



VSGA Amateur/State Open of Virginia Qualifying Williamsburg National Golf Club (Jamestown)

Notice to Players

(This information supplements the Championship entry and the Standard Local Rules and Terms of Competition for 2025 VSGA Championships)

Format/Tee Markers: 18-hole stroke play. Play will be from the **BLACK** tee markers.

Preferred Lies: When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less on the hole being played, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One VSGA scorecard length, must not be nearer the hole than the reference point and must be in the general area.

Out of Bounds: In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts, out of bounds is also defined by the course side edge of all asphalt surfaces (public roads, entrance road, parking lot, cart staging area). 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.

- When white stakes are present with roads, fences, etc., the white stakes define out of bounds.
- The brick wall on hole #13 does not define out of bounds (the fence posts above it define OB) and is deemed part of the cart path adjacent to it, so relief may be available under Rule 16.1.

Ground Under Repair: The following areas are deemed ground under repair, even if not marked with white paint:

- Ground up tree stumps and areas adjacent (tire ruts, dug up areas, etc.) that have not been repaired.
- Areas of irrigation repair work.
- The right side of the putting green on hole #17 encircled with white dots. This area is deemed as part of the general area and players may take free relief or play the ball as it lies. If taking relief, the ball must be dropped in accordance with Rule 16.1 in the general area.

Obstructions:

- Immovable obstructions adjacent to each other, including but not limited to sprinkler heads near putting greens, etc. are considered to be a single obstruction.
- Immovable Obstruction Close to Putting Green: Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball. **Relief under this Local Rule is only allowed when both the ball and immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.** There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Caddies/Transportation: Players may have a caddie and caddies may ride in carts only if there is a seat available. Spectators (outside influences) may ride in carts if there is a seat available.

Pace of Play: Please refer to the VSGA Standard Local Rules, and VSGA.org for the complete pace of play policy.

Ties/Playoff: There are seven (7) spots available for the VSGA Amateur Championship and four (4) spots available for the State Open of Virginia. A sudden death playoff to determine the final spot and three (3) alternate spots for both the VSGA Amateur Championship and State Open of Virginia will be held immediately after the completion of play. If players are not present the winner of the playoff will be decided using a random method.

Rules Questions: If you have any questions on the rules, please locate the nearest Rules Official or call Josh Coates at (804) 304-9132.

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.



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