

PGA WEST JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
AJGA Qualifier Series
PGA WEST – Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course
La Quinta, California
June 15, 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 PGA WEST – Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course scorecard or any other posted local rules.** In addition, the following specific rules apply:

1. **FORMAT**: 18 holes of stroke play. The competition will not extend beyond Monday, June 15 2026.
2. **PLAYOFFS**: All playoffs for the final qualifying spots will proceed from the No. 18 tee.
 - A playoff for the Girls Division will begin at 12:30 p.m.
 - A playoff for the Boys Division will begin at 12:45 p.m.**NOTE**: If play is delayed for any reason the starting time for the qualifier playoff will also be delayed. If applicable, this will be communicated to players on-site.
3. **TOURNAMENT TEES**: **Boys** will be playing from the **BLUE** tees.
Girls will be playing from the **WHITE** tees.
4. **PRACTICE FACILITIES**: The following areas at PGA WEST – Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course are designated as practice facilities and can be used by AJGA participants: The practice putting green and the driving range. Practice facilities not listed are closed to AJGA participants.
5. **NO PLAY ZONES (FRESH SOD)**: The circled areas defined by white lines and white stakes with green tops behind the green on hole 4 are no play zones that are to be treated as abnormal course conditions. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zones under Rule 16.1f.
6. **DOUBLE GREEN**: The green serving Nos. 9 & 18 is considered to be one green. If interference by players, balls or ball markers occurs in the play of the hole being played, the players playing No. 9 shall have the right of way over players playing No. 18.
7. **AJGA DROPPING ZONE**: If a ball is in the red penalty area on No. 8, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball came to rest in the red penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty strokes:
 - Take relief under Rule 17.1 or
 - As an extra option, drop the original or another ball in the dropping zone that is located on the forward teeing location.
8. **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 clubhouse-side edge of the cart path behind the greens of Nos. 9 and 18.
9. **FADED LINES**: Disregard all faded ground under repair and penalty area lines. Players must use freshly painted lines.
10. **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.
11. **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 Blake Clark, Tournament Assistant Jaryn Sundby, and the PGA WEST Director of Golf Chris Caballero will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

Please call Tournament Director Blake Clark at (704) 798-1484 with any questions or rulings needed