



17th HSGA Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship
Ted Makalena Golf Course
Feb 17-18, 24-25, 2024



NOTICE TO PLAYERS

This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of Competition as stated on the 2024 HSGA Hard Card.

Format of Play: Four-Ball Stroke Play - 36-holes.

- **Individual gross scores must be recorded on the scorecard. Scorecards returned with only “team scores” are subject to Disqualification.**
- If a player does not complete a hole, enter a “most likely score” (see supplemental guide). The HSGA will post all individual scores to GHIN as allowed by the World Handicapping System.
- The Committee reserves the right to adjust a team’s flight assignment due to exceptional scores.

Tees: *Championship, A-flight, B-flight, Sr Gross/Net:* White *Women’s Gross, Women’s Sr Net:* Red
Playing Handicap / Senior Net & Sr Women Net flight: 85% of Player’s Course Handicap from GHIN Low H.I. as of Feb 9, 2024.

Cut after the first round: Approximately 50% & ties of teams for all flights

Internal Out of Bounds (Model local rule A-4): Marked by white stakes & lines.

- During play of hole #9, the areas to the left, right, and behind of the green.
- During play of hole #12, the area to the right side of the hole.
- During play of hole #18, the area to the right side of the hole.
- The entire maintenance area between holes #8, 9, & 18.

Abnormal Course Conditions: Free relief from “old” cart paths with visible signs of asphalt only.

Pace of play: The maximum time to play each stroke is 40 seconds. See chart on scorecard for **maximum** time allowed per hole, and the HSGA Pace of Play Policy on the reverse side of this page. The maximum time allotted: 4 hours and 30 minutes.

Dropping Zone: If a ball is in the penalty area behind of the #5 green, player may take penalty relief under Rule 17.1. Or as an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone to the left of the green – defined by the white circle. Drop zone NOT in effect for Hole #17.

Caddies/Spectators: *Not Allowed* - 1st breach: Warning, 2nd breach: General Penalty, 3rd breach: *Disqualification*
Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do (Rule 20.1c): A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty. The player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard. **Penalty for breach:** *Disqualification*

Distance Measuring Devices: Allowed (GPS on mobile phones are also permitted). Be sure slope and club suggestion features are turned off.

Scorecard Returned: The scorecard has been returned once handed to The Committee and the player has left the scoring area. No corrections can be made thereafter.

Ties for 1st place:

- **Championship, A, B, Senior Gross, & Women’s Gross flights:** Winner determined by hole-by-hole playoff. The Tournament Committee will determine where the playoff will begin.
- **Senior Net & Sr Women Net:** Winner determined by matching of scorecards using the USGA “scorecard count-back” = final round score, last 9-holes, last 6-holes, last 3 holes, 36th hole.

Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the Tournament Committee.

Tournament Committee:

Jay Hinazumi - Tournament Chair - Barry Amorin, HSGA Member Services - Ryan Nagata, PGA – HSGA Rules & Competitions - Paul Ogawa, PGA HSGA Executive Director



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Hawaii State Golf Association: Pace of Play Policy

The Rules Committee of the Hawaii State Golf Association will monitor the pace of play as follows:

The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes at the Ted Makalena Golf Course is 4 hours and 30 minutes. This includes a turn time of 2 minutes from #9 to #10.

The **maximum** time allotted to complete each hole and the round is noted on the official scorecard. ***It is each group's responsibility to maintain a pace faster than the maximum allowable time.***

- Each player should play a stroke within 40 seconds from the time he or she can make a stroke without interference or distraction.

Position of a group

- The first group to start will be considered *out of position* if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played.
- Any following group will be considered out of position if they have exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played and:
 - A par 3 is clear of play and the group in front has played from the teeing area of the next hole
 - A par 4 becomes clear before any player plays a stroke from the teeing area
 - Or reaches a par 5 after any player in the group ahead has made a stroke on the putting green.

Timing

- A group determined to be out of position will be issued a ***1st bad timing***. Each player will then be timed individually, allowing 40 seconds per stroke plus a 10% variance.
- Timing of a player's stroke begins when the Player has had:
 - A reasonable opportunity to reach his/her ball
 - It is his/her turn to play and can play their shot without interference or distraction.
 - When on the putting green, has had reasonable time to make allowable actions under Rule 13.1.
 - Time spent determining yardage, wind, and surveying the line of play from behind and the ball and/or beyond the hole when on the putting green will count as time taken to play the stroke.
- Timing will discontinue when group has regained its position.
- Previous warnings/penalties carry over for the remainder of the round.
- The Rules Committee reserves the right to put an individual on the clock regardless of whether the group is out of position.

Pace of Play Penalties

- 1st bad timing = *Warning*
- 2nd bad timing = *1-stroke penalty*
- 3rd bad timing = *2-stroke penalty*
- 4th bad timing = *disqualification*