contested upon the verification of all scores. All other ties for Merchandise Awards and TGA Player of the Year points will be split.
4. **Automotive Transportation:** Players and their caddies **must walk at all times** during the practice round and all stipulated rounds of the championship, unless being shuttled by a member of the Committee or authorized shuttle. Push/pull carts will be permitted, but players are responsible for supplying their own.
5. **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](#).
6. **Holed:** A ball must be holed for the score to count. Should a ball hit the foam insert and come to rest outside the hole, the ball is **not considered holed**.
7. **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:
  - c. **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.
8. **Out of Bounds:** Defined by line between the course-side points, at ground level, of (a) white stakes and (b) fence posts. In addition, the (c) non-course side edge of the cart path between two white stakes, adjacent to the house on the left side of Hole 10, and (d) the course side edge of public roads. *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.*
9. **Dropping Zone – Hole 12:** Located on the forward tee on the left, approximately 150 yards from the middle of the green. Refer to the 2020 Texas Golf Association 'Hard Card', item 2b.
10. **Red Penalty Area – Hole 9:** The red penalty area on Hole 9 defined on only one side extends to infinity.
11. **Lot Signs & Natural Wood Posts:** Lot signs and natural wood posts do not define Out of Bounds and are deemed to be obstructions.
12. **No Play Zone – Hole 11:** The grave site on the left of Hole 11 is a no play zone. Relief must be taken under Rule 16.1f.
13. **Practice Areas:** All practice areas (including driving range and practice holes) are designated practice areas on the course. Practice greens are deemed to be wrong greens and if interference exists, relief must be taken under Rule 13. Bunkers adjacent to practice areas are deemed to be ground under repair in the general area; Relief is available under Rule 16.
14. **Artificially Surfaced Paths:** All gravel and stone pathways are obstructions. Relief is available under Rule 16.
15. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions:** Tents, signage and other temporary structures installed for this championship are deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions. The Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. "Either side" clause e (2) relief is allowed in addition to the relief options allowed under Clauses b and c of this Local Rule.
16. **Rules Questions:** 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 without penalty under Rule 20.1c(3). The player **must** report the facts to the Committee before the verbal verification of the scorecard; otherwise he is **disqualified**.
17. **Pace of Play:** The established Pace of Play for Boot Ranch is 4:39 for 18 holes. Refer to Player Packet for Pace of Play Policy.

Texas Golf Association Rules Committee

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