



2023 WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION
3A GIRLS STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
LOCAL RULES SHEET – HAWKS PRAIRIE (WOODLANDS)

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, the WIAA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition and the following local rules and conditions. Hawks Prairie Golf Course local rules and any other posted local rules are not in effect.

GIRLS - (Red) Teeing Area

GENERAL: Play is governed by The Rules of Golf (effective January 2023) as approved by the USGA and R&A; the WIAA Hard Card and these terms of competition. Local rules on the Hawks Prairie (Woodland) scorecard are **NOT** in effect. **Do not accept rulings** from anyone other than a Rules Official. They are here to help you.

STROKE PLAY SCORING: You **MUST** hole out on every hole. Play the ball as it lies.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY: Play should average 15 minutes per hole, with the overall **MAXIMUM** time of 4 hours and 30 minutes. Players are expected to play within 40 seconds from when it is their turn to play.

PENALTY AREAS: are marked per USGA Rules and Definitions. **Holes #8 and #18** are Environmental Sensitive Areas identified with either YELLOW or RED stakes with GREEN tops. They are **NO PLAY ZONES (NO ENTRY)**. **MANDATORY ONE STROKE PENALTY FROM PENALTY AREA. 2 STROKE PENALTY IF YOU STAND, PLAY OR RETRIEVE A BALL IN NO PLAY ZONE.**

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS: (Rule 16): Marked with white lines. Bare areas around trees are **not** abnormal conditions. If you are unsure if an unmarked area is GUR and a rules official is not readily available, you may play a second ball under Rule 20.1c(3) (see below). Rock covered areas surrounding hole markers and flowerbeds - free relief.

OBSTRUCTIONS: (Rule 15.2) Pilings (railroad ties) in bunkers are an integral part of the course; no relief. Cart and maintenance paths and worn areas adjacent to cart paths are immovable obstructions; free relief. Free relief may be taken from *French Drains (rocks showing)*.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by inside points, at ground level of metal boundary, wood split rail fences, masonry walls, the inside curb of public streets, white stakes, green stakes with white tops, orange construction fences and lot stakes. A ball that crosses a public street is OB.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: "Point and shoot style" Range Finders will be allowed for use during the practice round and both rounds of tournament play with the following stipulations:

Devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are permitted, provided the player disables the device features for slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. prior to the start of their round. If the device features that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. are not disabled prior to the start of the round, that player and any player that utilizes the information will be disqualified.

GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification.

In each pairing, if any player or coach uses a measuring device then all players in the pairing will have access to the information. Failure to share information, if requested, or providing inaccurate information constitutes a sportsmanship violation.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE: (20.1c(3)) Before making a stroke, state intention to play 2 balls, announce to your marker or another player which ball you wish to count if the rules allow. You **must** complete the hole with the two balls. At scoring, report the facts of the situation to the committee, Failure to report is **Disqualification**.

PROVISIONAL BALL: (Rule 18.3) If your ball might be Out of Bounds or lost outside of a Penalty Area, declare “Provisional Ball” and play a ball provisionally.

DISQUALIFICATION: Rule 24.2/1 If a player is disqualified from a round in a team competition in which not all scores count towards the teams total score, the disqualification applies only to that round of competition. However, they are then ineligible to qualify as an individual at the next level of competition.

SCORE CARDS: At the conclusion of your round, **proceed directly to the scoring area.** Scorecards are deemed returned to the Committee when the competitor leaves the defined scoring area.

INFORMATION:

- Residential Areas are marked as OB.
- Areas adjacent to Cart Paths beneath trees are NOT GUR and no grass under trees are not GUR

Numerous fairways are wooded and are not penalty areas and balls **not found in 3 minutes are lost.** Balls found within 3 minutes must be played or deemed unplayable and UNPLAYABLE relief procedures apply.

Rest Rooms between holes 4/5 and 13/14 (Code 8383) and the old clubhouse near #1 and practice area is open.

RULES COMMITTEE: Course OIC Jeff Neyenhouse, Rules Official Ernie Lockwood, Bob Whetered