

U.S. SENIOR OPEN QUALIFYING

THE WOODLANDS COUNTRY CLUB (PLAYER COURSE) | SPRING, TX
JUNE 2, 2021



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

1. **FORMAT:** USGA RULES WILL GOVERN ALL PLAY, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT. 18 HOLES OF STROKE PLAY COMPETITION TO DETERMINE THE **2 QUALIFYING SPOTS AND 2 RANKED ALTERNATE POSITIONS.**
2. **ONE BALL CONDITION:** LOCAL RULE AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8 OF THE COMMITTEE PROCEDURES IS IN EFFECT. MODEL LOCAL RULE G-4.
3. **TIES:** THE LAST QUALIFYING POSITION OR AN ALTERNATE POSITION SHALL BE DECIDED BY A HOLE-BY-HOLE PLAYOFF IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LAST SCORE HAS BEEN APPROVED AND POSTED. ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE AT THE PUBLIC SCOREBOARD.
4. **SCORING:** SCORECARDS MUST BE ATTESTED AND RETURNED IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETEING YOUR ROUND TO THE DESIGNATED SCORING AREA BEHIND THE 18TH GREEN.
5. **TRANSPORTATION:** EXCEPT WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMITTEE, PLAYERS AND CADDIES **MUST** WALK AT ALL TIMES DURING THE ROUND. PUSH/PULL CARTS ARE PERMITTED. SPECTATOR CARTS ARE **NOT** ALLOWED.
6. **TEES:** PLAYERS WILL BEGIN PLAY AT EACH HOLE FROM THE **USGA** TEE MARKERS.
7. DURING QUALIFYING ROUNDS, **ELECTRONIC-DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES TO MEASURE DISTANCE ONLY IS ALLOWED.**

RULES OF PLAY

THIS INFORMATION SUPPLEMENTS THE USGA LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION – USGA “HARD CARD”. DISREGARD ANY LOCAL RULES FOUND ON COURSE SCORECARD OR SIGNS POSTED FOR REGULAR PLAY.

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** DEFINED BY WHITE STAKES OR LINES, THE INSIDE EDGE OF PERIMETER FENCE POSTS AND THE INSIDE EDGE/CURBING (GOLF COURSE SIDE) OF PAVED ROADWAYS AND PARKING LOTS. A BALL THAT CROSSES A PUBLIC ROAD DEFINED AS OUT OF BOUNDS AND COMES TO REST BEYOND THAT ROAD IS OUT OF BOUNDS EVEN THOUGH IT MAY LIE ON ANOTHER PART OF THE COURSE.
2. **PENALTY AREAS:** AS AN ADDITIONAL RELIEF OPTION UNDER RULE 17-1, A DROPPING ZONE IS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING HOLES: #11 APPROX 75 YDS LEFT OF FORWARD TEE & #12 APPROX 70 YDS LEFT SIDE OF FAIRWAY
3. **OBSTRUCTIONS:** WOODEN POSTS THAT HAVE CABLES RUNNING THROUGH THEM ARE IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS. STONE WORK ADJACENT TO DRAINS OR CART PATHS, OR THAT IS SURROUNDED BY CART PATHS ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THE SAME OBSTRUCTION. IN ADDITION, IF A BALL LIES IN THE GENERAL AREA AND AN IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION ON OR WITHIN 2 CLUB LENGTHS OF THE PUTTING GREEN AND WITHIN 2 CLUB LENGTHS OF THE BALL INTERVENES ON THE LINE OF PLAY, THE PLAYER MAY TAKE RELIEF UNDER RULE 16.1B
4. **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** IF IN DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE AND AN OFFICIAL IS NOT AVAILABLE, TO AVOID DELAY, PLAYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PLAY A SECOND BALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 20.1C. THE PLAYER MUST REPORT THE FACTS TO THE COMMITTEE BEFORE RETURNING HIS SCORECARD OR HE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
5. **PACE OF PLAY:** THE ESTABLISHED PACE OF PLAY FOR THE WOODLANDS CC PLAYER COURSE IS 4:46 FOR 18 HOLES. YOUR SCORECARD WILL SHOW THE TIME WHEN EACH HOLE SHOULD BE COMPLETED. THERE WILL BE 2 PACE OF PLAY COURTESY CHECKPOINTS STATIONED AT THE 7TH & 16TH GREENS. THE OFFICIAL CHECKPOINTS WILL BE AT THE COMPLETION OF HOLE #9 AND #18. FIRST MISSED CHECKPOINT SUBJECT TO 1 PENALTY STROKE, SECOND MISSED CHECKPOINT SUBJECT TO 2 PENALTY STROKES, TOTAL OF 3 PENALTY STROKES FOR THE ROUND. A PLAYER CONCERNED ABOUT A SLOW PLAYER IN THEIR GROUP, WHO IS DELAYING PLAY, MAY REQUEST A RULES OFFICIAL TO MONITOR THE GROUP IN CASE THE GROUP IS OR BECOMES LIABLE TO PENALTY UNDER THE PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES.