Rolex Tournament of Champions

PGA National Resort & Spa - Champion & Fazio Courses • Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. • November 23 - 28, 2020

ROLEX TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

PGA National Resort & Spa – Fazio Course
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

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 PGA National Resort & Spa – Fazio Course scorecard or any other posted local rules**. In addition, the following specific rules apply:

1. **FORMAT**: 72 holes of stroke play. The competition will not extend beyond Saturday, November 28, 2020. The Girls & Boys Divisions will player each course in the following order:
   - First & Third Rounds– Girls will play Champion and Boys will play Fazio
   - Second & Final Rounds – Girls will play Fazio and Boys will play Champion

2. **TOURNAMENT TEES**: Play will be from the **ROLEX** tee markers.

3. **LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE**: When a player's ball lies in the general area, the player may take free relief by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from an area within one club length of the spot of the original ball. The ball may only be placed once. This must not be nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball and must be in the general area. If a player's ball is unplayable because of interference by a natural situation, the player **CANNOT** exercise this local rule.

4. **OUT OF BOUNDS**: Out of bounds is defined by inside edge of roads, white stakes, property fence posts or walls at ground level. When defined by a white line the line itself is out of bounds. Out of bounds also includes the following:
   - Red penalty areas on Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 18 extend to the water's edge on the opposite edge which is out of bounds.
   - No. 8 only – Driving range side of the opposite edge of the red penalty area.
   - No. 18 only – Palmer Course side of the opposite edge of the red penalty area.

5. **OUT OF BOUNDS (NO. 4)**: The black property fence to the left of No. 4 fairway and green defines Out of Bounds and is fixed and free relief **WILL NOT** be granted.

6. **HOLE NO. 1 ONLY**: An AJGA dropping zone is located behind and to the left of No. 1 green and can be used as an additional relief option in the following two rules situations:
   - **Red Penalty Area to the left of green:** For a ball that comes to rest in the red penalty area left of No. 1 green, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in the red penalty area even though not found, the player may, under a penalty of one stroke for Rule 17.1d, play from the AJGA dropping zone even though it is closer to the hole than where the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area.
   - **Cart Path to the left of green:** Interference exists when a player's ball touches or is on the cart path or if the cart path physically interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing. As an additional option if the player has interference between the two blue stakes they may drop a ball in the AJGA dropping zone even though it is closer to the hole in accordance with Rule 16.1

7. **SCORING AREAS (TIOS)**: As an additional option for relief from the scoring area (TIO) on Nos. 9 & 18, the player may use the AJGA dropping zone located adjacent to it.

8. **INTEGRAL OBJECT (HOLE NO. 4 ONLY)**: The shell rock path left of No. 4 fairway and green is an integral object from which relief will not be granted. The player may lightly ground their club and remove loose impediments on the path.

9. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**: Bushes surrounding or adjacent to electrical boxes are part of the obstruction.

10. **TRENCHING AROUND PUTTING GREEN**: If a player's ball lies in or touches the trenching around a putting green, or if the trenching interferes with the player's area of intended swing, the player may take free relief by placing the original ball or another ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief, whether on or off the putting green, that is no nearer to the hole.

11. **FRESHLY PAINTED LINES**: Disregard all faded ground under repair and penalty area lines. This also includes penalty area lines painted on cart paths. Players must only use freshly painted lines.

12. **PREFERRED LIES (BUNKERS)**: When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief 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. The ball may only be placed once. 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.

13. **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.

14. **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.

15. **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.

16. **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 Ken Hagamann, Tournament Director Nathan Nottrott and Assistant Tournament Director Samantha Joe, 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