

## LOCAL RULES FOR THE VBSGC

USGA Rules always apply but authorize Tournament Committees to establish Local Rules to accommodate course conditions and provide a more level playing field

### Preferred Lies

During normal play, players are permitted to improve their lie. Action is limited to moving their ball no more than one club length, no closer to the hole and only in the fairway of the hole they are playing. This rule is in effect at all times unless modified by the Cart Path Only/Special Conditions rule. The ball may not be cleaned.

### Cart Path Only / Special Conditions

When the Course prescribes "Cart Path Only", a lift, clean and place rule, through the green (Note 1), will automatically be in effect. A physically challenged player should request a "handicap flag" to permit driving to the ball during play. If the Course denies this request, the player may have one of his teammates pick up his ball and place it in a similar (i.e., rough or fairway) lie, closer to the cart path, but not closer to the hole.

When course conditions warrant, the Monthly Tournament Captain may invoke a lift, clean and place rule, through the green, even though the course has not called for "Cart Path Only." This will be announced before the start of play.

When the lift, clean and place rule is invoked, the ball can be moved no more than one club length, no closer to the hole.

Note 1: "Through the green" means all areas except teeing grounds, greens and hazards; essentially roughs and fairways.

### Lost or Out-of-Bounds Balls

Rule 27 permits playing a provisional ball if a shot may be OB or lost outside a water hazard. However, if a ball is unexpectedly (i.e., no provisional shot played) found to be OB, or lost outside a water hazard, the player, under penalty of two strokes, may place his ball at the edge of the fairway nearest to where it was lost or went OB. This rule prevents players from returning to the spot of a previous shot, thus speeding play. The effect is the same as "loss of stroke and distance", but with the ball spotted as described. Do not hesitate to hit provisional shots.

## REMINDERS

### Speed of Play. IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE GROUP IN FRONT, YOU ARE BEHIND!

Play "ready golf; get in the cart after play and put clubs away at the next stop. Scores should be entered at the next tee box so other players can be getting ready to play. Continuous putting is encouraged when at all possible. Putts of 12 inches or less may be conceded by the Team Captain.

The Board has established the following policy: a player "out of the hole" (unable to improve his team's points for the hole) must pick up his ball. His score will be recorded as the "most likely" result from that spot, subject to his maximum handicap score

### Obstructions

Obstructions are anything artificial (man-made) except as described in Rule 24. "Moveable obstructions" interfering with either stance or swing path may be moved without penalty and the ball replaced. If a player's lie is blocked or his swing impeded by an obstruction that, using common sense, is immovable, a player may take relief of one club length, no closer to the pin, without penalty.

### Environmental Areas of Preservation

Environmentally sensitive areas must be designated by the Course as ground-under-repair, water hazards (normal or lateral) or OB. Free relief or penalties apply according to their designation if a ball rests therein. Freshly planted areas or staked young trees, etc. should be respected as ground-under-repair.

### VBSGC Modified Stapleford Scoring System

Bogey .....	1 point	Par .....	2 points	Birdie .....	4 points
Eagle (hole-in-one on par 3 holes) .....	6 points	Double Eagle .....	8 points		