

SWTGA FOUR-BALL (BETTER BALL OF PARTNERS) STABLEFORD
QUAIL CREEK—QUAIL COURSE
March 12, 2018

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

Score Cards: On completion of play, please return one signed and attested score card to the SWTGA Committee.

Format: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!! Players are divided into flights. Handicap spread within flights is narrow and better ball will help the spread.

1. This event is a better ball of 2 partners gross stroke play event with Stableford points.
2. Record the gross score for the player whose ball is to count, which must have been holed. Failure to indicate which player's ball is to be used on each hole is disqualification of the team. Please pick up the non-scoring ball to improve the pace of play. Record the partner's score on the appropriate line. If that ball has not been holed, record that player's "most likely score", up to her ESC max with an "x" before the score.

3. Record your better ball gross points where indicated on the card, as follows:

Bogey = 1 point Par = 2 points Birdie = 3 points Eagle = 4 points Double Eagle = 5 points

Tees: Tee boxes will be identified by the SWTGA tee markers. Check your scorecard for distances. Course Rating is 69.9 with a slope of 124 and total yardage of 5159. Post your ESC (equitable stroke control) score for handicap purposes from the Green/White tees as a **NON-TOURNAMENT SCORE**.

Rules: USGA Rules will govern play. The following additional special rules are in effect.

Local Rules:

1. Embedded Ball--Appendix I, Part A, #3a The embedded ball rule is in effect for a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark through the green (the whole course except teeing ground & putting green of the hole being played & all hazards on the course.) Player may without penalty lift, clean & drop the ball as near as possible to where the ball lay but not nearer the hole.

2. Areas of sand that are not in closely mown areas are exceptions to the embedded ball rule.

3. Immovable Obstructions (sprinkler heads) Close to Putting Green--Appendix I, Part A,#4a

Line of Play--If a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take free relief as follows: the ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that is (a) not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

4. We will NOT use any drop areas. Penalty – Disqualification of that player for that hole.

5. Distance-Measuring Devices—Appendix I, Part A, #7 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.. Electronic devices for uses other than distance-measuring are allowed only in an emergency (no phone calls, etc). For additional information refer to SWTGA Policy on Electronic Devices 2016.

6. Out of bounds is defined by white stakes, includes the homeowners' side of water hazards, and interior edge of streets.

7. Bulkheads are considered integral parts of the course and no relief is given.

8. All cart paths (concrete, asphalt, & Quail Mix surfaced paths)are considered immovable obstructions which are eligible for free relief.

9. A ball striking a 150-yard pole is considered the "rub of the green" (no penalty but play it as it lies).

10. **Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green (NEW 2017)** Rules 18-2, 18-3 & 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."

11. **Abnormal Ground Conditions—Rule 25-1** If the ball lies through the green, lift and drop, without penalty, within one club length of the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole for interference with stance or swing. This includes stumps, tire ruts, piles of debris and large wood chips.

PLAY FAST & HAVE FUN