

# 28th ANNUAL FRESNO CITY FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

## Local Rules and Terms of the Competition; Code of Conduct (December 6-7, 2025)

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2023, the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition and Code of Conduct, and the 2025 NCGA Hard Card and NCGA Pace of Play Policy. (except as modified herein).

**FORMAT:** Four-Ball stroke play.

**SCHEDULE:** Two rounds of 18 holes each.

**TEES:** Championship blue tees. Handicap white tees. *Women's handicaps will be adjusted to the white tees*

**TIES:** Ties for first place only will be decided by a sudden death playoff on holes 18, 17, 18, 17, etc. All other ties will split the prizes for the places they tie.

**SERIOUS MISCONDUCT:** All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by acting with integrity, showing consideration to others and taking good care of the course. The Committee may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the game if it finds that the player has committed serious misconduct. (Rule 1.2a).

**OFFICIAL TIME/TIME OF STARTING:** The clock at the tee where the player begins his round is the official time of starting. Players should arrive at their assigned tee after the group in front of them leaves the tee. Do not congregate at the tee.

**WHITE LINES AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED PATHS** are part of the obstruction.

**PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES (NOT TOWERS):** If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable on the course, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed, without penalty (See Rule 20-5).

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by white stakes or boundary fences to the right of hole numbers 1 and 3, to the left of hole numbers 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17, and behind the putting greens of hole numbers 2, 3 and 13.

**DIRT PATHS AND ROADS**, unless designated as ground under repair, are integral objects.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS:** Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect. Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has an extra option to take relief when an immovable obstruction is close to the putting green and on the line of play. For such relief, the ball and the immovable obstruction must both be in the general area cut to fairway height of less, the immovable obstruction must be on the line of play and within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

**YOUNG TREES IDENTIFIED BY STAKES** are no play zones. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f. If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2).

**PACE OF PLAY POLICY:** A player shall be subject to penalty if he unduly delays play. For the purpose of preventing slow play, the Committee has established a maximum allowable time for groups to complete their round. Consult your scorecard for that maximum allowable time. Absent exceptional circumstances determined by the Committee, if a group completes their round later than its maximum allowable time and, in the case of groups other than the lead group in a wave, more than 14 minutes behind the group in front of them, every player in that group will be subject to penalty of two strokes on the final hole of the round.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION:** The competition is deemed to be closed once all scores are entered into the computer in scoring after the final round.