**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 Oak Hills 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. **Tees:** Play will be contested from the white rectangular TGA tee markers.
2. **Automotive Transportation:** Players may walk or ride at their discretion during the championship. 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 and caddies 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](https://www.txga.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/09/TGA-Championship-Guidelines-v.4-COVID-19-Information-09-02-2020.pdf).
3. **Procedure for Ties:** In the event of a tie for the championship, a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff will be conducted immediately after all scores have been verified by the Committee. All other ties for merchandise awards and Player of the Year points will be split.
4. **Scoring:** Scores must be attested and verified verbally immediately after completing the round at the designated TGA scoring area. Scoring areas are located adjacent to Hole 9 and Hole 18 Putting Greens. The scorecard is considered returned when the player verbally approved what is online/TV.
5. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts, Out of Bounds is also defined by:
	1. walls;
	2. white metal poles (*chain links attached to the poles are boundary objects*);
	3. the course-side edge of the white paint dots along the cart path behind the Putting Green of Hole 9, Hole 10 tee, the Putting Green of Hole 18, and the practice Putting Green.
6. **Integral Objects:** In addition to the integral objects listed on the TGA Local Rules & Terms of the Competition (‘Hard Card’), the service road and its retaining wall adjacent to the property fence right of Hole 3 is an integral object where free relief is not available for interference. The player may play the ball as it lies or may choose to take an unplayable under Rule 19.2.
7. **No Play Zone – Hole 5:** The flower bed encircled by decorative stone behind the Putting Green of Hole 5 is a No Play Zone defined as Ground Under Repair. If the player has interference from the No Play Zone or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found lies in the area, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f, the player may without penalty:
	1. proceed under Rule 16.1; or
	2. as an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball in the corresponding numbered Dropping Zone. Please note that the No Play Zone is divided in half by the blue stake and blue dot and numbered.
8. **Dropping Zone – Hole 13:** If during the play of Hole 13, a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball has not been found lies in the Yellow Penalty Area, the player has these relief options, each for penalty of one stroke:
	1. proceed under Rule 17.1, or
	2. as an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball, in the designated Dropping Zone on the forward tee, approximately 160 yards from the center of the Putting Green. The Dropping Zone is defined by white dots.
9. **Animal Hoof Damage:** Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hooves is Ground Under Repair from which relief is available under Rule 16.1. On the Putting Green, Rule 16.1 does not apply as such damage may be repaired under Rule 13.1.
10. **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**.
11. **Pace of Play:** The round should be played at a prompt pace under Rule 5.6b. The established pace of play for Oaks Hills Country Club is **4:35** for 18 holes.