

# OAKLAND CITY AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

## LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

DATE: May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

COURSE: Lake Chabot Golf Course

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### TEEING GROUNDS

<u>Tee's Played</u>	<u>Course</u>
Championship	Blue
Senior Championship	White
Net	White

Play will be from the designated tee markers, not necessarily the scorecard yardages

### CONDUCT UNBECOMING:

Players and/or their guest(s) shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times. Any excessive display of anger, vulgar language, club throwing, alcohol abuse, lack of golfing etiquette or disrespect to a fellow player or any other individual may be grounds for disqualification from any tournament. The tournament committee reserves the right to disqualify you, without a refund, of any individual at any time for conduct deemed inappropriate or damaging to the Tour.

**NCGA TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATIONS/INFORMATION:** Championship and Senior Championship flights are NCGA Points events.

We will notify all players how many points and placings receive points before the first tee time of 7am on May 1, 2021. The Net flight is not an NCGA points event. To play in the Net flight, you must have a GHIN number to prove a current and valid handicap.

We will be playing Hole #18 as a Par 5 in accordance with the most recent NCGA course rating Lake Chabot has been given. \*The NCGA adopted a new formula to calculate handicap which now includes Par (this affects all scores posted to the players GHIN accounts and ensures a correct handicap calculation from said posting). To ensure fair play, universal ease of handicap calculations and following NCGA tournament protocols, we are adjusting the official Lake Chabot Tournament Scorecard to reflect Hole #18 as a Par 5.

### GENERAL SANITATION GUIDELINES FOR ALL PARTICIPATION IN NCGA EVENTS:

- Absolutely no gathering or loitering at any location on the property before or after a round – café options will be available in a to-go fashion with very limited outdoor seating for those that want to eat quickly before or after their round.
- Players are to maintain at least a six-foot distance minimum from other people (except for household members) while on property whenever possible.
- Mask/facial coverings must be worn while on property, around or in the clubhouse, when six-foot minimum distance cannot be met, when indoors, or otherwise in accordance with government ordinance.
- There will not be an awards ceremony. Players are required to leave as soon as possible after completing their round. See specific event Player Information for tie-breaking procedures.

**PACE OF PLAY: 5:00:** Each group is individually responsible for maintaining and policing their groups pace of play. Players may inform another contestant that he/she is the cause of the group being out of position as a courtesy to that player. Rules Officials are required to notify groups that they are out of position.

- Failure to play the front nine in 2:30 minutes will result in a warning.
- Failure to finish 18 holes in 5:00 will result in a 1 stroke penalty if you have been warned 3 times by the rules committee.

**RULE 20.1c(3):** For any ruling question or doubt as to procedure. Rule 20.1c(3) is announcing your intention to play two (2) balls before making a stroke, complete the hole with both balls, and bring to the attention of the tournament committee before you turn in your official scorecard.

**BOUNDARY FENCES:** Artificial objects defining or showing Out of Bounds, such as walls, fences, stakes and railings, from which free relief is **NOT** allowed. This includes any base and post of a boundary fence, but does not include:

- Angled supports or guy wires that are attached to a wall or fence, or
- Any steps, bridge or similar construction used for getting over the wall or fence.
  - *Boundary objects* (Stakes, etc.) are treated as immovable even if they are movable or any part of them is movable (see Rule 8.1a). *Boundary Objects* are not obstructions or integral objects.

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**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by the White Stakes and rules governing play concerning out of bounds is marked by USGA Rule 27-1b & 1c. White flags might be present around the course close to designated Out of Bounds marked areas defined by stakes, marked fences, and marked walls – disregard all white flags along the course. These white flags are not marked Out of Bounds areas for the Oakland City Championship.

**LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS:** Each player should put an identification mark on his ball and alert his fellow competitors of such. One ball rule is in effect for the scratch division, and senior scratch. One ball rule is not in effect in net divisions.

**CELL PHONES:** Cell phones are permitted only for mobile scoring purposes and may not be used for any reason other than in case of emergency. Electronic devices made for the sole purpose of measuring distance may be used so long as the device deals in factual information only and does not have the ability to calculate slope, wind, grade etc.

