

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

The 2025 Villages Ladies Village Cup (LVC) Week 1: Elimination Week Competition

Palmer Legends-April 7th / Bonifay-April 9th / Mallory Hill-April 11th

This information supplements the Ladies Village Cup Conditions of Competition

1. **FORMAT** – 54-hole Elimination Competition (18-holes per day played across three days) of total points team match play. All play will be conducted according to the USGA Rules of Golf. Monday, April 7th: Four-Ball match play on Palmer Legends golf course. Wednesday, April 9th: Foursomes (Alternate Shot) match play on Bonifay golf course. Friday, April 11th: Singles match play on Mallory Hill golf course
2. **Environmental Sensitive Areas (ESAs)** – Areas on the course identified by red or yellow stakes with green tops and identified by red or yellow lines. When the ball is in the ESA it must not be played, and relief must be taken from interference by the ESA. **DO NOT ENTER OR RETRIEVE YOUR BALL from the ESA.** It is a player's responsibility to call this infraction on their opponent or to overlook it. If you are called on this rule it is hole disqualification for the player in four ball or loss of hole in alternate shot and singles.
3. **HANDICAP ALLOWANCE** – USGA recommended allowances are in effect. Four-Ball Match Play: 90% of Course Handicap. Foursomes (Alternate Shot) Match Play: 50% of Team Course Handicap. Individual Match Play: 100% of Course Handicap. For partner formats, the maximum differential between partners' Course Indexes is 6. If the difference in partners Course Indexes exceeds 6, the higher handicapped player will be reduced to achieve the maximum allowable difference of 6.
4. **TEE MARKERS** – All play will be from the Green tee markers.
5. **CARTS** – Use of a motorized golf cart is required for all competitors. Caddies are not permitted.
6. **BULKHEADS** –
 1. When a ball is touching a Bulkhead marked with a yellow or red line or red or yellow stakes on the front/course-side, the ball is considered IN THE PENALTY AREA. In this case penalty area relief is available for one penalty stroke
 2. When a ball is touching a Bulkhead marked with a yellow or red line or red or yellow stakes on the back/water side, the ball is NOT in the penalty area. In this case free relief for your swing, stance, or lie of the ball is available (one club length from your nearest point of complete relief no closer to the hole. The ball must stay in the same Area of the Course (e.g., if ball is in a bunker, relief must be in a bunker, etc.). The one exception here is if your ball is on a putting green, your nearest point of complete relief may be off the green and in the general area.
7. **LOCAL RULES** –USGA rules apply. The local rules identified on each course's scorecard **are** in effect. Drop areas only as designated by each course are in effect.
8. **PACE OF PLAY** – Hole end times are now designated on each scorecard. Pace of Play is set for a round based on the course in play for a particular day of competition as time to play a round. To help with pace of play, make sure you know on which holes you/your opponent have handicap strokes. ***If you cannot score the same or better than your opponent on a hole, and you don't have handicap strokes to help you tie or win the hole, concede the hole and move on to the next hole.***
 - **Breach – After Hole 5:** If a group gets out of position, determined by the course pace of play guidelines (e.g., more than 15 minutes behind group in front AND behind pace per scorecard hole end time), group will be told to halve Hole 6 and move to tee off on Hole 7.
 - **Breach - After Hole 14:** If a group gets out of position, determined by the course pace of play guidelines (e.g., more than 15 minutes behind group in front AND behind pace per scorecard hole end time), group will be told to halve Hole 15 and move to tee off on Hole 16.
 - After trying to resolve pace of play issues with your opponents(s), you can contact Sue Nelson (904-386-6882) for assistance timing the group to try to establish cause for the group being off pace of play. If one player/team is identified as the cause, instead of halving the hole to be skipped, the Rules Official may direct one team to win and the other to lose that hole before moving to the next hole
9. **RULES COMMITTEE** – Rules Officials have been designated by the Ladies Village Cup Committee and identifiable on course: with a sign on the front of their carts. The LVC designated rules official committee has final authority on any rulings. **If you need help with a rule and a Rules Official is not near, play the hole as you believe you should, and your opponent can ask for a ruling and resolve at scoring table. Pictures to help describe are a good idea.**

10. **RULINGS** – If you and your opponent disagree on how to proceed with play of your golf ball, we encourage you to work it out between you. If you continue to disagree, proceed as you want and your opponent can request a ruling before your group tees off on the next hole. This can be resolved at scoring area (ALL players in the match should come speak to the rules official) before turning in scorecards – all players need to speak to the Rules Official Committee at the scoring table. You also have the option, if you see a rules official to resolve it before proceeding to next hole. Do not hold up play to look for an official.

