



# 35<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Public Links Championship

Simsbury Farms Golf Course

August 10-11, 2020



## NOTICE TO PLAYERS

*This notice to players supplements the letter to contestants and the CSGA local rules and conditions of competitions. Local rules of the host club do not apply.*

**Format:** All competitors will play 18-holes of stroke play on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The low 30 players, including ties, will advance to play 18-holes on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The player with the low 36-hole total will be declared champion.

**COVID-19 Rules:** The following COVID-19 Local Rules are in effect: Practice, Social Distancing, Suspensions, Scorecard Returned, Competition Finalization, & Code of Conduct.

**Playoff & Ties:** In the event of a tie for champion, there will be a hole by hole playoff immediately following the conclusion of round two. Ties for round two starting times will be determined by round one starting times. Ties for merchandise credit will be determined by match of card.

**Scoring:** All scoring will be done electronically through the Golf Genius app. Each group will receive a unique GGID which will be used to enter scores throughout the round. It is recommended that one player in the group enter each score after each hole. Scores will be verbally certified by a member of the CSGA staff after the completion of the round.

**Tees:** Play will be from the CSGA tee markers.

**Penalty Areas:** Identified or defined by yellow and/or red (lateral) stakes and/or lines.

**Out of Bounds:** Identified and/or defined by white lines, stakes or boundary fences.

**Flowerbeds:** All on course flowerbeds are considered ground under repair from which relief is mandatory.

**Temporary Immovable Obstructions:** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. These objects (TIO's) include: starting and scoring tents, championship tee signs, on course leaderboards, and evacuation carts (deemed to be a single TIO if clustered closely together).

**Closely Clustered Immovable Obstructions:** Where permanent fixtures (such as electrical boxes, sprinkler control boxes, weather stations, etc.) and/or temporary immovable obstructions (such as tents, leaderboards, evacuation carts, etc.) are closely clustered together all obstructions are deemed to be one obstruction.

**Pace of Play:** The CSGA Pace of Play policy will be in effect for this Championship.



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# LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR 2020 CSGA CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all CSGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players, Entry Application and CSGA General Tournament Policies for modification or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competitions.

## UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE IS THE GENERAL PENALTY

**Out of Bounds:** A ball which crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the golf course.

**Penalty Areas:** When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out of bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out of bounds.

**Ground Under Repair:** French drains are ground under repair. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction such an area is part of the obstruction.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf:** Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**Immovable Obstructions:** Include bumpers or mats on the ground when they cover cables.

**White Lined Area Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths:** Ground under repair and artificially surfaced roads, paths or other obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**Wood Chips and Mulch:** Are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

**Integral Objects:** Include stone walls, cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

**List of Conforming Driver Heads & Golf Balls:** Model Local Rules G-1 & G-3 are in effect.

**Back-On-the-Line Relief:** Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

**Broken or Significantly Damaged Club:** Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

**Pace of Play:** The CSGA Pace of Play policy is in effect.

**Motorized Transportation:** Unless otherwise noted, players are permitted to use motorized transportation.

**Power Lines:** Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect.

**Practice:** Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds when a competition is scheduled over multiple days. Penalty for breach is covered under Rule 5.2.

**Stopping and Resuming Play:** Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension until the Committee has declared them open.

The following air horn notes are to inform as to the type of suspension/resumption: Immediate suspension - 1 prolonged; Other suspensions (may finish current hole) - 3 consecutive; Resumption of play - 2 short

## COVID SPECIFIC LOCAL RULES

**Practice:** Practice at the host club after a players round is prohibited.

**Social Distancing:** Players are always to maintain social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others. Any deliberate violation of these social distancing protocols will result in a code of conduct penalty. Any serious breach of the protocols may result in Committee disqualification under Rule 1.2a.

**Suspensions:** In the event of severe weather, players shall return to their vehicles IMMEDIATELY. Players on the furthest parts of the course may be offered a shuttle to return to the parking lot. Players MUST wear a face covering while on the shuttle cart. Communication regarding resumption of play will be sent by text message.

**Scorecard Returned:** A scorecard is deemed to be officially returned fifteen minutes after the player and marker have verbally certified the scores and left the scoring area.

**When Competition is Final:** The competition is final when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

**Code of Conduct:** The CSGA Code of Conduct Policy is modified in this way: The following penalty tiers apply and are cumulative: First Violation – Warning; Second Violation – One-stroke penalty; Third Violation – Two-stroke penalty; Fourth Violation – Disqualification.

These penalties may only be applied by the OIC or his/her designee. Players have the right to appeal any penalty by requesting a meeting with the OIC immediately following the conclusion of the round. The subsequent decision of the OIC shall be final. Any violation(s) that end with a disqualification penalty will result in the player and/or caddie losing playing/caddie privileges in CSGA events for one calendar year.



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