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NOTICE TO PLAYERS (Laurel Links)

LOCAL RULES (this information supplements the Memo to Players and Hard Card for MGA Championships)

Out of Bounds - Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1. The following areas are defined as out of bounds: **Hole #1** – stakes (right & left side), **Hole #2** – stakes (left side), **Hole #3** – stakes (left side & behind green), **Hole #4** – stakes (left side), **Hole #6** – stakes (left side), **Hole #8** – stakes (left side), **Hole #10** – stakes (left side), **Hole #12** – stakes (behind green), **Hole #13** – stakes (right side), **Hole #14** – fence (right side) and stakes (behind green), **Hole #15** – stakes (right side and behind green), **Hole #17** – stakes to fence (left side), **Hole #18** – stakes (behind green).

Water and Lateral Water Hazard Stakes and Lines - When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

Ground Under Repair - Defined by white lines. Sod-covered trenching for temporary cables and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair (see Rule 25-1.) Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where cart traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee.

Seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams) - The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. Except in a hazard, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

Wood Chips and Mulch - are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

Integral Parts of the Course - include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

Note: All paths are considered integral parts of the course.

Distance Measuring Devices - The Local Rule allowing DMD's will be in effect (See Rule 14-3).

Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green – Local Rule is in effect.

Embedded Ball Through the Green - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Scorecard Collection Area – is defined by the blue painted "corner"s surrounding the scorecard collection tent.

CONDITIONS

Pace of Play - See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines, when applicable.

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies)

Immovable Obstruction(s) – 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 relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions: The Local Rule in Appendix 1 of the Rules of Golf is in effect. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs) include: hydration stations; scorecard collection & starting tents; and championship signs (if not readily movable).

a. Special Relief Procedures:

- i. In addition to the available relief options under the Rules, a player having interference (both physical interference and intervention) from any TIO may drop the ball, without penalty, on either side of the TIO, but not nearer the hole.

WHERE TO PROCEED DURING AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Hole	Tee	Fairway	Green	Hole	Tee	Fairway	Green
1	CH	CH	CH	10	HH	HH	HH
2	CH	CH	A	11	B	B	B
3	A	A	A	12	HH	HH	HH
4	A	A	A	13	HH	B	B
5	A	A	A	14	B	B	B
6	A	CH	CH	15	B	CH	CH
7	CH	A	A	16	CH	CH	CH
8	HH	HH	HH	17	CH	CH	CH
9	HH	HH	HH	18	CH	CH	CH

CH – Clubhouse
HH – Halfway House
A – Path next to #3 Tee
B – Next to #14 tee