



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, except as modified by the following local rules.

SCORECARD: The Woodlands scorecard is unofficial and has no status.

PLAY from the **NEWGA** tee markers, which will be placed at the standard locations of the gold tees.

THE BALL MUST BE PLAYED AS IT LIES – Rule 13-1

WATER AND LATERAL HAZARD – Lines are used to define margins, stakes identify. When a lateral water hazard is defined on only **one** side, it is deemed to extend to **infinity**.

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes and fence posts: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 17. Fence: 15, 16. On or across paved road inside: 2, 5. Playing **11**: 10th hole is OB left of cart path on this hole. A ball which 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.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - White encircled areas; French drains. GUR may include areas of unusual damage including, but not limited to, wheel ruts, animal diggings, and eroded areas in bunkers when so declared by an authorized member of the committee. All flower beds are considered ground under repair from which play is prohibited and the player must take relief under Rule 25-1. Relief for lie of ball only in sod seams of cut turf and aeration holes: Local Rules as prescribed in Appendix 1; Part B are in effect.

OBSTRUCTIONS – All cart paths whether artificially surfaced or not, work roads and associated worn areas. **Liners in bunkers are obstructions.**

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN - Local rule as described in Appendix I is in effect.

STONES IN BUNKERS – Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES – A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure any other conditions that might affect his play, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON PUTTING GREEN - Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent or any of their caddies or equipment. The ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3, and 20-1. This local rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. **Note:** If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as effects from gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY – Note to 6-8 is in effect: In potentially dangerous situations play **must** be discontinued **immediately** following a suspension of play by the Committee. **Play will be stopped by one long continuous blast from the air horn.**

RESUMPTION OF PLAY: **Two** short air horn notes, repeated.

CELL PHONES – Cell phones may be used as distance-measuring devices as stated above, or to make a call to summon assistance. Cell phones must be in "silent" mode if used. All other uses are prohibited.

CART POLICY - Carts are for players only. No more than **two** carts allowed per pairing group.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

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