

STAMFORD CITY AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

STERLING FARMS GOLF COURSE

June 29, 2025

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

FORMAT – 36-hole Stroke Play. Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and by the following Local Rules.

PLAYOFF - In the event of a tie, players will continue play in a hole-by-hole sudden death (stroke-play) format until a Division winner is determined.

TEES - Men's Championship play from BLACK Markers.
Jack Nicklaus, and Arnold Palmer Divisions play from BLUE Markers.
Gary Player & Sam Snead Divisions play from WHITE Markers.
Nancy Lopez Division play from RED Markers.
Francis Ouimet Division play from RED Markers.

PACE OF PLAY - Rule 5.6b(3) will be enforced. See Metropolitan PGA Pace of Play Guidelines at the starting tees.

WHEN BALL IS LOST – A ball is lost if not found in **three minutes** after the player or his or her *caddie* begins to search.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Cart path extensions that have become worn or damaged due to excessive wear are considered Ground Under Repair. **To be verified by all playing partners. Some of these areas will not be marked. Relief is mandatory from flower beds.**

LOCAL RULES -

- #4 Internal out of bounds to left of pond as defined by white line up to the 5th tee.
- #9 Relief from lines supporting driving range fence. Out of Bounds behind green defined by white stakes and line.
- #10 Out of bounds left as defined by white stakes and line.
- #11 Left side of 11 from tee box to bridge is a penalty area. You may use ball drop areas closest to the point of entry no nearer the hole. Ball Drop Areas behind green are for cart path relief only, use closest drop area.
- #13 Internal out of bounds on right side bordering #14 hole up to #14 tee defined by white lines on edge of cart path.
- #14 Under Rule 17-1, it must be "known or virtually certain" that a ball is in the water hazard. In the absence of "knowledge or virtual certainty" that it lies in a water hazard (saw splash), a ball that cannot be found must be considered lost somewhere other than in a water hazard and the player must proceed under Rule 18-2.
- #16 Cemetery and walls of cemetery are out of bounds. Also, internal out of bounds on right identified by white stakes on ground and cart path between Holes #16 & #17-
- #17 Ball Drop Area behind green is for Cart Path Relief only.
- #18 Left fence and stone wall are out of bounds. Also, the stone wall behind green is out of bounds.

PENALTY AREAS - Defined by lines.

BUNKERS – For safety reasons, Rule 15.1a allows for any loose impediment (including stones) to be removed from a bunker without penalty.

OBSTRUCTIONS - Buildings (except buildings that define out of bounds), bridges, cart paths, all flower gardens, mulch areas, drinking fountains and tree wells. **A player may obtain relief from obstruction only if obstruction interferes with swing or stance.**

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES - A player may use a device to measure or gauge distance only. If a player uses a distance measuring device that has additional functionality that might affect his/her play (e.g. elevation, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is a **two-stroke penalty, then disqualification for subsequent offense.**

SCORECARD RETURNED – The entire group must promptly return mobile scorecard to the scoring area in front of the Golf Shop immediately upon completion of your round.

If doubtful of procedure during play of a hole, you may, without penalty, announce your intentions and complete the hole with two balls. Competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee at the completion of the round for ruling.