



Women's Public Links Golf Association of Southern California
2026 Team Play Competition

COURSE CONDITIONS

RAIN RELATED CONDITIONS

Use of Preferred Lies (Winter Rules) are permitted when widespread temporary abnormal conditions interfere with fair play 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~~ may 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.

Preferred Lies Relief: 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) the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball and playing it from the relief area: Before lifting the ball, mark its position. She may clean her ball before placing it in the relief area. MLR E-3

Reference point: Spot of the original ball

Relief Area: Size of relief area is 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits

- o Must not be closer to the hole than the reference point and
- o Must be in the General Area

Embedded Ball: Relief is allowed when the ball is embedded in the General Area. Rule 16-3b

RELIEF FROM AERATION HOLES

Before play begins, the two Team Captains involved in a match may agree to permit the following Local Rule which allows relief from ***new and freshly made aeration holes*** on Putting Greens. The rule may be used only on the Putting Greens when ***newly aerated conditions*** are present.

Putting Greens 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.

General Area If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole in the General Area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole, the player may take relief again under MLR-E4.

SUSPENSIONS OR POSTPONEMENTS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

The expectation is all Team Play matches ~~are to~~ will 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 extreme weather, lightening 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 may agree to halve ***a hole being played***. However, players must not agree to halve a hole without at least one player making a stroke.
3. Teams ***may not agree*** to halve points for any remaining holes on which ***play has not begun***.
4. A 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.
5. Matches must resume play on that same day if it is safe to resume, and providing the golf course 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.

6. If any Sides are unable to complete their 18 hole match on the same day, the entire match **between those Sides** must be replayed. *It is not required that the same players participate in the make-up match.*
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

If adverse weather occurs prior to play (overnight), the Team Captains should call the Golf Course Manager to determine 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 will make every effort 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. **Advise the WPLGASC Team Chair as soon as possible when a match is postponed and rescheduled.**

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.