



2023 WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION
2A GIRLS STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
LOCAL RULES SHEET – MEADOWWOOD

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, the WIAA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition and the following local rules and conditions. MeadowWood 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.**
PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17) - (Red stakes/lines): All Penalty Areas are Red defined by lines or penalty area edge. On holes #3, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13 by tee ground, #15, #16

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.

GUR: Lined with white lines on Holes 13, 16

Animal Holes Rule: You or your competitor must see the ball actually roll into the hole or find it in a hole otherwise it is a lost ball. If it has been seen going into the hole, drop within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, no nearer the hole (NO PENALTY). It must be known or virtually certain that it went into a hole.

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.

Rules of Golf and WJGA Hard Card govern play in addition to the following local rules:

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Out of Bounds (OB); A line between the course-side points at ground level of White stakes and/or perimeter fence posts denote course boundaries and Out of Bounds (OB). Homes and private property are OB; OB behind and to Left of #9 putting green, OB right on #17, OB left and right of #18; Club house and parking lot are OB

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CART PATHS: Free relief from all cart paths that are paved or graveled. All white lined areas tied into cart paths have same status as cart path. No free relief from bare dirt paths. Other worn areas and service roads not surfaced (dirt) or marked are deemed to be integral objects of the course and the ball shall be played as it lies. (no free relief)

Rule 20.1c(3): Playing 2 Balls when uncertain what to do

- 1) *“Announce in advance you will play two balls”* BEFORE YOU PLAY ANY BALL
 - a. NOTE: obligated to use this rule after 1st ball played
- 2) Before you play either ball, make sure you **state which ball** you want to score with if the rules allow.
 - a. if no ball is chosen in time, the ball played first is the one chosen by default
- 3) **HOLE** out each ball.
- 4) You **MUST** report to the rules committee before returning your scorecard (penalty is DQ if you don't report to rules committee).

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 XXXX) and the old clubhouse near #1 and practice area is open.

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