



# 37<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Cup

## Ala Wai Golf Course – September 9-10, 2023



### NOTICE TO PLAYERS

This information supplements the [2023 HSGA Local Rules, Terms of the Competition and Conduct Policies](#).

#### **FORMAT OF PLAY & TEES:**

- **Championship & A-Flight** : 36-holes stroke play (gross) - *Blue Tees*
- **B-Flight**: 36-holes stroke play (gross) - *White Tees*
- **Senior (55+)**: 36-holes stroke play (gross & net) - *White Tees*
- **Women's Flight**: 36-holes stroke play (gross & net) - *Red Tees*
- **Senior Women's Flight**: 36-Holes stroke play (net only) – *Red Tees*

**Distance Measuring Devices:** Allowed - Slope measuring and club selection/suggestion features *must be turned off*. Penalty for Breach: *General Penalty*. Penalty for second breach unrelated to the first breach: *Disqualification*

**Out of Bounds:** Defined by white stakes, lines, and the golf course side edge of property walls and fence posts. The driving range to the left of holes #4, #5, & #6 is O.B.

**Immovable Obstructions:** Protective fences near tee boxes/greens and the angled support beams of the driving range fence are immovable obstructions. Relief under Rule 16.1 is available provided the ball is in the General Area, and the obstruction interferes with intended stance and/or swing only.

**Ground Under Repair (GUR):** Defined by enclosed white lines.

**Relief from seams of cut turf and edging grooves:** For a ball that lies in or touches a seam of cut turf/edging groove or a seam interferes with your area of intended swing relief is available under rule 16.1b (ball in general area) or 16.1d (ball on putting green). No relief if seam/edging interferes with intended stance only.

**Playing 2 balls when uncertain (Rule 20.1c3):** A player uncertain about the right procedure may complete the hole with two balls without penalty. The player *must* report the facts of the situation to the Tournament Committee before returning the scorecard. Penalty for breach: *Disqualification*

**Pace of Play:** The *maximum* time allocated per stroke is **40 seconds**. See supplemental pace of play policy

**Caddies & Spectators:** **NOT ALLOWED** per City & County Regulations.

**Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place:** Championship Flight, Senior Gross, & Women's Gross = Hole-by-hole playoff immediately following completion of the flight. The Committee will determine where the playoff will begin.

Ties in all other flights will be determined by a matching of scorecards using the USGA recommended "scorecard count-back" = final round score, last 9-holes, last 6-holes, last 3 holes, 36<sup>th</sup> hole.

**Score posting:** All scores will be posted to the GHIN system by the HSGA.

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

***Tournament Committee:*** Jay Hinazumi, President HSGA - Paul Ogawa, PGA –Barry Amorin, HSGA - Ryan Nagata, PGA, HSGA Rules Chair



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### HSGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY

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 ***1<sup>st</sup> bad timing (warning)***. 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. However, bad times previously recorded will be held over for further occurrence.
- 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

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