



49th VSGA Mid-Amateur Championship

Poplar Grove Golf Club

September 26-28, 2025

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

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

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

FORMAT: 54-hole, stroke play competition. Following round two, the field will be cut to the top 50% and ties of players who started round one.

PREFERRED LIES (GENERAL AREA): When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from the relief area:

- Relief area: no more than one club-length from the spot of the original ball, no closer to the hole and in the general area.

OUT OF BOUNDS: In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white PVC pipes, wooden stakes and fence posts, 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.

PENALTY AREAS: The waterside edge of the bulkhead on Holes #2, 4, 16, & 17 defines the edge of the penalty area.

DROPPING ZONE: *Hole #4* - 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:

- proceed under Rule 17.1d; or
- as an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the Dropping Zone.
- The Dropping Zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
- The Dropping Zone will be located on the Poplar Grove normal gold tee (~143 yards).
 - It will be painted and indicated with a sign.
 - You may drop anywhere in the dropping zone.

OBSTRUCTIONS: Protective netting on the ground are obstructions and free relief is available.

CADDIES/TRANSPORTATION: Players may have a caddie and caddies may ride in carts only if there is a seat available. Spectators (outside agencies) may ride in carts if there is a seat available.

PACE OF PLAY: Please refer to the official scorecard, 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 (tent near the golf shop).

PLAYOFF/TIES: A sudden death playoff will be held immediately following play if there is a tie for the Champion. All other ties will be broken using the USGA scorecard method (*holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, random method*).

PRIZES: Gift certificates will be given to the Champion, overall top finishers, and top finishers in each flight.

RULES QUESTIONS: Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the VSGA Rules Committee on-site. If you have a rules question and can't located a Rules Official, please play a second ball or call Kent Holubar at (804) 937-8719 or Amanda Kelley at (757) 273-4652.

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.



