

## THE FORTINET STANFORD INVITATIONAL HOSTED BY ROSE ZHANG

Stanford Golf Course  
Stanford, California  
February 13 – 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 Stanford Golf Course 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 Monday, February 16, 2026.
2. **TOURNAMENT TEES:** Girls will be playing from the **RED** tees.
3. **PRACTICE FACILITIES:** The following areas at Stanford Golf Course are designated as practice facilities and can be used by AJGA participants: Both practice putting greens, the driving range and the short game areas. Practice facilities not listed are closed to AJGA participants.
4. **POWER LINES (NO.1):** If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line [or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line] during the play of No. 1, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6).
5. **WRONG GREEN (NOS. 1 & 18):** The practice putting greens on Nos. 1 and 18 are wrong greens. Players must take relief under Rule 13.1 if their ball comes to rest on the putting green or the putting green interferes with their intended area of stance or swing.
6. **AJGA DROPPING ZONES (NOS. 7 & 8):**
  - **Hole No. 7:** The AJGA dropping zone located behind No. 7 green may be used as an additional option under the following two conditions **ONLY**.
    - **Penalty Area (Rule 17.1)** – If a player's ball is in the red penalty area behind No. 7 green, including when it is known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in the penalty area, and the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area between the two blue stakes, the player may take relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from the AJGA dropping zone located behind the green even if it may be closer to the hole than where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.
    - **Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)** – As an additional option for relief from the cart path for a ball lying between the two blue stakes behind No. 7, the player may use the AJGA dropping zone in taking relief without penalty.
  - **Hole No. 8:** The AJGA dropping zone located in front of the left greenside bunker on No. 8 may be used as an additional option under the following two conditions **ONLY**.
    - **Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)** – As an additional option for relief from the cart path for a ball lying between the two blue stakes to the left of No. 8, the player may use the AJGA dropping zone in taking relief without penalty. The black fence left of No. 8 defines out of bounds. The netting, poles, and support cables attached to or bordering the black out of bounds fence are considered to be integral objects from which the player does not get free relief.
    - **Unplayable Ball (Rule 19.1)** – As an additional option for a ball deemed unplayable lying between the two blue stakes to the left of No. 8, the player may use the AJGA dropping zone as an additional option under Rule 19.2.
7. **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 course-side edge of the cart path curbing behind No. 18 green.
8. **MAINTENANCE STAKES:** All blue stakes used to mark sprinkler heads or maintenance areas have no bearing on the competition.
9. **STAKED TREES:** Players get free relief in accordance with Rule 16.1b if the stakes and ropes attached to trees interfere with the player's area of intended stance or swing or the lie of ball. There is no relief if the stakes and ropes only interfere with the players' line of play.
10. **FADED LINES:** Disregard all faded ground under repair, penalty area, and blue 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 Dan Morelock, Tournament Director Harlie Valinho, and Assistant Tournament Director Kelly Shorba, will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

*\*Please call Tournament Director Harlie Valinho at (904) 891-2869 with any questions or rulings needed\**