



Women's Public Links Golf Association of Southern California  
2024 Team Play Competition

**COURSE CONDITIONS**

This document outlines the WPLGASC Procedures and Local Rules in the event of adversely impacted course conditions as a result of course maintenance (aeration), heavy rain, dangerous weather or suspensions once play has started and what to do in the event of a postponement.

***Notify Karen Kiddy if adverse conditions prevented Team Play competitions from taking place.***

**AERATED PUTTING GREENS**

**Before play begins**, the two Team Captains involved in a match must agree whether to permit the following Local Rule which allows relief from new and freshly made aeration holes on Putting Greens. Any other interpretation is not acceptable. The rule may be used only on the Putting Greens when newly aerated conditions are present (example: Holes 1-9 Putting Greens only).

**Relief from Aeration Holes** If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole on the putting green, relief may be taken placing a ball on the spot of the nearest point of complete relief that avoids the situation and is not nearer the hole under 16.1d. Interference does not exist if the aeration hole interferes only with the Player's stance or area of intended swing, or on the line of play. Aeration holes may not be repaired. There is NO relief for aeration holes on any other part of the course. Aeration plugs are defined as loose impediments and may be moved. MLR-E4

**RAIN RELATED CONDITIONS**

**Use of Preferred Lies** (Winter Rules) is prohibited unless widespread temporary abnormal conditions interfere with fair play. *Preferred Lies* may be authorized when temporary abnormal conditions are widespread **or** when Golf Course Management declares Cart Path Only due to extreme wet conditions.

**Before play begins** When extreme wet conditions warrant, the two Team Captains involved in a match must agree whether to permit use of the following WPLGASC Local Rule allowing the use of Preferred Lies. This Rule may not be adopted once a match has started. If the Captains agree to use Preferred Lies, they must notify the WPLGASC Team Chair ***before starting play*** of their decision with an explanation. If this rule is adopted indiscriminately, the teams involved will be subject to penalty at the discretion of the WPLGASC Team Committee.

**Preferred Lies:** When a player's ball lies in a part of the General Area, cut to fairway height or less (including the collar of a putting green), on the hole being played, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference point: Spot of the original ball
- Size of relief area is 6 inches from reference point, but with these limits
  - Must not be closer to the hole than the reference point and
  - Must be in the General Area

Before lifting the ball, the player should mark its position. The player may clean their ball before placing it in the relief area. MLR E-3

**SUSPENSIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR DARKNESS, AND POSTPONEMENTS**

All Team Play matches are to be played as scheduled. However, Team Captains may mutually agree to suspend or postpone the match in advance of, or during the match (due to bad weather or other justifiable reasons). One Captain cannot make a unilateral decision to suspend or postpone a match.

**Inclement Weather During Play of a Match:**

1. If adverse weather develops during play and both Team Captains agree to suspend play after matches have begun, the provisions of Rule 5.7 under the Rules of Golf apply.
2. Players must resume play on that day if it is safe to resume, and providing the golf course management can accommodate play. Any continued match(es) must be played with the same players in the same line-up. **No substitutions.** A team may play one or more players short, if necessary. A continued match will resume from where it was discontinued. Captains must make every effort to continue and conclude all matches that day to remain on schedule.

3. Any match(es) that are unable to complete their 18 hole round(s), the entire match must be replayed. *It is not required that the same players participate in the make-up match.*
4. Teams **may not** agree to halve points for any remaining holes on which play has not begun.
5. Players may agree to halve a hole *being played*. However, players must not agree to halve a hole without one player making a stroke. To do so may constitute an agreement to waive the rules for which the penalty may be disqualification of the sides or the teams.
6. A team player **may not** discontinue play without permission of her Team Captain, unless:
  - a. She reasonably believes there is danger from lightning.
  - b. There is some other good reason such as sudden illness.
7. **If the inclement weather results in a Golf Course Closure**, the two Team Captains must coordinate with the Golf Course Manager to obtain the first available time for the match(es) to be replayed. If possible, the postponement should be scheduled prior to the next regularly scheduled match or if that is not possible, before the last scheduled Division Match.
8. As soon as possible, advise the WPLGASC Team Chair of the suspended/rescheduled play.

#### **Course Closures**

1. If adverse weather has occurred prior to play (overnight), the Team Captains should call the Golf Course Manager to determine area and course conditions. If the Golf Course is closed, or if unplayable conditions warrant and the course agrees, the Team Captains may agree to postpone an entire match before it begins. Captains must mutually agree to reschedule the match at the first available time prior to the next regularly scheduled match. If that is not possible, before the last scheduled Division Match. The rescheduled match must be played on the same course as originally intended to be played.
2. Captains must make every effort to re-schedule matches. Delay in rescheduling may result in the prescribed penalties described on the *Guidelines for Captains under Failure to Compete*.
3. As soon as possible, advise the WPLGASC Team Chair of the match postponement along with the rescheduled date for the match.

#### **Direct all Questions regarding Course Conditions to the Team Play Committee**

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***All decisions of the WPLGASC Team Play Committee will be final and will be communicated to the Team Captains involved.***