



94th ILLINOIS STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Event Title:	2025 Illinois State Amateur Championship	
Date:	July 15-17, 2025	
Location:	Stonebridge Country Club 2705 Stonebridge Boulevard Aurora, IL 60502 Designed by Tom Fazio in 1989 Par 36-36--72 Yardage: 6953	
Field:	136 Illinois Amateurs	
2024 Champion:	Pierce Grieve	279 (-9) @ Atkins GC
Conducted By:	The Chicago District Golf Association, founded in 1914 by 25 Chicago area clubs. The CDGA currently has over 340 member clubs and over 112,000 individual members throughout Illinois, northwest Indiana, southeast Wisconsin, and southwest Michigan.	

Illinois State Amateur Championship Administrative Information:

Executive Chairman:	Jack Childers, CDGA President
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Notice to Players

This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2025 CDGA Championships.
Rules and definitions as published on local course scorecards shall not be used.

Pace of Play – **Model Local Rule K-2 is in effect.** A separate sheet with the full policy is located in the CDGA Scoring App, under “Addt’l Info” online, and in the Contestants Packet received in the tee time email.

Out of Bounds is defined by the course-side edge of white painted lines. Where lines are not painted, out of bounds is defined by the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

- **Model Local Rule A-5 is in effect.** A ball coming to rest on or beyond any public road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

Dropping Zone – Hole #3 – While playing Hole #3, if a player is allowed to take relief from the red penalty area, the player may drop a ball in the designated dropping zone (marked “DZ”) as an additional relief option for one penalty stroke. Model Local Rule E-1.1

Immovable Obstructions – Wooden stiles & ropes and other curbing adjacent to cart paths, including flower beds, are considered part of the cart path, and thus an immovable obstruction.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – **Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.** All Illinois State Amateur hole signs and posts are considered TIOs.

Decision of ties – After 36 holes, the low-35 players and ties will advance to the final 36 holes of stroke play. If the Championship ends in a tie, a playoff will commence with a three-hole aggregate stroke format. If a tie persists after the three-hole playoff, play will continue in a hole-by-hole sudden victory format until a champion is determined.



Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

For 2025 CDGA Championships



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all CDGA and State championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. ***Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.***

Local Rules

Out of Bounds – Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

Penalty Areas – When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

Ground Under Repair – Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

Animal Near Ball – [Model Local Rule E-13](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf – [Model Local Rule F-7](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Immovable Obstructions – Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

White-Lined Areas Tying into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths – White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under [Rule 16.1](#).

Wood Chips and Mulch – Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects – Include objects when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens – [Model Local Rule F-5.2](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Footwear – [Model Local Rule G-7](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures as well as the CDGA Championship Policies is in effect.

List of Conforming Driver Heads – [Model Local Rule G-1](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

List of Conforming Golf Balls – [Model Local Rule G-3](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Missing Player or Marker Certification – [Model Local Rule I-1](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Pace of Play – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

Stopping and Resuming Play – [Model Local Rule J-1](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

Practice – Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. [Rule 5.2b](#) covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see [Rule 5.2](#).

Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation – [Model Local Rule G-6](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect at ONLY the Championship of the CDGA Amateur Championship and Illinois State Amateur Championship.

During a round players or caddies must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

Exception: Motorized transportation is permissible in all other CDGA/Illinois State championships and qualifiers.

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.

Code of Conduct – Local Rule as prescribed in the CDGA Championship Policies is in effect. Committee Procedure 5I as permitted by [Rule 1.2b](#). Penalty Structure:

First Breach – Warning or Committee sanction

Second Breach – General Penalty

Third Breach or any serious misconduct – Disqualification

Terms of the Competition

Alcohol, Marijuana, and Controlled Substance Policy – As noted in the CDGA Championship Policies – During the round or any delay should a player or caddie consume, be under the influence of, or have in his/her possession any alcohol, marijuana or controlled substance, the player will be disqualified from that tournament. In the event the Committee determines serious misconduct has occurred, the player and/or caddie will also be suspended from all CDGA events for a minimum of 12 months. The player may appeal any such suspension to the CDGA Championship Policy Committee.

