



## **North Carolina Women's Golf Association Championships**

**TEES:** All Play will be from the tees assigned for each division (Championship Division, Senior Division, Super-Senior Division, Junior Division)

**FORMAT:** 54 Holes of stroke play

**RULES OF PLAY: All Play Governed by USGA Rules of Golf Except Where Modified by Local Rules**

1. **Summer Rules in Effect:** The ball shall be played as it lies until the player reaches the putting surface
2. 14 Club rule is in effect
3. All penalty areas shall be played as lateral hazards which are defined by RED stakes and RED lines
4. Out of bounds are defined by WHITE stakes
5. Ground under repair is defined by WHITE lines
6. The one ball rule is NOT in effect

**WHEN IN DOUBT:** If a player is unsure of a rule or how to proceed they are encouraged to play a second ball (Rule 3.3) to avoid undue delay and **must** consult with the tournament committee at the first available opportunity.

**MEASURING DEVICES:** Players are allowed to obtain distance information through the use of electronic measuring devices. Players shall **not** use devices or engage modes which are designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (slope, wind direction, wind speed, temperature, etc.) Players within a group are allowed to share yardage information.

**EMBEDDED BALL:** In the general area (anywhere outside of a penalty area) a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark may be lifted cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to where it originally lay but not nearer the hole.

**LANDSCAPED AREAS:** Through the green, a ball coming to rest in the following maintained flowerbeds may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, at the nearest point of relief outside the flowerbed, not nearer the hole.

- Behind #2 Green
- Hole #3 Left side of fairway and left side of green
- Hole #5 Left side of fairway before fairway bunker
- Hole #10 Left side of fairway on outer side of cart path
- Hole #12 Left side of fairway as well as left side of green (left side of cart path, no relief from under tree next to green)
- Hole #13 Right side of green
- Hole #14 Left side of fairway, but NOT in front of creek
- Hole #17 Left side of Green

- Hole #18 Left side of fairway (tee shot), Right side of cart path by/before the creek by the green is free relief. The left side across cart path is no relief.

**HOLE #11:** The wetlands on hole #11 plays as a lateral hazard. There is no drop zone. If a player's ball does NOT carry the penalty area the player may drop within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the penalty area (on the same side as the tee box) no closer to the hole. The player may go as far back as they wish keeping the point where the ball last crossed the penalty area between themselves and the hole. The player may play from the teeing ground (most logical option). In all cases 1 penalty stroke is assessed and the player will be playing their 3<sup>rd</sup> shot. If the ball DOES carry the penalty area and rolls back into the wetlands the player may drop within two club lengths of where the ball crossed into the wetlands, no closer to the hole (on the green side of the wetlands). Once again, the player is assessed 1 penalty stroke and will be playing their 3<sup>rd</sup> shot

**HOLE #16:** Over the green the road defines Out of Bounds. Out of Bounds stakes left and right define Out of Bounds Left and Right but do not define Out of Bounds for balls over the green. The road defines OB over the green. In addition, the rip-rapped drainage ditch to the left of #16 fairway (approximately 100 yards from green) and rip-rapped drainage ditch over the green are both free relief.

**DROP AREAS:** Drop areas have been established on holes #7, #14, & #15. If a player's ball is deemed to have entered the penalty area on holes #7, #14 and #15 the player **may** move to the drop area, drop another ball in play, and proceed adding 1 penalty shot to their score. It is **not** mandatory to use the drop area.

**DROP AREA HOLE #18:** If a player's ball lies to the right of the cart path after crossing the second bridge (approximately 100 yards from the green) in the area marked as 'cart path extension' the player may move to the drop area and resume play without penalty.

**TIES:** Ties for first place in each division will be determined by an on-course playoff starting on hole #1 and proceeding in succession #2, #3, #4, etc. Ties for other division positions will be determined by final round score. If still tied, according to USGA recommendation.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Should the golf course become unplayable due to inclement weather or dangerous conditions the Golf Shop Staff will send a note to all carts that will appear on the GPS screen. All players must follow the commands for stoppage of play (shelter in place, seek cover, or return to the clubhouse).

**REMINDER:** *All practice areas are closed during suspension of play until the committee has declared them open.*

**CART RULES FOR THE DAY:** With the exception of the four Par 3's and hole #9 cart rules are 90 degrees

**PACE OF PLAY:** The expected pace of play for 18 holes is 4 hours and 30 minutes.

**SCORING:** We will be using Golf Genius for Scoring. We ask that one player from each group record all players scores upon completion of each hole. Paper Scorecards should be exchanged, and scores recorded as a backup. Please return all paper scorecards to the scoring area located on the main level of the Clubhouse.

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** The Tournament Committee consist of Head Golf Professional Jim Lusk and assistant golf professionals Jake Haynes and Justin Morgan. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are considered final.

**GOOD LUCK**