

2026 LADIES VILLAGE CUP: NOTICE TO PLAYERS

Havana CC - Fourball Match Play- April 7 & 14

Cane Garden CC – Alternate Shot Match Play - April 9 & 16

Evans Prairie CC – Singles Match Play - April 11 & 18

This information supplements the Ladies Village Cup Conditions of Competition located on the LVC Website. USGA Rules apply. The Villages Local Rules and each courses' local rules, on their scorecards, are in effect.

1. **Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) (NO PLAY ZONES)** – are identified by either Red or Yellow Stakes with Green Tops and defined by either Red or Yellow Lines. In the absence of lines, the stakes define the outline of the penalty area. When a ball is in the ESA within the penalty area, the ball **must not** be played as it lies and complete relief (one stroke penalty) must be taken from interference by the ESA under Rule 17.1E. If your ball is outside the ESA, but your swing or stance is interfered with by the ESA, you **must** take free relief. **DO NOT ENTER OR RETRIEVE a Ball from the ESA. Entering the ESA for any reason will cause the 1 stroke penalty for the player violating the rule in Fourball or Singles matches and a 1 stroke team penalty in the Alternate shot match. If you violate BOTH the ESA rule and your ball is in the penalty area (meaning you hit in and you step in the ESA area) it is Loss of Hole. In Fourball, the player who violates both is out of the hole.**
2. **BULKHEADS**
 - Bulkheads in the villages should be marked with a red or yellow line on the water/penalty area side of the bulkhead.
 - If your ball is touching the red or yellow line on the bulkhead, the ball is considered IN THE PENALTY AREA. Take a drop with one penalty stroke per Rule 17.
 - If your ball is outside of the penalty area (rough/fairway side) and the ball, your stance or swing is interfered with by the bulkhead, you may take free relief 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.).
3. **PACE OF PLAY**
 - Hole end times will be shown on each scorecard. It is your responsibility to ensure your group is keeping pace.
 - Pace of Play will be monitored by a designated Pace of Play volunteer on each 9. The official will rove the 9 holes, focusing on closing any large gaps between any 2 matches. They will pay attention to par times while encourage players to make sure they can see the match in front of them at all times. **Behind Pace of Play means you are slower than the time on your card and 15 minutes behind the group in front.**
 - **If you are out of position on any given hole you will be asked to catch up or risk being moved ahead. If on the second monitoring you are still out of position, they will enforce the Pace of Play penalty which is half the hole and move to the next hole.**
 - Roving pace of play officials will be supported by a dedicated Pace of Play Monitor who will rove all the nines helping where needed.
 - If an On-Course Captain or any player in the match has called for a Rules Official to monitor the pace of play of the group and the Rules Official determines that one team/individual is clearly in violation of timely play (e.g. >40 seconds/shot, or excessive time to play , >3 minutes ball search etc.), instead of halving the next hole, that team will incur a loss of hole penalty and players will pick up the ball and move on to the next hole.
4. **CONCESSIONS** –You can concede the hole at any time after the tee shot. 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. You must make each concession separately. **Concessions, once made are irrevocable.**
5. **RULES COMMITTEE** – Rules Officials have been designated by the Ladies Village Cup Committee and identifiable on course: wearing a white shirt, navy blue shorts/pants, and sign on the front of their carts. If you need a ruling and a Rules Official is not near, please refer to the next section on “Rulings/ Doubt Regarding Procedure.

6. **RULINGS/DOUBT REGARDING PROCEDURE** – Please make every effort to resolve any disputes during play in the spirit of golf and sportsmanship. If a disagreement still exists, refer to USGA Rule 20.1b “Resolving Rules Issues during the round in Match Play”. The players or side whose ball is in question, must decide how they want to proceed. If the opposing side does not agree, the opposing side may make a “CLAIM” to dispute the process/rule and that they want the Rules Committee to make the decision on. This claim must be made verbally to their opponent prior to any player teeing off on the next hole or if on the last hole, before they leave the putting green. The claim and facts must be presented to the Rules Official/Committee immediately upon finishing and prior to any scorecard being turned in. 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.**
7. **SCORECARDS** – Please record the players’ gross score on the appropriate line (Alternate Shot only has one score for the team). On the team line record either a: 1 (won the hole), 1/2 (tied the hole) or 0 (lost the hole). After completion of each match and before you come to the scoring table, please verify your points with your competitor(s) to ensure the points are identical. One competitor from each team must **immediately** return their scorecards **together** to the scoring area. Results of a match are official once the scoring officials have validated each match scorecard, and players have left the scoring area.
8. **SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS** - If you need to substitute a player during your round, you will need a new scorecard. Call your On Course Captain of the day to get alternate player and confirm they are on their way to your location. The On Course Captain will notify the Pro Shop that they need an updated scorecard. Play is discontinued until new strokes are marked on the match scorecards. Players should wave thru groups behind them until the match resumes.
9. **POSTING SCORES** – Players are required to post their Fourball and Singles Match Play scores **on the day of play** per USGA guidelines. On unfinished holes, the player must post their most likely score they 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.
10. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES / CELL PHONES (Earbuds)**– All equipment is subject to Rule 4.3. A distance measuring device with slope/elevation is NOT allowed. Cell phones are not to be used except in emergencies, as a GPS measuring device or for recording scores. Violating this will cause a penalty to the player (or team in alternate shot): 1st breach = loss of hole, 2nd breach = disqualification.) If you need access to your phone, you must get prior approval for an exception from Debbie Harlan or Seay Anne Shealy and then you can notify your foursome of such exception.
11. **SPECTATORS**
- Guidelines will be available at starter shack when spectators pick up the band to designate them as spectators
 - They 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
 - They 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.
12. **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.
13. **Emergencies - If you have an urgent medical emergency requiring 911 assistance:**
1. Call 911 and give them your exact location including course, which 9 and hole #.
 2. Call the course Pro Shop to tell them you have called 911: See #'s below
 3. Stay where you are. If safely feasible let other groups play through
 4. If you need to substitute a player, follow substitute player rule above.

HAVANA COUNTRY CLUB	2488 O'DELL CIRCLE.	352-750-8085
CANE GARDEN COUNTRY CLUB	1728 BAILEY TRAIL	352-751-7029
EVANS PRAIRIE COUNTRY CLUB	1824 EVANS PRAIRIE TRAIL	352-205-8910