

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.

SCORECARD 3.3b(3) Exception – If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not now he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is not additional penalty for a breach of Rule 3.3b. This Exception does not apply when the penalty is disqualification from the competition.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION

If the committee declares an immediate suspension of play, all players must stop play at once and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play. Rule 5.7b(1)
If a player fails to discontinue

play immediately, she is disqualified.

Rule 5.7b Exception – No penalty if Committee decides that failure to stop was justified.

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 5.7b(2). Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn blasts, repeated.

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.

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2019 Local Rules & Conditions of Competition

The Rules of the Golf as approved by 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 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. Holes: **4, 5, 6 & 7** by the boundary fence posts and lines. Holes **13, 15** by the boundary fence posts. For hole **#10** by the boundary fence posts left of the tee, then white stakes to the inside edge of the sidewalk then to the white line behind the green. Hole **#9** by white stakes left side and white lines behind green. Note: The practice putting greens are in play.

PENALTY AREAS

are defined by red lines and/or red stakes. When both stakes and lines are used, stakes identify the penalty area and lines define the margins of the penalty area.

TIME OF STARTING

(Exception 1 – Rule 5.3) – Player arrives at starting point, ready to play, no more than five minutes late: the player gets the **general penalty** applied to her first hole. The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR –(a) Areas enclosed by white lines. (b) Sod seams for lie of the ball only. Rule 16.1.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – Include liners in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors/Players.

AERATION HOLES

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole: a) Ball In General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule. b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. **BUT** interference does not exist if the aeration

hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

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. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green:** Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is: * On the line of play and is: 1) within two club-lengths of the putting green, AND 2) within two club-lengths of the ball. **Exception** – No relief if line of play clearly unreasonable.

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 20.1c (3)

You must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke.

You should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that

choice to your marker or to another player before making a stroke.

If you do not choose in time, the ball played first is treated as the ball chosen by default.

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. Failure to do so is Disqualification.

PRACTICE –A player **must 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 her final round for the day or between rounds in competitions held over two or more consecutive days. Breach of Rule is disqualification. Match play see Rule 5.2a

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.