

STEWART CINK CHAMPIONSHIP BY TRANSAMERICA

Bear's Best Atlanta
Suwanee, Georgia
October 16-18, 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 Bear's Best Atlanta 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 18, 2020.
2. **TOURNAMENT TEES:** Boys will be playing from the **GOLD** tees.
Girls will be playing from the **WHITE** tees.
3. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Bunkers that are unprepared and identified with a blue stake are to be played as ground under repair and part of the general area. A player may take relief, without penalty, by finding the nearest point of relief outside the bunker and dropping a ball within one club length of that point no closer to than hole than where the original ball lay.

Note: Bunkers that are prepared and do not contain rakes are not ground under repair and the ball must be played as it lies except as it relates to the procedure outlined in Item #5 in this Notice to Players.
4. **DROPPING ZONES:** For a player's ball in the red penalty area on Hole Nos. 6 or 11, including when it is known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in the penalty area, the player may:
 - Take relief under one of the options in Rule 17.1d, adding one penalty stroke, or
 - As an extra option, also adding one penalty stroke, take relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from the AJGA Dropping Zone
5. **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.
6. **FLAGSTICK:** The flagstick is fixed in the hole and **MUST NOT** 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.
7. **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 regard to this rule.
8. **AJGA CODE OF CONDUCT (SOCIAL DISTANCING):** 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.
9. **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 Tournament Director Matt Emmi, Director of Tournament Operations Nathan Nottrott and Senior Rules Official Connor Sullivan, will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

Please call Tournament Director Matt Emmi at (772) 834-1590 with any questions or rulings needed