Communication Devices – As noted in the CDGA Championship Policies – During the round these devices carried by either a player or his/her caddie should be kept in silent mode. Use of these devices should be limited to emergencies or specifically-permitted golf purposes, such as checking leaderboards, requesting a ruling, or scoring/accessing CDGA Tournament App. Players will be subject to penalty if their usage of such a device distracts other players.



**PACE OF PLAY POLICY
STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
STONEBRIDGE CC – JULY 15-17, 2025**

Rule 5.6b of the Rules of Golf states in part: "A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace."

We do not wish to apply penalties for undue delay. However, in the interest of all, we insist that pace of play be reasonable.

Model Local Rule K-2 is in effect.

Maximum Allowable Time

The maximum allowable time is the maximum time considered necessary by the Committee for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format and includes all time associated with playing the game, for example, for rulings and walking times between holes.

The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes at Stonebridge CC for the Illinois State Amateur is 4 hours & 40 minutes for the first & second rounds and 4 hours for the third & fourth rounds. The following procedure applies only if a group is "out of position." Specific times to complete each hole can be found in the CDGA Scoring App.

Definition of Out of Position

The first group to tee off on each nine will be considered out of position if at any time they complete a hole in excess of time par. Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if they finish a hole in excess of time par AND they reach the teeing area of a par-4 or par-5 hole that is clear of all play or a par-3 hole that is clear of all play and all players in the preceding group have played from the next teeing area.

Procedure When Group is Out of Position

- When a group is observed to be out of position, it will receive a **warning** from a CDGA rover. A warned group is expected to make up time on each hole until it has regained position.
- A warned group that does not make progress towards regaining position will be **timed**.
- In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
- Players are expected to play each stroke within 40 seconds. When a group is being timed, any player taking longer than 40 seconds to play a stroke will receive a bad time.
- Timing will begin when a player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play, and they can play without interference or distraction.
- On the putting green, a player is also allowed a reasonable time to lift, clean and replace their ball, repair their ball mark and remove loose impediments from their line of play before timing begins. Time spent reading the green will count towards their time to play the next stroke.
- Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

- **Penalty for first breach: Verbal warning.**
- **Penalty for second breach: One-stroke penalty.**
- **Penalty for third breach: Additional two-stroke penalty**
- **Penalty for fourth breach: Disqualification**

Until a player has been advised of a bad time, he or she cannot incur a further bad time.

Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed.

As part of their responsibilities, each rules official will be monitoring the pace of play of all groups. We sincerely request your cooperation. If all competitors play with a prompt pace, the Championship will be a more pleasant experience for everyone.

CDGA Championship Committee



Driving Range Notice/Course Notes

Practice Facilities: The practice facility at Stonebridge CC will close promptly at the times indicated each day.

The hours are listed below:

Monday	6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	6:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The practice putting green will be available until sunset each day. Please note that this schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions.

Course: The routing of the course will be as follows. The Championship is a mix of the Black and Gold Tees listed on the Stonebridge CC Scorecard. Please look for the Illinois State Amateur hole signs and tee markers





2025 STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Policy Regarding the Suspension of Play &
Course Evacuation Procedures

In the event of heavy rain, lightning, or other disruptive weather the decision to suspend play will be the responsibility of Colin Wadelin and Will Cawthon.

One prolonged note of approximately 5 seconds will signal the suspension of play. Once this occurs play is immediately suspended. The CDGA Hard Card distributed to all the players states:

Stopping and Resuming Play – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes. See Rule 5.7b

Once play has been suspended, a nearby CDGA Rules Official will verbally notify each group that is playing the hole or holes that the Official is working. Officials will be assisting contestants in evacuating the course. Do not wait for a ride to start the evacuation process.

