



SYCAMORE HILLS GOLF CLUB • FORT WAYNE, INDIANA • JUNE 15-18, 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 Sycamore Hills Golf Club 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 Thursday, June 18, 2026.
2. **TOURNAMENT TEES:** Play will be from the **Rolex** tees.
3. **STARTING AREA:** The Starting Area is defined as the area inside the ropes surrounding the tees on Nos. 1 and 10.
4. **PRACTICE FACILITIES:** The following areas at Sycamore Hills Golf Club are designated as practice facilities and can be used by AJGA participants: All 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 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 margin of the red penalty areas on Nos. 4, 6, 7, 10, 12 defines out of bounds.
 - The stone wall left of No. 1 defines Out of Bounds. A ball is Out of Bounds when all of it is OVER the wall.
 - The course-side edge of the road right of No. 17 is Out of Bounds starting when the Red Penalty Area and road meet closest to the tee.

NOTE: If a ball crosses a public/private roadway and comes to rest on another part of the course, the ball is considered to be Out of Bounds.
6. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:** Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect. For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is either on or within two-club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
7. **DROP ZONES: DECORATIVE AREAS & CLUBHOUSE BEHIND NO. 18:** The decorative area, flowerbeds, cart path and clubhouse behind No. 18 is one abnormal course condition. In addition to relief under Rule 16.1b, players may take free relief from this area behind No. 18 green by dropping the original ball or another ball in the nearest AJGA dropping zone to where the ball lies, even if closer to the hole than where the ball lies. The AJGA dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3. Dropping zones are located behind, left and right of the green.
8. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER** may be treated as a single abnormal course condition. Decorative plantings encircled by a cart path are treated as part of the immovable obstruction.
9. **INTREGAL OBJECTS:** The brick wall/bulkheads surrounding water features are integral objects from which there is no free relief.
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 Senior Rules Official Larry Festa, Tournament Director Kelly Shorba, and Assistant Tournament Director Andrew Greenfield, will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

Please call Tournament Director Kelly Shorba at (612) 965-4676 with any questions or rulings needed