

**HI LADIES OF RLGA, THESE ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR RULES AND BYLAWS. PLEASE REVIEW THEM ON E-MAIL, ON THE RLGA WEBSITE OR (SOON TO BE POSTED) AT THE COURSE. THE GENERAL MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 2 AND THE ADOPTION OF THESE CHANGES WILL BE CONSIDERED. PLEASE DIRECT YOUR FEEDBACK TO ANNE TUTTLE, [ATUTTLE100@JUNO.COM](mailto:ATUTTLE100@JUNO.COM). THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.**

**RLGA Standing Rules  
Section E Tournaments, # 7 a & b Ties:**

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<p>Club Championship: At the Club Championship tournament, in the case of a tie for the Club Champion, a sudden death play-off will determine the winner. For all other flights, scorecards will be matched hole-by-hole, going backwards beginning with hole #18. The first player to score lower will break the tie.</p>	<p>Club Championship: At the Club Championship tournament, in the case of a tie for the Club Champion, a sudden death play-off will determine the winner. For all other flights, scorecards will be matched hole-by-hole, <del>going backwards beginning with hole #18.</del> <b>starting with the # 1 Handicap hole going forward. In the case of ties in Net Score, a player's hole-by-hole Net Score will be used.</b> The first player to score lower will break the tie.</p>	<p>Club Championship: At the Club Championship tournament, in the case of a tie for the Club Champion, a sudden death play-off will determine the winner. For all other flights, scorecards will be matched hole-by-hole, starting with the # 1 Handicap hole going forward. In the case of ties in Net Score, a player's hole-by-hole Net Score will be used. The first player to score lower will break the tie.</p>
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**RLGA Standing Rules**

**Section G Rules of Play, #7, Rules committee during tournaments.**

**Bylaws and Rules Chairperson responsibilities, #6.**

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<p>In case of a rules dispute or question during RLGA tournament play, the Rules Committee consisting of 3 members, including the Tournament Chair, Rules Chair (if in attendance) and the highest ranking officer(s) in attendance shall be consulted and make the appropriate ruling.</p>	<p>In case of a rules dispute or question during RLGA tournament play, the Rules Committee consisting of 3 <b>Board</b> members, including <del>Tournament Chair</del>, the Rules Chair (if in attendance) and the highest ranking officer(s) in attendance shall be consulted and make the appropriate ruling.</p>	<p>In case of a rules dispute or question during RLGA tournament play, the Rules Committee consisting of 3 Board members, including the Rules Chair (if in attendance) and the highest ranking officer(s) in attendance shall be consulted and make the appropriate ruling.</p>
<p>(The Bylaws and Rules Chairperson shall) 6. Serve on Rules committee when convened to resolve disputes during RLGA tournaments. Committee of three shall consist of the Rules Chair, Tournament Chair and the highest ranking RLGA officer (or two highest ranking officers if the Rules chair is not in attendance).</p>	<p>6. Serve on Rules committee when convened to resolve disputes during RLGA tournaments <b>(if in attendance)</b>. Committee of three shall consist of the Rules Chair, <del>Tournament Chair</del> and the highest ranking RLGA <b>officer(s) in attendance</b>. <del>(or two highest ranking officers if the Rules chair is not in attendance).</del></p>	<p>6. Serve on Rules committee when convened to resolve disputes during RLGA tournaments (if in attendance). Committee of three shall consist of the Rules Chair, and the highest ranking RLGA officer(s) in attendance.</p>
<p>RLGA Local Rules- See Below</p>	<p>RLGA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition- also know as the Hard Card- See Below.</p>	<p>RLGA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition- also know as the Hard Card- See Below.</p>

# Current version of RLGA Local Rules

## Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

### Local Rules

- USGA RULES SHALL GOVERN ALL PLAY** except when local rules govern. Rules are as posted (Winter/Summer)
- Caddies are allowed at RLGA functions. It will be the responsibility of the golfer to ensure the caddy knows golf etiquette. For events hosted by RLGA, the decision on caddies will be left to the discretion of the course.
- Spectators 10 years of age and older are allowed only if accompanied by an adult.
  - Divots and ball marks . please replace or repair. Rake bunkers after use.
  - Carts and pull carts . Keep power carts on paths when signs indicate. Otherwise, the 90-degree rule is in effect. On all par 3 holes, keep the power carts on the paths. Keep powercarts and pull carts 30 feet from the greens.
  - Staked trees, cart paths and service roads . Free drop at nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole, plus 1 club length . **no penalty**.
- Drainage ditches, teeing area or green other than the hole being played, sprinkler heads and yardage markers . **free drop** at the nearest point of relief . no closer to the hole.
- Bare patches of ground (not divots) or muddy areas (both as agreed by group) are defined as ground under repair . **free drop** at the nearest point of relief . no closer to the hole.
- Honey Buckets, pump house, sprinkler boxes and course signs are defined as immovable obstructions . **free drop plus 1 club length** at the nearest point of relief (which avoids the interference) . no closer to the hole.
- From Sept 3 to Dec. 31 a ball lost in fallen leaves may be played as ground under repair provided 2 or more people agree it landed in that area. Free drop at nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole with no penalty.
- Benches, garbage cans, and tee markers are **movable obstructions**. Refer to USGA rules.
- Water hazard on #12 is defined by yellow stakes or lines . 1 stroke penalty. Lateral water hazard on holes 3, 4, 11, 12, 14, 15 17 and 18 is defined by red stakes or lines. Ball must be dropped within 2 club lengths from point of entry . no closer to the hole . **1 stroke penalty** (refer to USGA rules for options.)
- Out of bounds on holes #4, and #5 marked as outside of the edge of the walking path, (not cart path). #10 marked by edge of sidewalk. Holes 7, 13, and 15 marked by fence line. Behind #9 green is out of bounds and is defined by white stakes or lines. **1 stroke penalty**, drop ball from where the last shot was played (stroke and distance).

