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Allstate Sugar Bowl Fall Series

Diamondhead CC

November 7-8, 2020

**NOTICE TO COMPETITORS - OFFICIAL RULES SHEET**

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, as modified by the Tournament Committee. The following Local Rules and Conditions apply:

**If a member of the Kelly Gibson Foundation staff is not available, call Head Rules Official, Taylor Capouch, at (504) 400-8013**

**FORMAT:** 18 holes stroke play

**STARTING TIMES:** The player must start at the time established by the Committee.

**TEE MARKERS:** **Boys 13-15 GOLD Tee Markers**

**Boys 16-18 BLUE Tee Markers**

**Girls 13-18 GOLD Tee Markers**

**Out of Bounds or Lost Ball:** If a ball comes to rest out of bounds or the original ball is lost in the general area, the player must use the stroke and distance option for relief

**Relief From A Red Penalty Area:** If a ball comes to rest in a red penalty area and is not playable, the player has 3 options with a penalty of 1 stroke:

1. Stroke & Distance – play a ball from where the last stroke was taken
2. Back-on-the-line – reference where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area and drop a ball anywhere along the line between that point and the hole, no closer to the hole
3. Lateral – reference where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area and drop a ball within two club lengths of the margin of the penalty area, no closer to the hole

**Relief From A Yellow Penalty Area:** If a ball comes to rest in a yellow penalty area and is not playable, the player has 2 options with a penalty of 1 stroke:

1. Stroke & Distance – play a ball from where the last stroke was taken
2. Back-on-the-line - reference where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area and drop a ball anywhere along the line between that point and the hole, no closer to the hole

**Unplayable Lie:** If a player chooses to take relief from an unplayable lie, they have 3 options with a penalty of 1 stroke:

1. Stroke & Distance – play a ball from where the last stroke was taken
2. Back-on-the-line – using the point between where the ball is at rest and the hole, the player may go as far back as they want keeping on the line no closer to the hole
3. Lateral – player may take relief two club lengths in any direction from where the ball rests no closer to the hole

**Distance Measuring Devices –** Players **will be allowed** to use devices that measure or gauge distance only. If the device is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect the player’s decision (such as slope, wind speed, temperature) will not be allowed, the player would be in breach of Rule 4-3a.

**Doubt as To Procedure:** When during play of a *hole* a competitor becomes doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, play a second ball under Rule 3.3. The player:

a) Must announce to his *marker* or *fellow competitor* that he intends to play two balls

b) Must announce which ball he wishes to count if the rule permits.

c) Must report the facts to the *Committee* before returning his scorecard.

**Penalty for Breach: Disqualification**

**Embedded Ball:** Embedded balls in the **general area** through the green allow free relief within one club length of where the ball came to rest. Relief is not allowed in a bunker or penalty area. Rule 16.3b.

**Caddies:** Caddies are **NOT** allowed; all players must carry their own golf bags, or may use a non-motorized pull cart.

**Scoring Area:** The scoring area, where the scorecards will be turned in, will be located by the clubhouse. A player’s scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the scoring area.

**Suspension of Play Due to Dangerous Situation:**

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged siren note.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes.

Resume Play: Two short siren notes.

Note: Practice Facilities’ are closed during dangerous situations.

**Suspensions, Postponements & Cancellations**: If, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition renders commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be suspended or postponed.

**Close of Competition**: The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been validated in the scoring system and approved by the Committee. In the event of a playoff for first place, a sudden death competition on the course will occur. Scorecard playoffs will determine second and third places in the event of a tie, starting with best final 9 hole score, 6 hole score, 3 hole score, and final hole score. The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Committee.