



**6<sup>TH</sup> US WOMEN'S FOUR-BALL / FOUR-BALL  
JOINT SECTIONAL QUALIFYING  
StoneRidge Golf Club  
13600 N. Hudson Blvd, Stillwater, MN 55082  
Monday, September 30, 2019  
Local Rules and Information Sheet**

**TEES: MEN'S- BLUE USGA MARKERS WOMEN'S- WHITE USGA MARKERS**

**FORMAT:** 18 holes, stroke play

**QUALIFIERS: MEN - 2 | WOMEN - 1 ALTERNATES: 2**

**TIES & PLAYOFFS:** In the event of a tie for the final qualifying spot and/or any alternate position, a hole-by-hole playoff will be conducted immediately following play.

*Rules are governed by the USGA Rules of Golf, the USGA Rules Card and the following local rules. Disregard any and all local rules printed on the local card.*

**PACE OF PLAY:** The Pace of Play Policy posted on the Qualifying website will be in effect. Hole completion times are indicated on the official scorecards.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** Are permitted during all phases of the Championship but must measure distance only.

**USGA GROOVES POLICY:** The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.

**BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF:** Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

**REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB:** Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Boundaries are defined by white stakes, property fences and the inside edge of curbing of all public roads bordering the course (**NOTE:** A ball going out of bounds and coming to rest on another part of the course is still out of bounds.)

**PENALTY AREAS:** When both stakes and lines are used to mark a penalty area, the stakes identify while the lines define the area.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Areas circled by white paint or mentioned on the USGA Terms of Competition Card are ground under repair.

**NATURAL AREAS:** All no mow, natural areas are played as General Area. Disregard the **BLUE** stakes within those areas.

**WASTE AREAS:** There are sandy waste areas adjacent to Holes 13-15 & 17 and may be identified by different sand and no rakes. These are part of the General Area and are not bunkers.

**EVACUATION PLAN:** In the event play is suspended for a dangerous situation, please return immediately to the Clubhouse.

**SCORING AREA:** Weather permitting, the scoring area is located on the back side of the clubhouse.

**DRINKING WATER & BATHROOMS:** Are indicated by a **W** and a **B**

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Doug Hoffmann (Chair), Bob Boldus, Dick Goodspeed & Ed Griffin.

**MODEL LOCAL RULES**

**E-12: BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF**

"When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when *dropped*."

This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area).

This Local Rule does not change the procedure for taking Back-On-the-Line relief under a relevant Rule. This means that the reference point and relief area are not changed by this Local Rule and that Rule 14.3c(2) can be applied by a player who drops a ball in the right way and it comes to rest outside the relief area, whether this occurs on the first or second drop." (Added 4/2019)

**G-9: REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB**

"Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way:

If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).

For the purposes of this Local Rule:

- A club is "broken or significantly damaged" when:
  - the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
  - the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
  - the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed
  - the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or
  - the grip is loose.

Exception: A club face or clubhead is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b." (Added 4/2019)