11. **SCORECARDS** – When completing your scorecard, write the number of strokes for each person/team (Foursomes/Alternate Shot only has one score for the team) and on the team line put only either a: 1 (won the hole), 1/2 or .5 (tied the hole). Or 0 (lost the hole). Immediately after completion of each match, one competitor from each team must together return both scorecards. Results of a match are official once the scoring officials have validated each match scorecard, and players have left the scoring area. Be sure to validate your points on both team/player scorecards match for before you come to scoring table. One player from each team in the match should bring their scorecards together to the Scoring area.

If you need to substitute a player, you will need a new scorecard.

1. Call your On Course Captain of the day to get alternate player and confirm they are on their way to your location:
2. Contact Club Pro (see phone # below for course) to inform them that you are making a substitution, and to request a new scorecard.

If you have an urgent medical emergency requiring 911 assistance:

1. Call 911 and give them your exact location (e.g., Palmer Legends Laurel Valley Hole 6): Palmer Legends: 1645 Palmer Way 32162; Mallory Hill: 1675 Odell Circle 32162; Bonifay: 1033 Pinellas Place 32163
2. Call the course Pro Shop to tell them you called 911: **Palmer Legends: 352-753-5300; Mallory Hill: 352-753-3730; Bonifay: 352-753-1776**
3. Stay where you are. If safely feasible let other groups play through
4. If you need to substitute a player, you will need a new scorecard. After you reach your captain/team on course Captain to identify your alternate player and confirm they are on their way to your location, contact the Club Pro (see phone number above) to inform them that you are making a substitution, and to request a new scorecard.

12. **POSTING SCORES** – Players are required to post their Fourball and Singles Match Play scores **on the day of play**. For unfinished/picked up ball, player is to enter the score they most likely would have made but high enough that their score cannot be used to score the hole. Players who fail to post their rounds in a timely fashion are subject to action at the discretion of the Ladies Village Cup Committee, which may include an adjusted handicap for the duration of the tournament.

13. **SPECTATOR GUIDELINES** – Spectators:

- are not permitted to ride with a competitor at any time during play of a match.
- are **NOT** permitted anywhere on the course (e.g., tee boxes, fairways, bunkers or greens) at any time during the play of any match, and must remain on cart paths and grassy areas on the opposite side of the path
- must refrain from conversing with players in order to avoid any inadvertent offering of advice and/or the appearance of offering advice which may result in a penalty to the player.

14. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – Players may use a device to measure distance. If during a round, a player uses a function to measure other conditions (e.g., slope, elevation, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3 (1st breach=loss of hole; 2nd breach = disqualification)

15. **CELL PHONES** - Except for emergencies, a ruling, or use as a distance measuring device, cell phone use is not permitted during the stipulated round unless an exception has been requested in advance of the round starting through Debbie Harlan or Sue Nelson. Rule 4.3 (1st breach=loss of hole; 2nd breach = disqualification)

16. **CODE OF CONDUCT** – Golf is a sport in which high standards of player conduct is expected. Players are to play in the spirit of the game and act with integrity, showing consideration to others and taking good care of the course. The Ladies Village Cup Committee has the authority to disqualify a player from the current event and/or future Village Cups for any serious misconduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game.

17. **CONCESSIONS** –If you cannot score lower than your opponent in Match Play, you **do not** need to finish the hole and can concede the hole. You can concede your opponent's short putt on a hole. You cannot make a blanket agreement to concede short putts to each other for the duration of the match - doing so will cause you both to be Disqualified. Instead, you must make each concession separately. Concessions, once made are irrevocable.