

AJGA NORTHWESTERN HOLDING JUNIOR OPEN

Sylvania Country Club
Sylvania, Ohio
July 12 – 16, 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 Sylvania Country 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, July 16, 2026.
2. **TOURNAMENT TEES**: **Boys** will be playing from the **GOLD** tees.
 Girls will be playing from the **RED** tees.
3. **PRACTICE FACILITIES**: The following areas at Sylvania Country Club are designated as practice facilities and can be used by AJGA participants: Both practice putting greens, the practice chipping area, and the driving range. Practice facilities not listed are closed to AJGA participants.
4. **OUT OF BOUNDS**: Out of bounds is defined by white stakes, perimeter fencing and split rail fences.
5. **ROADS AND PATHS**: All roads and paths on the course even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.
6. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION NEAR PUTTING GREEN**: Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:
 - a. **Ball in General Area**: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:
 - i. On the line of play, and is:
 1. Within two club-lengths of the putting green,
 2. Within two club-lengths of the ball, and
 3. When both the ball and the obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less.
 - **Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable**. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
7. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS AND INTEGRAL OBJECTS (No. 12 and No. 16)**: Small bare mounds in the rough between No. 12 and No. 16 are treated as abnormal course conditions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.
8. **FADED LINES**: Disregard all faded 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. **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 Senior Rules Official Marvin Weinstein, Tournament Director Sophia Thomas and Tournament Assistant Grace Dabbelt will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

Please call Tournament Director Sophia Thomas at (806) 392 - 6614 with any questions or rulings needed