

SBPLGC PACE OF PLAY RULES FOR LOS VERDES GC – 2022

The following NEW rules will apply to all tournaments held at Los Verdes and many of the key point below should also be used as solid guidelines for events at the other courses we play. The course is planning to retain 10 minute tee intervals and in return it is absolutely essential that we keep our events on this tee off schedule and complete ALL rounds in not over 4:30. It is proven we can do this easily without rushing and all having a good time as long as everyone is in sync and is alert and plays with a purpose and follows ready golf! Due to the seriousness of this matter, there will be no room for exceptions and penalties as described below will be enforced starting with the very first 2022 event and with no further warnings or second chances. If you are not comfortable in following these rules, please do not sign up for events at Los Verdes.

1. **Field Sizes may be smaller:** We have had more difficulty with larger fields so until we can demonstrate more progress the field sizes will be limited (around 60). In some cases we will try to offer the same event format at another venue simultaneously to create more capacity. Field sizes will be reviewed with the course and set on a rolling and adjustable basis and finalized about 30 days prior to each LV event. Tournaments at Los Verdes will likely continue with a lottery system for the foreseeable future.
2. **1st tee check in 10 minutes in advance:** All players will be required to check in with the 1st tee ambassador at least 10 minutes before their tee time and to remain in that area until tee off (to avoid delays searching for players). Players shall proceed that if the tee is early within this 10 minute range they must tee off early and there will be NO waiting for any players not there. Players late may join on the course subject to penalty under rules of golf. **Players identified as NOT having checked in at least 10 min early on the first tee for ANY reason will not be allowed to the next LV tmt – no exceptions.**
3. **Timing of rounds and penalties for over time:** The 1st tee ambassador will record the time that each group leaves the first tee and our check out table will record the time that each group is done, so we will have an exact time for each and every group to measure against the 4:30 maximum guideline. **Groups that do not meet the 4:30 guideline will be subject to the not able to play in the next LV tmt penalty if they also finish more than 12 minutes after the group in front of them.** If your group does not finish within 4:30 due to factors beyond your control meaning you finish right behind the group in front within the 12 minutes, then you are not penalized. Be sure to bring your card to the scoring area immediately without delays to record your completion time. Each case will be subject to immediate case by case review and determination right then and there. Mitigating circumstances like an injury or lost ball on the last 1-2 holes will be considered but in general in the absence of very unusual and clear supporting circumstances this will be a very clear cut rule and procedure with very few exceptions.

4. **Respect the course ambassadors:** Please observe all directions from the course ambassadors. Any issues or complaints will be reviewed after the round so please do not consume excessive time or argue with the ambassadors. We would like to provide some of our own ambassadors as a supplement at each LV event and will ask for volunteers on a case by case basis and will offer a free future tournament entry in return.
5. **Ball Searches Local Rule:** Ball searches are limited to 2 minutes no exceptions. If no provisional was played, NO players will even be allowed to go back period as this simply consumes too much time. Each event will have a per hole maximum score that you will need to take in the event of lost ball and no provisional played. **Penalty for going back is DQ and out of the next LV tmt.**
6. **Out of position rule to skip forward:** If a group reaches a tee on a par 4 or par 5 hole and the group ahead of them has fully completed that hole AND has already fully teed off on the next hole, then the group MUST skip that hole and immediately move forward to the next tee. A rule will be in place for each event how to score that missed hole. This applies whether instructed by an ambassador or whether no ambassador is present and the group just finds itself badly behind. **Any group found not complying all players will be DQ'd for the event and not allowed in the next LV tmt.**
7. **Carts will be mandatory at Los Verdes very few exceptions:** Substantially all players will be required to ride as this has simply proven faster and easier to catch up if necessary. Only known fast players who regularly walk the course without issues may be granted exceptions and only arranged in advance during the sign up window. These exceptions will be very limited. Players will still pay carts individually at the course to allow them to use scrip or players club discounts. **The course will advise us of any players who did not check in and pay for carts and any violation is a DQ and one tmt ban.**
8. **Concession of short putts:** This procedure saves a lot of time and will be used in most LV events for putts of up to 18 inches and will be announced along with the specific rules for each event.
9. **Ready Golf:** Regardless of format all players shall play Ready Golf at all times!
10. **Maximum score per hole:** Depending on the format there will be a maximum per hole score announced in each case – players shall pick up in the interest of pace of play and record that score after that number of strokes has been taken.