

2018 Faulconer Invitational

Local Rules

USGA Rules govern play except where modified by local rules.

TEES- Regular division shall play the **WHITE** tees Saturday. Championship and First Flight play **BLUE** tees Sunday. Seniors and Super Seniors division shall play the **GOLD** tees.

PREFERRED LIES-A ball lying on a **closely** mown area *through the green* may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within **one club-length** of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a *putting green*.

OUT OF BOUNDS-(Rule 27-1)-Defined by white stakes and property fence posts. Public roads and golf course parking lot are out of bounds. *A ball, which crosses a public road or golf course parking lot and comes to rest beyond that road, is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

WATER HAZARDS-Defined by Yellow stakes and lines. When both stakes and lines are used to define water hazards, stakes identify hazards and lines define the margin. Bulkheads within margins of the hazard are considered an integral part of the course.

LATERAL HAZARDS-Defined by Red stakes and lines. When both stakes and lines are used to define water hazards, stakes identify hazards and lines define the margin. When there are stakes on only one side, the hazard is deemed to extend to infinity. Left on holes 4, 12, and 17 and right side on holes 6, 13, and 15. Bulkheads within margins of the hazard are considered an integral part of the course. If a ball is found beyond the hazard stakes and is in a yard, the ball must be dropped out of the hazard with penalty. Play is prohibited from the home owner's yard.

ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS-(Rule 25-1) Defined by areas completely encircled with white lines. French drains, sprinkler heads, deeply rutted muddy areas from vehicle traffic and washed out areas, will be considered abnormal even if unmarked. Tree stumps are considered to be trees and **not** abnormal.

ROCK RULE-A ball at rest laying in stones, may be lifted, stones removed, and ball placed in its original spot. The ball position must be marked before ball lifted.

STONES IN BUNKERS-Stones in bunkers are considered movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

EMBEDDED BALL-The embedded ball rule is in effect "*through the green*".

PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES AND CABLES-Hole #4-If a ball strikes the power lines, the stroke shall be canceled and replayed, without penalty. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE-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.

TIES-For the overall championship will be decided by a sudden victory playoff beginning on hole #18. Ties for the Senior's and Super Senior's division will be decided by a sudden victory playoff beginning on hole #1. A match of cards will decide all other ties.

PACE OF PLAY-Be aware of your pace and play without delay (rule 6-7). Pace guideline listed on competitor's scorecard.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE-(Rule 3-3) If a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls.

FLOWER BEDS-Are deemed to be immovable obstructions.

GREEN MATTING #14-The green matting right of the #14 golf car path is an immovable obstruction. Take relief under rule 24-2b.

FLIGHTS – If the event is rain shortened to 18-holes, then flights and prizes will be based on the 18-hole score.