



2022 Spring NCCGA National Championship

Operated by the PGA of America
Hot Springs Country Club
Hot Springs, Arkansas
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Notice to Players

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2019, the PGA of America Local Rules and Terms of the Competition Card, the Local Rule for this Championship setting a Pace of Play Policy (available at the starting tees), and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, which apply to this golf course:

1. **Format:** 36-hole stroke play competition taking the low 5 scores per team, per round.
 2. **Tee Markers:** All MALE **Championship** contestants will play from the **GOLD** tee markers.
All FEMALE **Championship** contestants will play from the **GREEN** tee markers.
 3. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to item #1 on the NCCGA Hard Card, *out of bounds* is defined by the following:
 - a. Inside edge of street curbing on city roads, and where applicable, white dots adjacent to city roads.
 - a. Any ball out bounds requires Stroke and Distance relief. The model local rule to drop in the fairway is not in play.
 4. **Abnormal Course Conditions:**
 - a. **Ground Under Repair:** In the *general area*, areas of damage caused by armadillos or skunks are treated as *ground under repair* from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b. **But**, interference does not exist if the damage only interferes with the player's *stance*.
 - b. **Immovable Obstructions:** In addition to item #4b on the NCCGA Hard Card, the following are *immovable obstructions*:
 - i. Exposed rocks in areas cut to fairway height or less
 - ii. All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced
 - iii. Ornamental flower beds
 - iv. Young trees identified by ropes and stakes
 - c. **Integral Objects:** In addition to item #4d on the NCCGA Hard Card, the following are integral objects:
 - i. Landscaping stones placed in areas to prevent erosion
 - d. **Dangerous Animal Condition 16.2b:** For fire ant mounds or beds, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b, c or d, depending on whether the ball is in the *general area*, in a bunker or on the putting green. The player may proceed under 16.2b(2) in a penalty area.
 - e. **Animal Hoof Damage:** Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by *animal hoofs* is *ground under repair* from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. **But** on the *putting green*, Rule 16.1 does not apply as such damage may be repaired under Rule 13.1.
 5. **Advice Local Rule:** Each team may name one *advice* giver whom players on the team may ask for *advice* and receive *advice* from during the *round*. The team must identify the *advice* giver to the *Committee* before any player on the team begins his or her *round*. Outside *advice* from anyone other than the designated *advice* giver will result in the general penalty (2-strokes) for breaching Rule 24.4.
 6. **Team Tiebreaker*:**
 - a. To determine the Champion for teams that are tied, the 5 players with the lowest tournament total for each team will compete in a sudden death playoff with other teams that are tied (if a tie for 5th lowest tournament total the Club President may decide 5th player to participate in the playoff).
 - b. After each hole, all 5 scores will be accumulated and compared with the other team(s) that are tied. In the event these scores are the same, the playoff will continue until a single team remains. Each hole the order of play reverses
 - c. Championship Rotation – Park 18, 15, 18 etc.*
 7. **Medalist Tiebreaker*:**
 - a. Playoff will loop on same progression as the team tiebreaker. After each hole, scores are compared with the other player(s) that are tied. In the event these scores are the same, the playoff will continue until a single player remains. Each hole the order of play reverses
- *If a playoff is possible and the team(s) or individual(s) are not available to compete, they forfeit the playoff. If a playoff cannot occur or is shortened due to darkness, ties will not be broken. The Committee has the authority to permit players not in the top 5 to compete in the team playoff. The Committee may change the playoff rotation if necessary.
8. **Shortened Championship:** In the event the NCCGA Spring Nationals is reduced to 18 holes, co-champions will be awarded.
 9. **Awards:** NCCGA Championship - Top 3 teams and 16 individuals

Restrooms: Arlington following: Hole #2, #4, #6, #9, #11, #13, #16, #18 - Park: Hole #3, #10, #16, #18

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