



2026 VHSL Class 4 Championship | Cutalong at Tributer Resort

October 12, 2026

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

(Play will be in accordance with USGA Rules, the VSGA Standard Local Rules, the VHSL Handbook (Section 70) and the following Local Rules.

Penalty for breach of a local rule is the general penalty, unless otherwise noted.)

TEE MARKERS: Boys will play from the WHITE tee markers. Girls will play from the GOLD tee markers.

FORMAT: 18-hole stroke play. Each team total is determined by using the low four (4) of six (6) scores on each team.

MAXIMUM SCORE: The maximum score to count for each hole is 10. See Rule 21.2 for more information on scoring and penalties using this format.

TRANSPORTATION: Players must walk at all times once the round has started and until the round is over. The only time players may ride in carts during the round is in Committee-approved shuttles.

OUT OF BOUNDS: In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes, out of bounds is also defined by course side edge of all public roads. A ball which comes to rest on or across a public road defined as out of bounds is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course. The black silt fence that is behind Hole #2 and to the left of Hole #18 near the putting green, also defines out of bounds.

INTREGAL OBJECTS (no free relief): All railroad ties (e.g. surrounding bunkers or laid in rough on Hole #5) are integral objects. The ball must be played as it lies or penalty relief may be taken. No free relief is allowed from these objects.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (free relief is allowed): Any areas circled in white paint is deemed ground under repair and free relief may be taken under rule 16.1b. This includes the railroad ties on Hole #3 that is circled in white paint.

OBSTRUCTIONS (free relief is allowed):

- Gray crushed stone areas (e.g. Hole #4 & Hole #5) are deemed obstructions.
- Rock piles on Hole #9 are immovable obstructions.
- Mine shaft on Hole #14 is an immovable obstruction.
- Free relief is available for lie of the ball, player's area of intended stance, or player's area of intended swing.

ADVICE: In accordance with Local Rule H-2, each team may appoint only one (1) person, either its head or assistant coach as identified to the tournament director before the start of the competition, to give advice or ask for advice from members of that team. The designated coach may not be given advice or ask for advice from another team's players, coaches, or from any other representative of his/her own team. Advice may be given anytime on the course except on the green, where coaches will not be permitted. Swing demonstration and shot alignment will also be prohibited by the coach. Coaches whose players fall out of position when competing in an event in which the VSGA Pace of Play system is in effect will only be allowed to give advice from green to tee, and only when all balls of all players in the group are no longer in play. Once players are back in position, coaches will regain their full advice privileges. Advice is to be given in a private manner that does not unduly delay play. The penalty for breach of conditions by a player is a two-stroke penalty, by a coach is two-strokes added to his/her team's score.

PACE OF PLAY: Players are expected to play in accordance with the Pace of Play guidelines below. The first group is "out of position" if they are behind the indicated times. All other groups are "out of position" if they are behind the indicated times and reach the tee of a par 3 hole that is clear of all play and all players in the preceding group have played their strokes on the teeing area of the next hole; or reaches a par 4 or 5 which is clear of all play.

Note: A group that is clearly playing at a pace that is slower than other groups in the field may be deemed by the Committee to be deemed "out of position" even if it is within the allotted time.

Pace of Play Penalties - Each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the stroke begins. A bad time will result in a warning to that player. A second bad time will result in a one-stroke penalty. A third bad time will result in a two-stroke penalty. A fourth bad time carries a disqualification penalty. During a round all bad times will be carried over to subsequent timing periods.

SCORECARDS/SCORING AREA: All players and markers will certify scores in the scoring area after the round. Once all the scorecards are confirmed, the official will enter the scores into Golf Genius and mark the group as completed. All scorecards will be deemed returned 15 minutes after the group is marked as completed.

RULES COMMITTEE: If you have a rules question, call **Bert Wilson (804) 869-3246** or **Amanda Braun (804) 928-7926**. Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the Rules Committee: Amanda Braun, Bert Wilson, Tom Loucks, Michael Millen, and Walter Burkhardt.

VSGA LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION: To access the VSGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, please scan the QR code below.