# Proposed RLGA Local Rules

## Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

Rev. 10-3-08

### Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable tournament entry form and Notice to Competitors/Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of rules and Appendix I may be found in the current Rules of Golf. Unless otherwise indicated, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match Play - Loss of Hole Stroke Play - Two Strokes

**OUT OF BOUNDS** – Is defined by inside points of white stakes or fence posts at ground level. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. **NOTE:** Additional details will be outlined once our course redesign is complete.

#### **WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS**

Water Hazards are defined by yellow lines and/or yellow stakes. Rules 26-1. Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red lines and/or red stakes Rule 26-1. When both stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes identify hazards and lines define hazard margins.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** – (a) Areas enclosed by white lines. (b) French drains, which are open trenches filled with rocks or stones. (c) Sod seams for lie of the ball only. Rule 25-1.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** – Include liners in hazards and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors/Players.

**EMBEDDED BALL** – Relief under Rule 25-2 is expanded to “through the green” as prescribed in Appendix I. Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule. **PENALTY FOR BREACH** - Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes.

**TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS** – are deemed to have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired as prescribed in Rule 16-1c.

**OBSTRUCTIONS** – White lined area tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths are deemed to have the same status of those roads and paths, that of obstructions. Stakes and/or rope attached to trees, when interfering with the lie of the ball, stance and /or area of intended swing, are to be treated as

immovable obstructions. Bushes marking 150 yds. are not treated as immovable obstructions. Rule 24. **Stones in bunkers** are movable obstructions Rule 24-1 applies.

**Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green:** Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**TIME OF STARTING** (Note to Rule 6-3a) – If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, more than five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play. The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

**DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE**–If you are in doubt as to how to proceed or your rights, you may play a Second Ball under Rule 3-3. You must announce, in advance, your intention to play a “Second Ball” and which ball you want to score if the Rules allow. You must also report to the committee (before turning in your scorecard) that you played a Second Ball, regardless of the score from each ball.

**AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION** – Is permitted by the Committee in a competition, an automotive cart employed by a player becomes part of the player’s equipment. A player employs a cart when it is utilized by the player, his caddie, or his other equipment. See definition of equipment.**Note 1:** A player may employ a cart at any time during the round. If employed between the play of two holes, the cart is deemed to be the equipment of the player for the duration of the subsequent hole. If such employment commences during the play of a hole, the cart is deemed to be the equipment of the player for the duration of the hole. Outside agencies may ride in a player’s cart, at which point they become part of the player’s equipment. As such, if the player’s ball strikes anything or anyone in the player’s cart, the player incurs a penalty of loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play in accordance with Rule 19-2. **Note 2:** A player or players employing a cart may appoint an outside agency to drive the cart, at which point the driver is deemed to be the caddie of the player (s). Only the player(s) or caddie(s) may drive the cart.

**Players employing carts are reminded of the conditions governing caddies and advice.**

**PRACTICE** – A player may not play or practice on the competition course **prior to play** on any day of a competition. A player may practice on the designated practice areas and a player may practice on the competition course after completion of his stipulated round for the day or between stipulated rounds in competitions held over two or more consecutive days. Breach of Rule is disqualification. Match play see Rule 7-1a, practice on day of round.

**PACE OF PLAY** – Riverbend Ladies Golf Association pace of play guidelines are in effect for all competitions. It is each player’s responsibility to see that their group stays up with the group in front of them.

**HANDICAP VERIFICATION**-Competitors are responsible to verify that their handicap, as listed on scorecard, is correct. Signing for a higher handicap will lead to a disqualification in the NET competition.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION** (Note to Rule 6-8b) When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole they must discontinue play **immediately** (no further strokes) and must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. All practice areas are closed during the suspension of play due to the dangerous situation, **except** the driving range, until the Committee has declared them open. A player using such practice areas will be subject to a penalty of disqualification.

**Note:** A suspension of play due to a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn blast. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three short air horn blasts, repeated. For all other types of suspensions proceed as prescribed in Rule 6-8. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn blasts, repeated.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** - For all competitions a player **may** obtain distance information using a device that gauges or measures distance only. Use of a device that can measure other information such as wind, elevation, temperature is a breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION**- The competition is deemed to be closed when all scores have been posted and the Committee has approved the results.

**COMMITTEE:** Disputes, claims or matters submitted to the Committee are to be resolved by the Committee. Committee decisions are final.