

## NOTICE TO PLAYERS - TERMS OF COMPETITION

### Mission Valley Golf & Country Club WGA – 2025 Club Championship

Thursday, April 10 – Tuesday, April 15 - Thursday, April 17, 2025

Rain Date: Tuesday, April 22 (morning)

The current Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play except when modified by Local Rule.

**ANY DISPUTES WILL BE DECIDED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND ARE FINAL.**

**PAIRINGS AND STARTING TIMES** will be assigned by the Pro Shop and Tournament Committee.

**TEE MARKERS:** Players will play each round from their designated tees. Players must play the same tee selection for all three rounds. The Championship Flight will play from the #3 tee markers.

**FORMAT:** 54-Hole Individual Stroke Play

**HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:** Each player will receive 95% of their Course Handicap as recommended by the USGA Rules of Handicapping.

**SCORECARDS/SCORING:** Scorecards will be exchanged within the group. One player in the group will also enter scores in Golf Genius. This will be the official score for each player. It is the player's responsibility to check that each hole score entered into Golf Genius is correct. Players must meet in the breezeway after the round to verify scores on the scorecard and Golf Genius match. Player scores will be posted daily as a Competition Score in GHIN by the Pro Shop.

**ALL BALLS MUST BE HOLED IN STROKE PLAY.** If a player lifts her ball in play, she must replace the ball on the spot from where it was lifted and hole the ball. A one stroke penalty must be added to her score.

**READY GOLF** is encouraged when practical and appropriate.

**STARTING TEE TIME** (Rule 5-3): A player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting tee set by the Pro Shop. If the player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty is two strokes on the first hole in stroke play. If she arrives after five minutes of her starting time, she is disqualified. Players should be ready and available to play at least ten minutes prior to their assigned tee time.

Players are **PROHIBITED** from using a Caddie during any round. Cart drivers are not permitted. Spectators are welcome but should not interfere with the pace of play for the group and are **PROHIBITED** from offering advice to any players.

**LOCAL RULE:** Embedded ball in the face of a sand bunker – if your ball becomes embedded in the face of the up slope of any sand bunker, you may take free relief by placing your ball at the bottom of the bunker.

**NEW FENCE** (located on holes 4/5/6) is treated as a **BOUNDARY FENCE**, therefore no relief is given. Options for relief are to (1) play the ball as it lies, (2) take lateral relief (two club lengths) with a one stroke penalty or (3) stroke and distance relief from where the original ball was played with one penalty stroke.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:** If the ball is in the General Area, the player may take relief if an immovable obstruction (sprinkler head) is on the line of play and within two club-lengths of both the putting green and the ball.

**ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION:** Applies to any animal hole, ground under repair, immovable obstruction, or temporary water. Relief is obtained by finding the nearest point of complete relief (reference point) not nearer the hole.

**NEW & STAKED TREES:** (Rule 16.1f) Newly planted trees on the course with stakes surrounding them (ex: #6, #7, #12) are considered an immovable obstruction. A player receives one club length free relief no closer to the hole. Dirt mounds surrounding new plants is Ground Under Repair from which there is free relief.

**UNDUE DELAY; SLOW PLAY:** Players must play without undue delay and the round should be completed in 4 hours and 15 minutes. A group is considered “out of position” on a par 4 or par 5 when the group ahead has left the putting green. Foursome players will be encouraged to split into two pairs to speed up pace of play.

**PRACTICE DURING ROUND:** Practice on or near the putting green of the hole last play is prohibited. Penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes (to be applied to the next hole.)

**PLAYING TWO BALLS WHEN UNCERTAIN WHAT TO DO:** (Rule 20.1c(3.)) A player who is uncertain about the correct procedure while playing a hole in stroke play may complete the hole with two balls. Before making a stroke, the player must choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure, by announcing that choice to her marker or another player. If the player does not choose which ball will count, by default, the ball played first is treated as the ball chosen. The player **MUST** report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard, even if the player scores the same with both balls. The player is disqualified if she fails to do so.

**SANDSCAPE AREAS OF CRUSHED SHELL** are integral parts of the golf course. There is no free relief from these areas. Concrete and asphalt paths are immovable obstructions. A player may take free relief under RULE 16.1 for these areas.

**DEBRIS PILED FOR REMOVAL:** Heavy machinery, fallen trees, debris that has been piled in preparation for removal and any hole made by the maintenance staff while removing debris are considered ground under repair.

**RINGERS, BIRDIES AND CHIP-INS** may be recorded for all rounds.

**THE CLUB CHAMPION AND RUNNER UP** will come from the Championship Flight. Prizes will be awarded to the Winner and Runner Up in each flight. The Club Champion will have the lowest gross total score over three days of competition.

**IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR THE OVERALL WINNER** of the WGA Club Championship, a sudden-death playoff will begin following the conclusion of play. In the event of a tie for Flight Winner, the USGA recommended method of matching cards will be used to determine the winner.

**UPON COMPLETION OF PLAY, PLEASE GO PROMPTLY TO THE SCORING TABLE IN THE BREEZEWAY FOR RULES ISSUES AND SCORECARD CERTIFICATION.**

**A CHAMPIONSHIP RECEPTION** will be held on Thursday, April 17 immediately following play.

#### **RULES COMMITTEE**

Brian Dahle, Head Golf Professional and Gennifer Mendez, Assistant Golf Professional

#### **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

Mary Collins, Maria Kroninger (Chair), Debi McGrath, Barbara Sweeney and Carol Walter