



# 2022 High School Golf National Invitational

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Pinehurst Resort



## Notice to Players

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**Upon arrival for competition rounds, all players must check-in at the blue PGA tent. Players will also receive their \$10 food card for the day.**

### **NHSGA Rules - All play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2019 along with the following:**

- All contestants will play from the **BLUE** PGA tee markers.
- Best 4 scores count towards the team total each day.
- Substitutions may be made at scoring prior to the next day. Substitutions cannot have played previous competition rounds.
- No caddies are permitted.
- Distance measuring devices are permitted in accordance with Rule 4.3a(1).
- All fans are Temporary Immovable Obstructions - players are entitled to receive line of play relief.
- In the event the number of holes is reduced where competitors cannot compete on the same courses, co-champions will be awarded. No partial scores will be taken for shortened rounds.
- Awards will be distributed to the top 3 teams and the top 10 individuals (Awards Ceremony at Pinehurst No. 7).
- Parents, spectators and coaches are not allowed to provide advice/coaching to players during competition rounds. Spectators are asked to remain on the cart paths (maintaining at least 30+ feet from competitors at all times).
- The NHSGA will not tolerate players or spectators who do not adhere to guidelines put in place. We reserve the right to penalize and/or disqualify players who knowingly, willingly and or repeatedly disregard policies.
- Shuttling between holes and during an evacuation is permitted (not during play of a hole).

### **Local Rules:**

- **NO STROKE and DISTANCE LOCAL RULE:** The alternative to Stroke and Distance relief for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds is **NOT** in effect. There is **NO** local rule that allows players to drop in the fairway.
- **BUNKERS:** There are **NO bunkers** on the course. All sandy areas, whether natural, specially prepared and/or enclosed by grass and are not in a penalty area are treated as part of the general area. These areas are not considered to be cut to fairway height or less and relief for an embedded ball under Rule 16.3b is not allowed in these areas.
- **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS**
  - **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** A) Areas completely encircled by white lines B) French drains filled with rocks or stones C) Areas in sandy areas in the General Area where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand D) New tree watering wells
  - **AERATION HOLES ON PUTTING GREEN:** If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole on the putting green, the player may take relief by placing a ball at the nearest point of complete relief where there is no interference as outlined in Rule 16.1d.
    - But interference does NOT exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or line of play.
  - **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** A) Sprinkler control boxes B) Water fountains C) Stakes and wire/rope adjacent to young trees D) Starter's house, restroom or any other like structure E) Bird houses attached to posts F) Soil-erosion netting G) Exposed irrigation piping or wiring
  - **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS:** For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball.
  - **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** The following are treated as TIOs: All tents and signage.
    - "Either Side" Relief Option: The player is permitted to take relief on the other side of any TIO in addition to the relief options allowed under Clauses b and c of Model Local Rule F-23 (Local Rule for TIOs).
- **ROADS AND PATHS :** Artificially surfaced roads and paths, that do not define out of bounds, are immovable obstructions. All other paths are part of the general area. Where areas of damaged ground are right next to an artificially surfaced road or path they are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

- **RELIEF ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF RED PENALTY AREA COURSE #6-HOLE #10, COURSE #7-HOLE #12:** When a player's ball is in the penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in the penalty area even though not found, the player may take relief using one of the options under Rule 17.1d. Or, when the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area on Course #6-Hole #10 or Course #7-Hole #12, as an extra relief option adding one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area.
- **OUT OF BOUNDS:** A) Defined by the nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes B) The inside edge of any paved public road.
  - A ball which crosses a public road that is out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is deemed to be out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.
    - NOTE: Homeowners may install fake OB stakes along the course side of their property. Please play two ball when in doubt of whether or not a ball is OB.

#### **Pace of Play:**

- Lead groups that fail to complete their rounds in 4 hours and 48 minutes or do not establish position behind the final group starting on the opposite side are subject to receive a 1 stroke penalty for all players in the group
- Any following group will be considered out of position if a) it has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played and b) reaches the tee on a par 3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee, or fails to clear the tee of a par 4 hole before the preceding group has cleared the putting green, or reaches the tee of a par 5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.
- Checkpoints are defined by Rules Committee members who are tracking out of position groups
- Groups that do not get back into position by defined checkpoints will receive a "red card" status which is subject to a 1 stroke penalty on that hole. All penalties will be null and void if that group gets back into position at a future checkpoint OR if they complete their round in under 4 hours and 44 minutes
- The Committee reserves the right to time a group or individual player of a group that is out of position and assess penalty strokes as necessary. Players are limited to 40 seconds per stroke. Players are expected to play ready golf and be courteous of all members of the group. If a group is out of position, it is recommended to have players walk to the next tee respectfully as other players are completing the previous hole

#### **Tiebreakers:**

- Playoff holes will be announced by The Committee and will be conducted at Pinehurst No. 7 after play concludes
- \*To determine the champion for teams that are tied, the 4 players with the lowest tournament total for each team will compete in a sudden death playoff with other teams that are tied. If two players are tied for the 4th lowest score the playoff participant may be chosen of the two. Order of play will be determined by lot and teams will alternate tee shots. After each hole, all 4 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 first team to play reverses.
- Team ties will not be broken except for the champions.
- \*For the individual medalist playoff 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 order of play reverses.
- Individual ties will not be broken except for the medalist.

\*In the event a playoff can not be completed as determined by the Committee, co-champions will be awarded.

#### **Restroom Locations:**

No. 5 - Restrooms are located at the halfway house and the shelters near the 5th & 15th tees.

No. 6 - Restrooms are located at the halfway house and the shelters near the 5th & 16th tees.

No. 7 - Restrooms are located at the shelters near the 4th green & 15th tee.