



# 69<sup>th</sup> Francis Brown Four-Ball Match Play

Ala Wai Golf Course  
May 29-30 & June 5-6, 2021



## NOTICE TO PLAYERS

*The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A Rules Limited govern play.*  
In addition, all rules and regulations of the HSGA hard card and the following are in effect.

**TEES:** *White* tee markers for all flights

**FORMAT:** A) May 29 - qualifying round - ***Four-Ball Stroke Play*** - A competition in which two competitors play as partners, each playing his/her own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole.  
B) May 30, June 5-6 - ***Four-Ball Match Play*** - A match in which two players score their better ball against the better ball of two other players.

**\*Note:** If a player does not complete a hole, they will be required to log their most likely score and the tournament will post all scores for each player for handicap purposes.

**\*\*Note 2:** Scores for each player must be correctly identified in each respective row.  
Team score is not the official score for the team.

**CUT AFTER 18 HOLES** - The field will be cut after the qualifying round to:

Championship Flight: 15 teams (Last year's Championship Flight Winners automatically qualify as #1 seed.)  
A-Flight, B-Flight & Senior Flight: 16 teams

## LOCAL RULES

**Bunkers:** If a player's ball comes to rest in a footprint or a divot (stance is not included), he or she may take one-time free relief. Golfers may lift the ball and smooth the sand with their foot or hand and should be placed as near as possible to the original spot, not nearer the hole. See supplemental bunker guide.

**Flagstick:** Must remain in the hole at all times and must not be removed by players.  
1st violation – **Warning**; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - **General Penalty**; 3rd violation - **DISQUALIFICATION**

**Modifications to the hole:** To minimize the possibility of exposing golfers to the coronavirus, hole modifications will be used in the hole. Any portion of the golf ball must remain below the edge of the cup to be deemed as holed.

**Dropping Zones:** All dropping zones are **NOT IN PLAY** for tournament.

**Doubt as to Procedure (May 29<sup>th</sup> Only):** If a player is doubtful of his rights of procedure; they may use Rule 20.1c and play a second ball.

**Pace of Play:** See pace of play policy on back page.

**Spectators & Caddies:** Caddies and Spectators are not allowed during the tournament per City & County regulations

**Transportation:** Players may walk. If choosing to ride, only two (2) people are allowed to ride the cart at any time.

**Masks must be worn while riding together.** 1st violation – **Warning**; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - **General Penalty**; 3rd violation - **DISQUALIFICATION**

**Ties:** Ties to decide the cut will be resolved by a playoff following completion of play designated by the tournament committee.

## **HSGA TOURNAMENT REFEREES**

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## **PACE OF PLAY**

The Rules Committee of the Hawaii State Golf Association will monitor the Pace of Play as allowed by the Rules of Golf of the USGA & the R&A.

1. The **maximum** time allotted for the completion of 18 holes at the Ala Wai Golf Course is 4 hours and 28 minutes. This includes a turn time of 2 minutes from #9 to #10.
2. Rules referees will use discretion concerning Pace of Play of early groups, and all groups will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace, i.e., groups of four – 13 minutes for par 3 holes, 15 minutes for par 4 holes, and 17 minutes for par 5 holes.
3. 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:
  - 1) a par 4 or par 5 hole is open before the group reaches the teeing area of that hole
  - 2) **and** has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.
4. The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. The timing of a player will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Note: 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- 1) A tee shot on a par 3 hole
- 2) An approach shot to the green and
- 3) A chip or putt

### 5. Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.6b

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	One (1) Stroke Penalty
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Two (2) Stroke Penalty
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	Disqualification

Note: Timing will discontinue when group has regained its position. Time previously recorded that may have exceeded the limit, however, will be held over for further occurrence.