



# Rolex Tournament of Champions

PGA National Resort & Spa - Champion & Fazio Courses • Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. • November 20 - 25, 2021

## 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 – Champion 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 Thursday, November 25, 2021. The Girls & Boys Divisions will play 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. 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:
  - **NO. 18 ONLY – Interior Out of Bounds** is defined by white stakes.
  - Red Penalty Areas on Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 16, 17, and 18 extend to the water's edge on the opposite or bordering edge which is out of bounds.
- 4. AJGA DROPPING ZONE (ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION):** If a ball is in the abnormal course condition behind No. 2 green enclosed by a white line, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the ground under repair, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1 or as an extra option, take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone located adjacent to the abnormal course condition. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
- 5. AJGA DROPPING ZONE (RED PENALTY AREA):** An AJGA dropping zone has been added as an additional option under Rule 17.1d for a ball that is in or is lost in a red penalty area. The dropping zone may be used even though it may be closer to the hole than the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area. AJGA dropping zones are located on the following holes:
  - No. 17 – Located at the second forwardmost tee.
- 6. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (NO PLAY ZONES – NOS. 10 & 15):** The areas defined by white lines near Nos. 10 & 15 greens are **NO PLAY ZONES** that are to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief must be taken from interference by the **no play zone** under Rule 16.1f.
- 7. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:** The following are abnormal course conditions from which relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 16. 1b:
  - During the play of **NO. 10 ONLY**, the white stakes are immovable obstructions.
- 8. FRESHLY PAINTED LINES:** Disregard all faded drop zones, ground under repair and penalty area lines. Players must use freshly painted lines.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 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 Director of Rules & Competitions Tyler Sumner, Tournament Director Nathan Nottrott and Senior Rules Official Larry Startzel, 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\**

