NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

(This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2020 NSAA Golf Championships & Events)

1. **Electronic Scoring:** A player may use a cell phone or another type of electronic device for scoring purposes only.

2. **Deciding Ties:** In the event of a tie for first place in the individual or team competition, a hole-by-hole play-off using holes 10 & 9 will determine the champion unless otherwise notified by the Committee. See the NSAA Golf Manual for play-off procedure.

3. **Teeing Ground:** The Red Tee-Markers define the teeing area.

4. **Scoring Area:** A player’s scorecard is deemed to be returned when both the player and marker both verbally certify the player’s hole-by-hole scores and the player has left the scoring area defined by the tent, stakes, roping and blue lines.

5. **Out of Bounds:**
   a. Out of Bounds is defined by white lines in addition to white stakes, white paint dots and fence posts. When defined by white lines, the line itself is out of bounds.
   b. **Hole 4** - Out of Bounds is defined by white posts, white fence and pool fence behind the putting green.
   c. **Hole 7** - The white stakes along the right side are out of bounds during play of the 7th hole only. See item 9d. below for the status of these white stakes during play of another hole.

6. **Penalty Areas:**
   a. **Dropping Zones:** If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in one of the defined penalty areas below the player may proceed (i) under Rule 17.1 or (ii) as an extra option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in the prescribed dropping zone. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
      - **Hole 11 – Red Penalty Area - dropping zone located in the rough right of the red penalty area.**
      - **Hole 16 – Red Penalty Area Behind the Putting Green – dropping zone located in the rough behind the putting green.**

7. **Unplayable Ball**
   a. **Dropping Zone:** If a ball is unplayable in the area between the blue stakes left of the putting green on **Hole 13**, the player may proceed (i) under Rule 19.2 or (ii) as an extra option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in the dropping zone located behind the left side of the putting green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

8. **Ground Under Repair:**
   a. Decorative Flower and Plant Beds. When enclosed by cart paths or adjacent to immovable obstructions they are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
   b. The Maintenance Area between holes 7, 12 & 13, defined by a white line.
   c. **Hole 4** - The rock area right of putting green.

9. **Movable Obstructions** include, but are not limited to:
   a. Yardage posts.
   b. Arboretum signs.

10. **Immovable Obstructions** include, but are not limited to:
    a. Young Trees identified by white tubing (including attachments to their bases).
    b. Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths including those surfaced with crushed brick, gravel or asphalt.
    c. **Immovable Obstructions Adjacent to Each Other** are to be treated as a single immovable obstruction.
    d. The white stakes defining out of bounds along the right side of **Hole 7** during play of another hole.

11. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions:**
    a. **Relief on Either Side:** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect and includes any temporary immovable obstruction installed for the championship. If a player has either physical interference or line of sight interference from any TIO and is entitled to relief, as an additional option, she may take relief on the other side of the TIO along the arc without penalty. When taking relief on the other side of the TIO, the player may only take relief under the TIO Local Rule, not Rule 16.1.

12. **Integral Objects:**
    a. Rock bed bordering the entrance road (free relief not permitted). However, individual stones associated with the rock bed are considered loose impediments.

13. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points** will be made by Nate Neuhaus, NSAA; Craig Ames, NGA and Mike VunCannon, Elks CC.