



20th Senior Open of Virginia
Independence Golf Club | Midlothian, Va
September 8-9, 2025

Notice to Players

(This information supplements the Championship entry, Standard Local Rules and Terms of Competition)

Tee Markers: All play will be from the VSGA/MAPGA blue tee markers.

Format: 36-holes of stroke play. A tie for first place will be decided by a sudden-death playoff that will commence immediately after the completion of play.

Cart/Transportation Policy: 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. The Committee may modify this policy at any time during the competition. Only two carts will be provided for each group.

Faint Painted lines: All faint painted lines (penalty area, ground under repair, etc.) on the course have no status for this competition. Players must use the newly painted lines for all relief situations.

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

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.
- Temporary Immovable Obstructions: Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect for the greenside fans. Relief procedure may be taken on either side of the TIO.

Scoring Areas: Official scorecards will be distributed on the starting holes and players and markers must certify scores by signing the scorecard in the scoring tents on hole #9 or hole #18. The digital scorecard used via the app is the unofficial scorecard. The official scorecard is the paper scorecard which needs to be verified in the scoring area.

Pace of Play: See the championship website for the pace of play policy.

Competition Committee: All VSGA and MAPGA staff and officials on-site.



