



4th Women's Open of Virginia
Independence Golf Club
June 22-24, 2026

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

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

TEE MARKERS: All play will be from the **BLUE VSGA/MAPGA** tee markers.

FORMAT: 54-holes of stroke play. The field will be cut to the low 25 players and ties following Round Two.

PRIZES & TIES: Gift certificates for Amateurs will be available in the Independence Pro Shop after the event is over. Professionals will have their prize money direct deposited through the MAPGA (if applicable) or a check will be sent in the mail. All players making the cut will receive prizes and any ties will split prizes equally. If there is a tie for the overall champion, a sudden-death playoff will take place shortly after play concludes.

PACE OF PLAY: See the championship website for the pace of play policy and penalties. Allotted times are printed on scorecards.

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. Two carts will be provided for every group. The Committee may modify this policy at any time during the competition.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes, with the addition of the course-side points of metal fencing, the #6 split rail fence posts and the #9 maintenance fence.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect. If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

- Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
- Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.
- **But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.**

OBSTRUCTIONS:

- Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green: MLR 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 the Immovable Obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.** Consult a referee with questions.
- Temporary Immovable Obstructions: Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. Temporary immovable obstructions include all starting and scoring tents, as well as event and sponsor signs. Relief may be taken on either side of the TIO.
- Hole #13: the railroad ties/bulkhead right of the putting green is an immovable obstruction. Free relief is available under Rule 16.1b.

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 #18.

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION: To access the Women's Open Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, please scan the QR code below.