**CADDIES/SPECTATORS:** Caddies are permitted at this time – if you are choosing to ride in a cart at this event, your caddy must also pay the cart fee and will only be allowed to ride in your cart. If you are walking, your caddy must also walk. Caddies will not be allowed their own individual cart. Spectators will not be allowed, due to restrictions put in place because of COVID-19.

### **Local Rules per Hole:**

Hole #1 – Fences left and right of fairway and white stakes are OB. OB behind green.

Hole #2 – Maintenance yard is OB.

Hole #5 - From tee to green left side is OB. French drain in fairway – relief in stance and swing. Open ditch at corner of cart path by green is an obstruction.

Hole #6 - Fence left side of fairway is OB. Railroad ties by green are obstruction.

Hole #7 – Short fence OB on left. Fences on the left side and behind green are OB.

Hole #8 – Fence and stakes down left side and behind green are OB. Right side white stakes from tee to green are OB.

Hole #9 – Left of green across cart path is a lateral hazard. For either lateral hazard or lost ball go to drop area. Drop area is at the corner of the cart path. Cage behind green is an obstruction.

Hole #10 – Stone wall behind green is integral part of the course. No relief without penalty.

Hole #11 - Maintenance yard on left is OB. Hill House behind green is an obstruction. Drop area for any ball that is touching the fence next to the green.

Hole #12 – OB stakes on left side of fairway.

Hole #13 – Right side white stakes and fence are OB. Left side of hole are red stakes. Fence behind green is OB.

Hole #14 - White stakes and fence on right are OB. Red stakes are on the left side of the hole. Logs to right of green are obstructions. Left side of fairway is lateral hazard.

Hole #15 - White stakes and fence on right and left sides of fairway are OB. Stakes behind green are OB.

Hole #16 – White stakes to right of fairway and behind green are OB.

Hole #17 – Fence and white stakes left of fairway are OB. White stakes on the right side are not in play for this hole.

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Hole #18 – Right side of fairway OB tee to green. Left side fence and white stakes are OB. White stakes behind the green following the driveway to the pro shop is marked OB.

If there are any questions on a ruling, play **RULE 20.1c(3)! DO NOT** sign a scorecard until you check with the tournament committee in the Clubhouse.

**EMBEDDED BALL RULE:** “Through the green” - a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer to the hole (Appendix I, Part B, 4)

**TIES:** Sudden death playoffs will occur to determine the first-place winner in all flights, beginning on Hole #1. All other ties will be broken using the USGA scorecard tiebreaking procedures for prize distribution only.

**SCORECARDS/SCORING:** Due to the restrictions of COVID 19 we will be modifying our scoring procedures. Players will all be given scorecards with every group member’s name on it. Every player should verbally announce their score after each hole is completed. At the end of the round, every player must verbally certify their hole-by-hole score with one member of the group who will be their official group scorer. The group scorer will verbally certify their group’s scores from a safe distance at the scoring area. Any issues with scoring must be communicated with staff via text, e-mail or phone. Contact Assistant General Manager/Tournament Director Jamie Lopez at [jlopez@lakechabotgolf.com](mailto:jlopez@lakechabotgolf.com) or call (510) 351-5812.

**FLAGSTICK AND HOLE:** The following Code of Conduct provision is in effect for NCGA events:

- *The flagstick must not be removed or deliberately touched by hand during the round, including with a gloved hand or a towel wrapped around the flagstick. Any player who deliberately ignores this code of conduct policy will be considered guilty of Serious Misconduct (see Rule 1.2b), the penalty for which is disqualification.*
- When a device that does not allow the ball to fall fully into the hole is used, the device is treated as being attached to the flagstick and thus is part of the flagstick. Per Rule 13.2c and the Definition of Holed, if any part of the ball is below the surface of the putting green and is leaning/resting on that device the ball is treated as holed. A ball that hits the device and does not come to rest with any part of the ball within the hole is not holed.

**BUNKERS:** Bunker Rakes will be removed from the course. Players are encouraged to smooth the surface of the bunker with their foot or club before exiting the bunker.

- **Preferred Lies in Bunker:** When a player’s ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:
  - **Reference Point:** Spot of the original
  - **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** One club-length from the reference point, but with these limits:
    - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
    - Must be in the same bunker
- In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rule 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

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