



ALOHA SECTION

Official Event

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

APRIL 25 - 28, 2024

Format: All Flights- 72-Holes Stroke Play- BLACK tee markers

Cut after 36 holes: Approximately 50% of each flight and ties

*The 2023 USGA Rules of Golf, HSGA Hardcard and the following Local Rules are in effect.
Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty of two strokes.*

LOCAL RULES

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by white stakes, painted lines and the inside edge of the rock wall to the right of hole #18.
2. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**
 - The stone walls and protective fences around tee boxes are immovable obstructions. Free relief is allowed for interference with stance and/or swing.
 - GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR): The maintenance area to the right of holes #9, #10, and #11 is GUR defined by the painted white line.
 - The flower bed to the left of #13 green is GUR
3. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS MLR F5:** For a ball in the General Area, relief is allowed when both the ball and obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The obstruction (e.g. sprinkler head) must be,
 - i) within 2 club lengths of the putting green,
 - ii) on the player's line of play, AND
 - iii) the ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction.
4. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS MLF F-23:** Scoring tent near #9 green & scoreboard near #18 green are TIO's. For a ball in the General Area, free relief for stance, swing, and line of sight. One club-length from the nearest point of complete relief, within the General Area, not nearer the hole.
5. **GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS MLR G-2:** In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on January 1, 2010. The exception to MLR G-2 does NOT apply.
6. **PACE OF PLAY:** Players should play their shot within 40 second. See reverse side for full POP Policy
7. **NO PRACTICING ON COURSE:**
 - a. **Model Local Rule I-1.1** Rule 5.2a is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds, but may practice on the designated practice areas.
 - b. **Model Local Rule I-2** Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the green or rolling a ball.
8. **GOLF CART POLICY:** Only two carts allowed per foursome with only 2 people max per cart.
1st violation-Warning; 2nd violation-Disqualification
9. **SCORECARD RETURNED:** A player's scorecard has been returned to the committee when the player has exited the defined area of the scoring tent(s).
10. **TIES:** If players are tied for the overall championship, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off starting from hole #18. If there is a tie for the winner of any of the other flights, a hole-by-hole play-off from hole #10 (or as determined by the committee) will be utilized.



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PACE OF PLAY POLICY

- ❖ The **MAXIMUM TIME** allotted for the completion of 18 holes in groups of four players with golf carts available for this event is 4 hours and 50 minutes. ***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.
- 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 or not 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*

Note: To expedite the pace of play: When the first two players have puttied out, they may proceed to the next tee and tee off while the other two players hole out. *Must have one fellow player to mark near putting green.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	IN	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	OUT	TOTAL
Maximum Time Per Hole	:16	:16	:18	:14	:18	:14	:16	:16	:16	2:24	:16	:14	:18	:16	:14	:16	:18	:16	:16	2:24	*4:50

*this includes a 2 minute turn time from hole 9 to 10 and/or from hole 18 to 1.



Scheduled Referees (But not limited to)

Jim Femia
Gwen Omori
Mark Sousa, PGA

Barry Amorin
Judy Tonda
Kyle Kunioka, PGA

Ian Maclean
Danny Lau
Paul Ogawa, PGA (Chair)

HAWAII STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

LOCAL RULES, TERMS OF THE COMPETITION AND CONDUCT POLICIES

The Rules of Golf effective January 2023 as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

PACE OF PLAY See separate event specific HSGA Pace of Play Guidelines.

OUT OF BOUNDS Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. All public roads are deemed out of bounds and if not otherwise marked, the inside edge of the curbing shall be the boundary. In the absence of a curb, the nearest edge of the asphalt shall be the boundary. If a ball crosses a public road and comes to rest on another part of the golf course, the ball is deemed out of bounds.

PENALTY AREAS When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When penalty areas are bounded by out of bounds, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line. When both stakes and lines are used to define penalty areas, the stakes identify the area and the lines define the edges.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF AND EDGING GROOVES When your ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf/edging groove or a seam interferes with your area of intended swing you may take relief.

But, interference does not exist if the seam/edging groove only interferes with your stance. All seams within the area of cut turf/edging groove are treated as the same seam in taking relief.

(a) **Ball in General Area.** You may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. If you have interference from any seam after dropping the ball, you must proceed under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

(b) **Ball on Putting Green.** The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1d. For grooves defining the Putting Green you may take free relief, **placing** the ball no nearer the hole.

NO PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES MLR 1-2 (stroke play only) Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between play of two holes, you must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed and must not test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the committee has declared them open.

- Immediate Stop: One prolonged note of the siren.
- Normal Stop: Three consecutive notes of the siren.
- Resume Play: Two short notes of siren

FORM AND MAKE OF CLUBS The HSGA **will accept** the use of clubs conforming to the Club Face Markings prior to January 1, 2010 until further notice.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS The driver head you play must be named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. **Penalty = Disqualification.**

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS The ball you play must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. **Penalty = Disqualification.**

USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES NOT ALLOWED During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.

SCORECARDS Have been returned once handed to The Committee and the player has left the scoring area. **MLR L-1** Rule 3.3b is modified in this way: If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker, or both, the player gets the general penalty.

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result and is posted on the public scoreboard.

SCORE POSTING – All scores are posted by the HSGA to GHIN.

SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT

CONDUCT – The HSGA expects a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship from all players in HSGA events. Players who conduct themselves in a discourteous or unsportsmanlike manner are subject to warning, penalties or disqualification (Rule 1.2) according to the discretion of the tournament committee. The HSGA Tournament Committee and/or the Executive Committee can extend the disqualification to additional future events if circumstances warrant.

Foul and abusive language, cheating, throwing clubs, drinking alcohol in excess on the course, and showing disrespect for club facilities, tournament officials, volunteers, spectators and other players are actions subject to reprimand, penalty, disqualification and/or suspension.

If a player is disqualified under this policy, he or she shall not be permitted to continue play in that particular tournament and shall be asked to leave the course if his or her conduct remains abusive or threatening.

DRESS CODE – Neat and clean golf attire will be considered appropriate dress, unless course policies specify otherwise.