



LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION FOR ALL 2012 VSGA COMPETITIONS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship or Qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Conditions of Competition. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the 2012-2015 Rules of Golf.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS:

MATCH PLAY - LOSS OF HOLE STROKE PLAY - TWO STROKES

STANDARD LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES - When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1.
(Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill - see Decision 1-4/10.)

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS - have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH - are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE - include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

AERATION HOLES - Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids that situation.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS) - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES - For all VSGA competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

TIME OF STARTING - The official starting time is the time on the starter's clock on hole #1 and/or #10. All other clocks are unofficial.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS - Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

PACE OF PLAY - See separate pace of play guidelines, when applicable.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY - Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

PRACTICE - Prior to and after his round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play, and Rule 7-1a covers practice before the round in match play.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION - The competition is deemed to have closed 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 considered to have been "officially announced" when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.