



2026 VHSL Class 5 Championship
Bristow Manor Golf Club
October 14

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 **Black** tee markers. Girls will play from the **White** 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.

Out of Bounds: In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes, barbed wire fencing, and fence posts, out of bounds is also defined by the course-side edge of the parking lot and 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.

Ground Under Repair: The grass bunkers on holes #9, 10, 17, and 18 are deemed as Ground Under Repair. Free relief from this area is allowed.

Temporary Water in Bunkers: Rule 16.1c for relief from temporary water in bunkers is modified for this competition. Free relief may be taken from the temporary water by dropping a ball in the relief area within the bunker. If there is a nearest point of complete relief that is not closer to the hole, that spot must be used. Only if there is not a nearest point of complete relief, players may go closer to the hole, but must remain in the same bunker.

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).

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 Questions: Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the Rules Committee, which includes the following members: Caleb McCall (770-653-9220), Bert Wilson, Ed Cochrane and Thomas Spengler.



