

## 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 power carts 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).