

BEN AN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

AJGA Qualifier Series

Rio Pinar Golf

Orlando, FL

June 15, 2026

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf Effective January 2023 and the AJGA Tournament Hard Card. **Disregard any local rules on the Rio Pinar Golf scorecard or any other posted local rules.** In addition, the following specific rules apply:

1. **FORMAT:** 18 holes of stroke play. The competition will not extend beyond Monday, June 15, 2026.
2. **PLAYOFFS:** All playoffs for the final qualifying spots will proceed from the No. 9 tee.
 - A playoff for the Girls Division will begin at 2:00 p.m.
 - A playoff for the Boys Division will begin at 2:30 p.m.

NOTE: If play is delayed for any reason the starting time for the qualifier playoff will also be delayed. If applicable, this will be communicated to players on-site.
3. **TOURNAMENT TEES:** **Boys** will be playing from the **BLUE** tees.
Girls will be playing from the **ORANGE** tees.
4. **PRACTICE FACILITIES:** The following areas at Rio Pinar Golf are designated as practice facilities and can be used by AJGA participants: Both practice putting greens, the driving range and the short game area. Practice facilities not listed are closed to AJGA participants.
5. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts and the inside edge of a paved or gravel road or curb. When out of bounds is defined by a white line the line itself is out of bounds. Out of bounds is also defined by:
 - The water's edge on the opposite side of the red penalty area on Nos. 5, 10, 11 & 12.
6. **TREE ROOTS IN FAIRWAY:** If a player's ball is at rest in a portion of the general area cut to fairway height or less and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.
 - But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.
7. **POWER LINES:** If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line [or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line] during the play of No. 9, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do).
8. **ROADS AND PATHS:** All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1
9. **SANDY AREAS:** Bunkers are completely enclosed by grass, prepared, and have rakes present. Any large unprepared sandy areas without rakes are considered general area.
10. **FADED LINES:** Disregard all faded ground under repair and penalty area lines. Players must use freshly painted lines.
11. **ADVICE: (Rule 10.2a)** is any verbal comment or action that is intended to influence a player in choosing a club, making a stroke or deciding how to play during a hole or round. In addition, any conversation between player/spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any conversation between player/spectator in their native language. In either instance penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes. Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule.
12. **COMMITTEE:** The Committee, as defined in the Rules of Golf, consists of the senior rules official, all AJGA staff members present during competition, and any guest rules officials appointed by the tournament director. The Tournament Rules Committee composed of Regional Director Matt Emmi, Tournament Director Sophia Thomas, and Tournament Assistant Matthew Niemela, will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

Please call Tournament Director Sophia Thomas at (806) 392 – 6614 with any questions or rulings needed