

MACK CHAMP INVITATIONAL
The Club at Carlton Woods – Nicklaus Course
The Woodlands, Texas
April 11 – 13, 2024

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 Club at Carlton Woods scorecard or any other posted local rules.** In addition, the following specific rules apply:

1. **FORMAT**: 36 holes of stroke play. The competition will not extend beyond Saturday, April 13.
2. **TOURNAMENT TEES**: **Boys** will be playing from the **BLACK** tees.
Girls will be playing from the **RED** tees.
3. **CADDIES – AGES 13 & OLDER**: Except when permitted for players ages 12 and under, players must not have a caddie during the round. Model Local Rule H-1.1.
 - a. Penalty for breach of this rule is the general penalty for each hole which he or she is helped by caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.
4. **PENALTY AREAS**: When the edge of a body of water is not defined by a red or yellow line, the edge of that penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries (that is, where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold the water).
5. **SANDY AREAS – GENERAL AREA (NOS. 8 & 16)**: The sandy areas on Nos. 8 & 16 are to be treated as part of the general area. Players may ground their club and take practice swings, but **MUST NOT** improve the conditions affecting the stroke as defined in Rule 8.1. These areas are marked by blue stakes.
6. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIOs)**: Interference occurs when (a) the ball lies in front of and so close to the TIO that the TIO interferes with the player's stance or the area of their intended swing, or (b) the ball lies in, on, under or behind the TIO so that any part of the TIO intervenes directly between the player's ball and the hole and is on their line of play. Interference also exists if the ball lies within one club-length of a spot equidistant from the hole where such intervention would exist. TIOs include but are not limited to:
 - The grandstand behind Nos. 9 and 18 green
 - Media towers behind any applicable green
2. **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.
3. **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 Tournament Director Abby Grzetic, Assistant Tournament Director Matthew Dorris, and Jeff Champ will have final decision-making authority over all rules-related matters.

Please call Tournament Director Abby Grzetic at (630) 340-8275 with any questions or rulings needed