

55TH GIRLS' FOUR-STATE MATCHES
June 27-28, 2023 ▪ ELKS COUNTRY CLUB, COLUMBUS
(DRAFT VERSION 6/20/2023)

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

(This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2023 NWAGA Competitions)

1. **Advice:** Each team may name two advice-givers whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice-giver to the Committee before any player on the team begins her round.
2. **Tied Matches:** Matches that are tied after 18-holes will not be extended to extra holes. The point for that match will be split, with each team awarded 0.5 points. In the event of a tie in overall team points, the Cup will be retained by the team that won the previous year.
3. **Team Ties:** If two teams tie, the winner will be determined by: 1. Comparing head-to-head total points in all three match play sessions; 2. Comparing head-to-head total points in Singles matches only; 3. Comparing head-to-head total points in Foursomes match only; 4. Comparing head-to-head total points in Four-Ball match only; 5. Each team selects one player to play in a hole-by-hole play-off. If more than two teams are tied, then each team will select one player to play in a hole-by-hole play-off.
4. **Teeing Ground:** The White Tee-Markers define the teeing area.
5. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. Out of Bounds is defined by white lines in addition to white stakes, white paint dots and fence posts. When defined by white lines, the line itself is out of bounds.
 - b. **Hole 4** - Out of Bounds is defined by white stakes, white fence and pool fence behind the putting green.
6. **Penalty Areas:**
 - a. **Dropping Zones:** If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in one of the defined penalty areas below the player may proceed (i) under Rule 17.1 or (ii) as an extra option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in the prescribed dropping zone. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
Hole 8 – Red Penalty Area - dropping zone located in front of the teeing area in the rough.
Hole 16 – Red Penalty Area Behind the Putting Green – dropping zone located in the rough behind the putting green.
7. **Unplayable Ball**
 - a. **Dropping Zone:** If a ball is unplayable in the area between the blue stakes left of the putting green on **Hole 13**, the player may proceed (i) under Rule 19.2 or (ii) as an extra option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in the dropping zone located behind the left side of the putting green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
8. **Ground Under Repair:**
 - a. Decorative Flower and Plant Beds. When enclosed by cart paths or adjacent to immovable obstructions they are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
 - b. The Maintenance Area between holes 7, 12 & 13, defined by a white line.
 - c. Dirt areas where trees have been removed even though not defined by white lines.
 - d. **Dropping Zone:** If a ball is in the dirt area left of the green on **Hole 8**, the player may proceed (i) under Rule 16.1b. or (ii) as an extra option, drop a ball in the dropping zone located left of the putting green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
9. **Movable Obstructions** include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Yardage posts.
 - b. Arboretum signs.
10. **Immovable Obstructions**
 - a. Include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Young Trees identified by white tubing (including attachments and their mulch bases).
 - ii. Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths including those surfaced with crushed brick, gravel or asphalt.
 - b. **Immovable Obstructions Adjacent to Each Other** are to be treated as a single immovable obstruction.
11. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions:**
 - a. **Relief on Either Side:** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect and includes any temporary immovable obstruction installed for the championship. If a player has either physical interference or line of sight interference from any TIO and is entitled to relief, as an additional option, the player may take relief on the other side of the TIO along the arc without penalty. When taking relief on the other side of the TIO, the player may only take relief under the TIO Local Rule, not Rule 16.1.
12. **Integral Objects:**
 - a. Rock bed bordering the entrance road (free relief not permitted). However, individual stones associated with the rock bed are considered loose impediments.
13. **Transportation:** During the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.
14. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points** will be made by Craig Ames and Anne Robertson.