

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 The Bridges Golf 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 **5 qualifying spots** and **2 alternate positions**.
2. **TEES:** All players will play from the USGA tee markers.
3. **TRANSPORTATION:** Players **MUST WALK** at all times during the stipulated round except when authorized by a member of the Rules Committee. Push/Pull carts are permitted. Motorized push/pull carts are **NOT** allowed.
4. **CADDIE:** Players may use caddies; however, the caddie **CANNOT** be a Parent, Step-parent, or Guardian.
5. **ONE BALL CONDITION:** Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. The golf balls a player uses during a stipulated round may differ by identification number only.
6. **SCORING:** Scores must be attested and verified immediately after completing the qualifying round to the designated USGA scoring area, located on the clubhouse patio. The scorecard is considered returned when the player verbally approves what is online/TV and has left the scoring area.
7. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Is defined by the inside edge, at ground level of; a) white stakes, property fence posts, concrete/brick/rock walls, split rail fence posts where tied into white stakes, b) inside edge/curbing of public roadways (a ball that crosses a public road and comes to rest on another part of the course is still deemed to be out of bounds), c) driving range
8. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** Players may obtain information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a any feature that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is 2 strokes, Additional use will result in Disqualification.
9. **DROP ZONES:** There is a drop zone on hole 2, as an additional option to Rule 17.1d, for a ball that is known or virtually certain to be in ponds, relief will be allowed from the designated Drop Zone.
10. **OBSTRUCTIONS:** A) White lined areas tying into immovable obstructions have the same status as the obstruction and are not ground under repair. B) Landscaped or garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery, or the like) completely encircled by an obstruction is part of the obstruction. C) Exposed liners in bunkers (for lie of ball and area of intended swing **ONLY**).
11. **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** If in doubt as to procedure and a Referee is not nearby, to avoid delay, players are encouraged to play a second ball in accordance with Rule 20.1c(3). The player **MUST** report the facts to a Rules Committee member before signing his scorecard or be disqualified.
12. **PACE OF PLAY:** Each group must complete Holes 3, 7, 12, 16, and 18 (flagstick in hole) not later than the time indicated on their scorecards or be within 14 minutes of the preceding group to avoid penalty. For details see the Pace of Play Policy Letter sent to each player by email.
13. **REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB:** Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
14. **BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF:** Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.