



78th VSGA Women's State Team Matches Belmont Country Club August 26-28, 2024

Notice to Players

(This information supplements the Championship entry and the Standard Local Rules and Terms of Competition for 2024 VSGA Championships.)

TEE MARKERS: All play will be from the GOLD VSGA tee markers.

FORMAT: Each club will enter three two-person sides. Each side will play an 18-hole qualifying round in a four-ball stroke play format. The twelve teams with the lowest team handicaps will attempt to qualify for the Championship Flight. Of those twelve, the clubs with the four lowest aggregate scores will be placed in the Championship Flight and seeded by qualifying score. All other teams will be flighted by team handicap and seeded by qualifying score.

PLAYOFF/TIES: If there is a tie for the last spot into the Championship Flight, the tie will be settled by the aggregate of the two lowest four-ball qualifying scores on each team, and if a tie still exists, by the lowest four-ball qualifying score on the team. If there is still a tie, flight placement will be settled using a random method. Ties for seeding will be settled using a random method.

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 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.

DROPPING ZONES - *Hole #3:* If a ball is in the red penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the red penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

- i. proceed under Rule 17.1d; or
- ii. as an extra option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the dropping zone.

RELIEF FROM SOD SEAMS ON PUTTING GREEN: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect for soded areas on the putting green. If a player's ball lies in or touches a seamof cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing: <u>Ball on Putting</u> <u>Green</u>: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

BUT intereference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after *dropping* the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

FADED LINES: All penalty area lines are freshly painted. Please disregard any old or faded lines.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFE AREA SIGNS: Please <u>DISREGARD</u> all Enviromentally Safe Area signs.

PACE OF PLAY: Please refer to the VSGA Standard Local Rules, and VSGA.org for the complete pace of play policy.

SCORING: The digital scorecard used via the Golf Genius app is the unofficial scorecard. The official scorecard is the paper scorecard which needs to be verified in the scoring area (located outside the Pro Shop).

RULES QUESTIONS: If you have a rules question, please call Amanda Kelley at 757-273-4652 or Amanda Braun at 804-928-7926.