

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 Club at Carlton Woods' scorecard or any other posted local rules.** In addition, the following specific rules apply:

1. **FORMAT:** 54 holes of stroke play. The competition will not extend beyond Monday, February 16, 2026.
2. **TOURNAMENT TEES:** Boys will be playing from the **Simplify** tees.
3. **PRACTICE FACILITIES:** The following areas at The Club at Carlton Woods are designated as practice facilities and can be used by AJGA participants: The practice putting green, driving range and the short game area. Practice facilities not listed are closed to AJGA participants.
4. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Out of bounds is defined by inside edge of roads, white stakes and property fence posts at ground level.
 - a. **NOTE:** Disregard all white property posts that are not circled with a white line.
5. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS:** Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:
Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:
 - a. On the line of play, and is:
 - i. Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
 - ii. Within two club-lengths of the ball

EXCEPTION: No relief if Line of Play is Clearly Unreasonable
6. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION (TIOs):** Tournament signage and putting green tarps are temporary immovable obstructions. Players may take relief in accordance with Model Local Rule F-23.
7. **SANDY AREAS – GENERAL AREA (NOS. 16 & 18):** The sandy areas on Nos. 16 & 18 are part of the general area. Players may ground their club and take practice swings but **MUST NOT** improve the conditions affecting the stroke as defined in Rule 8.1. These areas are marked by blue stakes.
8. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION – NO. 17:** The drain located on the cart path to the right of No. 17 fairway that is identified by white dots is a separate obstruction from the cart path. Players may take free relief under Rule 16.1b specifically from the drain rather than the entire cart path.
9. **PRACTICING ON THE COURSE FOLLOWING PLAY:** Players who are participating in the designated events organized by the Tournament Committee **WILL NOT** be in breach of Model Local Rule I-1 & I-2. Model Local Rules I-1 & I-2 will still apply in all other situations.
10. **WOODEN PLANKS:** All wooden planks used to direct cart traffic throughout the golf course are movable obstructions.
11. **FADED LINES:** Disregard all faded ground under repair and penalty area lines. Players must use freshly painted lines.
12. **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.
13. **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 Senior Rules Official Dr. Bob Dernick, Tournament Director Thomas Harrison, and Assistant Tournament Director Jacob Kennedy, will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

Please call Tournament Director Thomas Harrison at (309) 333-1597 with any questions or rulings needed