



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS



IESA GIRLS' SECTIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MADISON GOLF COURSE

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA, shall apply as well as local rules published herein, as recommended by the USGA for certain play and abnormal conditions. The On-site Committee decision in regards to the rules of golf is final, and not available for appeal.

FORMAT: 18-hole Individual Stroke Play Event. "Circle 12 rule" is mandatory for all girls on their second 12+. Once you have reached 12 strokes on a hole you must pick up your ball and proceed to the next hole. You need to put a "12" in the box and then circle that number.

TEES: Girls: Red Tees

DECIDING TIES: Ties for 1st place only will be decided by an on course playoff. All other ties will be determined by a matching scorecard playoff.

SLOW PLAY: Each competitor shall play without delay. A group losing more than their starting interval will be subject to monitoring which may result in a penalty.

EMBEDDED BALL: Rule 25-2 is in effect "*through the green*"; everywhere except hazards, the putting green and teeing ground of the hole being played. The ball may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not near to the hole.

PRACTICE: A player must not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the last hole played. If a practice stroke is played on or near the putting green of the hole last played, the *player shall incur a penalty of two strokes*. Note – when two or more rounds of a stroke-play competition are to be played over consecutive days, a competitor must not practice between those rounds on any competition course remaining to be played; Penalty for breach: Disqualification.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY: When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play IMMEDIATELY and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he/she is DISQUALIFIED unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. *Note: A suspension shall be signaled by one prolonged horn blast.*

USE OF ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Range Finders (distance measuring only) **ARE** allowed. Portable communication devices (cell phones, radios etc.) may be used to call a rules official or for the local course app. These devices cannot be used as a personal music or for coaching in any IESA sanctioned events. *ANY participant found using the device during their stipulated round will be DISQUALIFIED.*

SCORING: Scores must be verified and recorded at each hole. Questions on procedure or dispute of the Rules of Golf must be referred to the Onsite Committee. Upon completion of the round, proceed IMMEDIATELY to the designated scoring area. The scorecard must be double checked for accuracy and then signed by each the competitor and the scorer. After both signatures are on the scorecard, it shall be placed in the IESA Official Scoring Box. After the scorecard is placed in the box no further corrections can be made; a scorecard missing a signature, or if the competitor signed for a lower score, then the competitor will be DISQUALIFIED.

FLOWER BEDS & WOOD CHIPS: A mandatory drop is required from all flower beds and wood chips surrounding newly planted trees. Proceed under Rule 24-2. Mulch and wood chips not in flower beds are considered loose impediments.

OUT OF BOUNDS (OB): Defined by inside edge of white stakes, white lines and/or property fence posts at ground level. When present, white lines take precedence and the line itself is in bounds.

Behind Holes: 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 15, 17, and 18.

Left of Holes: 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, and 18.

STONES IN BUNKERS: The local rule is in effect for all IESA sanctioned events allowing the removal of stones in bunkers by declaring them to be moveable obstructions under Rule 24-1 as described in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf.

HAZARDS: No Hazards at Madison Golf Course.

COMMITTEE: The On-Site Committee has sole authority over the event and all decisions regarding the Rules of Golf during the event.

WEATHER: If weather is an issue you may hear one horn blast which means that you should mark your ball if it is near and return to the clubhouse. Three horn blasts will resume play.

RULE 3-3: If there is any doubt as to your procedure, under Rule 3-3, play two balls and make sure and tell a staff member of your actions, even if the score is the same with both golf balls.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: will be identified/outlined with a white painted circle. Players may opt to take a free relief from ground under repair. No nearer to the hole with no penalty.

LOCAL RULE: A ball, which crosses the roadway (Sterling Ave.) that runs between the front nine and back nine can be played with a FREE DROP from the nearest point from which it lay on the side it crossed.