

NWAGA FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENT

Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, Kearney

July 8-9, 2024

(FINAL VERSION - 7/7/2024)

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**, is defined by:
 - a. Perimeter fence posts in addition to white stakes and white lines.
 - b. The entrance road, parking lot and entrance circle. A ball coming to rest beyond the curb closest to the course is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.
 - c. Hole #15 – fence posts along the left.
6. **Immovable Obstructions:**
 - a. Include but are not limited to:
 - i. The clubhouse area (including clubhouse, cart barn, patio & patio fence and other adjacent immovable artificial objects).
 - b. Artificially surfaced roads and paths include those surfaced with crushed rock, gravel, asphalt or mulch.
 - c. 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.
7. **Abnormal Course Conditions:**
 - a. Include but are not limited to:
 - i. Mulch bases of trees.
 - ii. Temporary water: Any temporary accumulation of water on the surface of the ground (such as puddles from rain or irrigation or an overflow from a body of water) that: is not in a *penalty area* and can be seen before or after the player takes a *stance*.
 - b. Green and white stakes and ropes in hole #2 fairway
 - c. Abandoned bunker behind #4 green marked as ground under repair.
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 Red Penalty Area perpendicular to the hole near green (drop zone cannot be used for penalty area parallel to fairway to the left) - Drop Zone located near cart path on the green side of penalty area.
 - ii. Hole #11 Red Penalty Area – Drop Zone located near cart path on the green side of penalty area.
 - iii. Hole #17 Red Penalty Area - Drop Zone located near cart path on the green side of penalty.
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, Dave James and Jay Cottam.

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

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