



2025 VHSL Class 4 Championship

Heritage Oaks Golf Course

October 14, 2025

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 GOLD tee markers.

Girls will play from the WHITE tee markers.

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

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: Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes, pipes, and fence posts.

DROPPING ZONE: *Hole #8* – If, during play of Hole #8, a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found lies in the penalty area, the player may:

- proceed under Rule 17.1d; or
- as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the dropping zone (anywhere on the most forward tee, 97 yards).

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 open and free of play or reach a par 4 or par 5 and any player has not made a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of 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.

The allotted time is 4 hours and 45 minutes.

RULES COMMITTEE: Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the Rules Committee, which includes the following members: Amanda Kelley (757-273-4652), Erik Pierce, Dave Panich, Taylor Monfort, Michael Millen, Lisa Younis, Tom Loucks, and Bert Wilson.

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