



2023 WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION
1A BOYS & GIRLS STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
LOCAL RULES SHEET – RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE

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

BOYS – (Yellow) Teeing Area | GIRLS - (Green) 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 Riverside 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: Penalty Areas are identified by red or yellow stakes and lines. NOTE: As an additional option, a “Dropping Zone” had been added on Hole #11 at the front of the most forward teeing ground.

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.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Include all structures and flowerbeds and structures behind #18 green (The sculptured tree stumps on holes 7, 8, 9, 10 and 15 are obstructions and relief is permissible for ball, stance, and swing). If a ball is within two club lengths of an obstruction that is within two club lengths of the putting surface that intervenes on the player’s line of play, relief without penalty is afforded.

OBSTRUCTIONS: (Rule 15.2) Cart and maintenance paths and worn areas adjacent to cart paths are immovable obstructions; free relief. The wall and flower beds around the club house are obstructions – free relief.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the inside edge (at ground level) of white stakes and inside edge of posts of wooden rail fences and any other boundary fences. The driving range is enclosed by white out of bounds stakes and netting supported by post. The inside edges of the road leading into and the parking lot are out of bounds. Pavilion and raised flowerbed to right of #18 green is out of bounds and is defined by the edge of the pavement.

DROP ZONE: On Hole # 10 there is a drop zone forward of the closest Teeing Area adjacent to the road to the Green for penalty relief.

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 are to be returned to the scoring table immediately following competition of the stipulated round.

The competition is closed when all scores have been posted and the winners announced.

RULES COMMITTEE: Jim Bowen (Chairman), Mike Hamm (Rules Official), Paul Lucien (State Rules Chair). Phone# 253.223.7383 for help.