

NWAGA FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENT

Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, Kearney

July 8-9, 2024

(DRAFT VERSION - 4/25/2024)

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

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

1. **Format:** The tournament will consist of 36-holes of Four-Ball stroke play. In Four-Ball, two players compete together as a side, with each playing their own ball. The side's score for a hole is the lower score of the two. All sides will compete in both Gross and Net Divisions; Flights were created in advance, within the Net Division, based on Team Handicap Index.
2. **Handicap Allowance:** Based on July 1 Handicap Revision. An individual's Playing Handicap is 85% of their Course Handicap. The maximum Handicap Index permitted for this event is 40.4.
3. **Prizes:** *Net:* Overall Low Net: Pewter cup awards; Flight Winners: Photo frame awards; Merchandise: Top finishers in each flight. *Gross:* Overall Low Gross: Trophy plates.
4. **Teeing Area:** Red NWAGA tee markers define the teeing area for the competition.
5. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. Defined by perimeter fences in addition to white stakes.
 - b. The parking lot and entrance road are out of bounds. A ball is out of bounds when it lies beyond the curbing even though it may rest on another part of the course.
6. **General Area:** The waste area along the left of hole #3 is deemed to be General Area (not a bunker).
7. **Immovable Obstructions:**
 - a. Include but are not limited to:
 - i. All artificially surfaced roads and paths surfaced with crushed rock, gravel, asphalt and mulch.
 - ii. Newly Planted Trees identified by ribbon, including their tree wells.
 - b. Immovable obstructions adjacent to, within or abutting each other, such as artificially surfaced paths (including decorative areas enclosed by these paths), curbing, walls, steps and drains, are considered a single obstruction.
 - c. Permanent restrooms and structures, including adjacent and surrounding artificially surfaced paths, patios, and decorative plantings, are considered a single obstruction.
8. **Penalty Area Dropping Zones:**
 - a. If a ball is in the following penalty areas, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke: 1) Take relief under Rule 17.1; or 2) As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone in the location below. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
 - i. Hole #8 Yellow Penalty - Drop Zone located in the fairway.
9. **Other Clarifications:**
 - a. When two stakes located near each other are used to define out of bounds or penalty areas, the edge of the area extends in a straight line to infinity in the direction formed by the course-side points of the two stakes at ground level for out of bounds and the outside points of the two stakes at ground level for penalty areas.
10. **Scoring Area:** A scorecard is deemed to be returned when the side has submitted their scorecard and left the scoring area.
11. **Determining Ties:** Ties for first place within a division or flight will be broken by scorecard play-off using the USGA method of comparing scores.
12. **Final Decisions** on Disputed Points will be made by Chad Pitkin and Dave James.

Restrooms: located in clubhouse, in building near 2 tee/4 green and in trees behind 14 tee.

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