

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2017 KPGA Middle School Regional Championship • GC of Kenton County (Pioneer) • September 24, 2017

This information supplements the *Local Rules* and *Conditions of Competition* for the 2017 Golf House Kentucky Hard Card, Pace of Play Guidelines/Procedures, and event entry form (if applicable). Posted course local rules do not apply unless noted.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Boys Teeing Ground

All **BOYS** will play from the **GOLD** Tees.

Girls Teeing Ground

All **GIRLS** will play from the **WHITE** Tees.

Playing Condition

The ball will be played as it lies except when proceeding under a Rule of Golf or condition of play/local rule outlined in the Notice to Competitors.

Format

9-Holes of Individual and Team Stroke Play; Team scoring will combine the best 4 scores to determine the team score.

Doubt as to Procedure (Rule 3-3) & Provisional Ball (Rule 27-2)

If a competitor is doubtful to his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, the competitor may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls.

The competitor **must** designate which ball to count if the Rules permit, and the situation **must** be reported at the scoring area when the scorecard is signed.

Only designated Rules Officials may give rulings to the competitor at the request of the player. When asking a designated official for assistance, players are encouraged to ask "What are my options?" Players may ask fellow-competitors for assistance with the Rules, but they may not ask coaches, parents, or spectators. **If a ball may be lost or out of bounds, the player should declare and hit a provisional ball.** If the original ball is found and not out of bounds, the provisional ball must be abandoned while continuing play with the original ball.

Pace of Play

Pace of Play is set at **2 hours and 15 minutes (9-holes)**. Please maintain Pace of Play and position with the group immediately ahead of you. When a group is out of position at any time, the group is subject to monitoring and timing per the Pace of Play Policy.

Stroke Limit

The maximum score on each hole is +4. **Players must pick up and move to the next hole if they reach the maximum score.**

Settling Ties

Any ties for trophies will be broken by the USGA Recommended Method for breaking ties (*Appendix I*). Trophies include the Champion & Runner-Up in the Team Competition, Individual Boys Competition, and Individual Girls Competition. All ties for the final qualifying spot for teams or individuals will advance to the KPGA Middle School State Championship on September 30 at Quail Chase GC.

ADDENDUM TO LOCAL RULES

Out of Bounds

Out of bounds is defined by white lines, white stakes/fence posts/outside edge of public street curbs or any combination thereof.

Abnormal Ground Conditions - Relief Option

If the ball lies in a bare area *through the green* in a closely mown area (fairway or fringe) on the hole being played, the player may take relief without penalty.

Relief Procedure: The player must determine the nearest point of complete relief that is not closer to the hole, not in a hazard, and not on the putting green and **drop the ball** as near as possible to that spot.

Water Hazards

Water hazards are marked with yellow lines, and lateral water hazards are marked with red lines.

Ground Under Repair

May include areas of unusual damage, area of cart traffic, or seasonal conditions, but only when so declared by an authorized tournament official.

Distance Measuring Devices

In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a *stipulated round*, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of *Rule 14-3*.

Preservation of the Course

Defined and maintained ornamental/flower beds are considered *ground under repair* from which play is prohibited.

Immovable Obstructions

Anything in the middle of a cart path turnaround area, flower beds, drains, and white lined areas that are adjacent or connected to cart paths are considered to be a part of the obstruction (cart path). Yardage markers that are fixed are considered immovable obstructions. Competitors are entitled to free relief under *Rule 24-2* if the condition interferes with the stance or area of intended swing.

Transportation

Players shall not ride in or on carts during the stipulated round. Players must walk and carry or push their own clubs at all times.

Parents & Spectators

Parents and spectators must stay **on cart paths** and at least 30 yards from players at all times. They may help forecaddie and search for a lost ball. However, they must leave the area without imparting any advice on how to play the ball. Spectators must remain respectful to all golfers on the course. The player is responsible for policing this policy, and the penalty for the breach of this rule is two strokes.

Coach's Restrictions

Players may only talk to designated coaches (with a visible wristband) between the putting green (after finishing hole) and the next teeing ground (before starting hole). Coaches may not walk on to the putting green or the teeing ground, and must not delay play between holes.

Integral Parts of the Course

Rock outcroppings, boulders, and large stones are deemed *integral parts of the course*. Relief is not available without penalty.