

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, 2021 USGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition ('Hard Card') and where applicable, the following Local Rules. All Local Rules listed on Diamond Oaks Country Club's scorecards, notice boards or posted on the course are **not** in effect for this qualifier. Unless otherwise noted below, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

1. **Format:** The qualifying round is scheduled for 18 holes of individual stroke play. Players are competing for **X qualifying spots** and **2 alternate positions**.
2. **Tees:** Play will be contested from the **White USGA Tee Markers**.
3. **Transportation:** Players and caddies must walk during the round. Players or caddies may accept a ride when acting under the direction of a Rules Official.
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 USGA scoring area, which is located by the back of the clubhouse. The scorecard is considered returned when the player verbally approved what is online/TV and has left the scoring area.
6. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to the items listed on the 2021 USGA Hard Card, Out of Bounds is defined by the inside edge/curbing (golf course side) of:
 - The Practice Area located between hole #8 and #9
 - Protective netting
 - The maintenance area located between holes #3 and #4
7. **Obstructions:** The following are deemed to be obstructions for which relief is available without penalty under Rule 16.1:
 - Exposed bunker liners for lie of ball and area of intended swing only, not stance
 - Electrical boxes
 - Concrete flumes
 - On-course restrooms/water coolers adjacent to paths
8. **Decorative Planted Areas:** Planted areas that are surrounded by stones or cart paths are considered an abnormal course condition. **RELIEF IS MANDATORY** under Rule 16.1.
9. **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). The competitor **must** report the facts to the Committee before returning his/her scorecard, otherwise he/she is **disqualified**.
10. **Pace of Play:** The established Pace of Play for Diamond Oaks Country Club is 4:35 for 18 holes.