



NOTICE TO PLAYERS

2026 ZONE 5 FOURSOMES

Tuesday 22nd September – Cowichan Golf Course

Second Round - Alternate Shot Match Play

(Penalty strokes do not affect order of play)

Play is governed by the 2023 Golf Canada Rules of Golf and the following rules.

Local rules printed on the Cowichan Golf score cards are not in effect for this tournament.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE – General Penalty (loss of hole)

TEE MARKERS - WHITE COURSE RATING - 68.5 SLOPE - 115

PIN POSITIONS - Indicated by flag color - Red/front White/middle Blue/back

PACE OF PLAY - Time allotted 4:20-hours – **PLEASE KEEP UP WITH THE GROUP AHEAD**

DESIGNATED PRACTICE AREAS - Practice range located between holes 1 and 18, putting green located in front of the clubhouse, chipping green between holes 3 and 7. Bunker adjacent to practice range.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES - Rule 4.3 - A player may obtain information by using a device that measures distance only.

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by:

- 1.) white stakes and/or white lines
- 2.) On the left side of Holes 12, 13, 16 and 17.
- 3.) The practice range as defined by wooden poles on the right side of Hole 1 and chain link fence on the right side of Hole 18. Maintenance shed Hole 4. The driving range itself is out of bounds.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS – White lined areas are ground under repair. Artificial surfaced paths and their worn extensions as well as Teeing area retaining walls are obstructions. Free relief provided under Rule 16.1. Seasonal drainage ditches on Holes 1, 7, and 9, where unmarked, are to be treated as part of the general area and not as penalty areas. Bare dirt pathways are INTEGRAL, and free relief is not available (left of #16 green).

OBSTRUCTIONS NEAR PUTTING GREEN - for a ball in the general area cut to fairway height or less a player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b from an immovable obstruction **on the line of play** that is within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

PENALTY AREAS – All penalty areas are defined by red stakes and/or red lines. **WARNING** – caution must be exercised, and players **must not** enter penalty areas on **Holes 5, 10, 11, 14, or 15** due to steep and dangerous terrain.

GARDEN AREAS – All gardens are deemed Ground Under Repairs. Free relief MAY be taken in accordance with Rule 16.1.

DROP ZONES – Holes 3 and 10. - as an additional relief option Drop Zones may be used **ONLY** if the player's ball entered the Red Penalty Area **beyond** the **Blue Stakes** at the edge of the Penalty Area of the hole being played.

TIES – In the event of a tied match at the completion of the 18th hole, the match will continue until a team wins a hole. Hole handicap allocation remains unchanged.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE - You may call referee Alison Murdoch at **250-884-7856** however, if your match involves a rules discrepancy and an official is not readily available you may agree on how to proceed within the group. If an agreement cannot be reached, make it clear to your opponents, before either side makes a stroke to begin another hole, that you will seek a ruling from the committee when possible.

The option to play two balls under 21.1c(3) does not apply to Match Play

DECISIONS - All decisions made by the Committee shall be considered final.

RULES COMMITTEE – Alison Murdoch (Tournament Rules Chair), Randy Caspick (Referee)

PLAYERS MUST LEAVE THE COURSE WHEN THE MATCH IS OVER