In the event of a suspension of play due to weather, all contestants and officials will come immediately to the clubhouse.

Transportation to the clubhouse will first be offered to contestants. Spectators can get a ride if a seat is open on a shuttle cart.



Hole	Yardage	Par
1	560	5
2	346	4
3	216	3
4	395	4
5	374	4
6	435	4
7	470	4
8	175	3
9	540	5
OUT	3511	36
10	315	4
11	460	4
12	185	3
13	451	4
14	518	5
15	380	4
16	346	4
17	198	3
18	589	5
IN	3442	36
Total	6953	72



Stonebridge
COUNTRY CLUB



CONTESTANT NOTES

Food Service:

Drinking Water: Bottled water in coolers on the tees is for players and caddies only. Spectators may bring or purchase water from the clubhouse. We are encouraging use of a refillable water bottle and utilizing this option for drinking water for all Players/Caddies/Spectators. You may refill a water bottle at the Clubhouse.

Breakfast: Breakfast will NOT be available at Stonebridge CC.

Lunch:

Monday - Food service will be available for contestants, caddies, and spectators from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Players/Caddies/Spectators will be required to pay for any lunch items via cash or club sign back.

Tuesday - A lunch buffet will be provided to all contestants courtesy of the CDGA. The buffet will be located in the clubhouse. Contestants **MUST** give their name to an individual at the head of the buffet line. Caddies/Spectators will be able to purchase food and beverage through the player buffet or at the restaurant in the clubhouse – cash or club sign back.

Wednesday - The same schedule as Tuesday.

Thursday - For those players making the 36-hole cut the CDGA will provide a lunch buffet between rounds. Caddies/Spectators will be able to purchase food and beverage through the player buffet or in the clubhouse – cash or club sign back.

Dinner: Dinner will NOT be available at Stonebridge CC

Halfway House: The halfway house at Stonebridge CC is behind the 9th green. All items are available to Players/Caddies/Spectators – cash or club sign back only.

2025 Illinois State Amateur Championship Exemptions - IN THE FIELD

Name	Exemption	Name	Exemption	Exemption Class Codes
Juney Bai	3	David Keenan	3	1. State Amateur Champion Prior to 1992 - Lifetime exemption
Ryan Banas	3	Lucas Lasley	6	2. State Amateur Champion - Within Past 10 years
T.J. Barger	3, 11	Jordan Less	15	3. Previous Year Championship – Low 20 Scores & Ties
Lyle Burns	11	Grant Roscich	3	4. Previous Year Illinois State Mid-Amateur Champion
Michael Cascino	3	Drew Schauenberg	7	5. Previous Year Illinois State Senior Amateur Champion
Joseph Cermak	11	Justin Schwab	3	6. Previous Year Southern Illinois Golf Association (SIGA) Amateur Champion
Jason Chobar	16	Chadd Slutzky	11	7. Previous Year IJGA Chick Evans Junior Amateur Match Play Champion
Quinn Clifford	3	Rick Stewart	5, 11	8. Previous Year IJGA Illinois State Junior Amateur Champion
Owen Coniaris	8	Daniel Stringfellow	10, 11	9. Previous Year Illinois Open Champion (if eligible)
Alexander Creamean	10	Jack Vercautren	3	10. Previous Year Semifinalists in the CDGA Amateur Championship
Brien Davis	3, 11	Bryan Warren	12	11. Previous Year CDGA Player of the Year Points List - Top 10 & ties
Scot Frankenreider	3	Parker Wisdom	3	12. Previous Year SIGA Points List - Top 3 on points list
Tyler Greenspahn	10	Brian Zimmerman	3	13. Previous Year Senior Player of the Year
				14. Current Year CDGA Senior Amateur Champion
				15. Current Year CDGA Mid-Amateur Champion
				16. Current Year Host Site Exemption