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Mission Hills Country Club – Dinah Shore Tournament Course Rancho Mirage, CA October 2-4, 2020

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf Effective January 2019 and the AJGA Tournament Hard Card. **Disregard any local rules on the Mission Hills Country Club- Dinah Shore Tournament Course scorecard or any other posted local rules**. In addition, the following specific rules apply:

- 1. **FORMAT**: 36 holes of stroke play. The competition will not extend beyond Sunday, October 4, 2020.
- 2. TOURNAMENT TEES: Boys will be playing from the GOLD tees.
 Girls will be playing from the WHITE tees.
- 3. <u>OUT OF BOUNDS</u>: Out of Bounds is defined by inside edge of roads, white stakes, property fence posts or walls at ground level. Out of Bounds also includes the following:
 - The opposite edge of the red penalty areas on Nos. 5, 6 and 18 extends to the water's edge which is out of bounds.
 - Inside edge of brick wall on Nos. 14 and 15.
- 4. <u>AJGA DROPPING ZONES YELLOW PENALTY AREAS</u>: AJGA dropping zones have been added as an additional option under Rule 17.1 for a ball last crossing the edge of a yellow penalty area. These AJGA dropping zones may be used even though they may be closer to the hole than the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area. They are not an option for a ball last crossing the edge of a red penalty area. **AJGA Dropping Zone perimeters are defined by an enclosed white circle.**
 - No. 14, located in the fairway short of the penalty area.
 - No. 18, located in the rough right of the fairway near the bridge.
- 5. **AREAS ENCLOSED BY CART PATH**: All areas enclosed by a cart path are deemed to be a part of the cart path, and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1.
- 6. **FRESHLY PAINTED LINES:** Disregard all faded penalty area lines. Players must use the freshly painted lines.
- 7. **PREFERRED LIES (BUNKERS)**: When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from an area one-club length from the spot of the original ball, not nearer the hole than the reference point and the ball must stay in the bunker. In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.
- 8. **FLAGSTICK**: The flagstick is fixed in the hole and **MUST NO**T be deliberately removed by any player. If a player removes the flagstick, he or she will incur a one-stroke penalty under the AJGA Code of Conduct Policy.
- 9. <u>ADVICE</u>: (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.
- 10. <u>AJGA CODE OF CONDUCT (SOCIAL DISTANCING)</u>: The AJGA's Code of Conduct policy is always in effect when a player is at the host facility. This policy includes social distancing for players and their family members. Please reference the AJGA Code of Conduct policy.
- 11. <u>COMMITTEE</u>: 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 Tournament Director Nathan Notrott, Tournament Assistant Nick Drew and Director of Rules and Competitions Tyler Sumner will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

Please call Tournament Director Nathan Nottrott at (618) 402-7399 with any questions or rulings needed