

Los Verdes Men's Golf & Country Club

2022 Classic Tournament

1. Rules for play will be USGA Rules as amended by local rules. "Winter Rules" will NOT be in effect unless authorized by the green's chairman (that's me if not during a monthly tournament) and specified in detail by the committee on tournament day. Play will be from the BLUE permanent tee markers, except the 1st hole, tee off from the movable markers. LV has asked us to do that.
2. **This is a single elimination match play, 4-ball competition (partner's better ball) match play tournament. All matches must be completed by November 1.**
3. Handicaps will be based on your GHIN Current Index on the day the match is played. This is available on the GHIN app for your smartphone and their website. The GHIN app figures everything out with the 'Handicap Calculator'. I suggest everyone download it. Players will receive strokes on the hardest handicap holes based on their handicap differential with the lowest handicap in the group. The lowest handicap player will play at scratch. Use the standard Los Verdes scorecards to determine stroke holes.
4. **Both teams** are responsible for coordinating and then securing a starting time. **Every player** must be flexible and arrange his schedule to play each match by the final date scheduled for the round being played. For subsequent rounds, the team playing last should inform the team they are playing next with 24 hours of winning. If the match is not scheduled by the Friday, the week prior to the LVMC monthly tournament the Tournament Captain may require the match be played in conjunction with the monthly tournament. **Should any match not be played by the end of the scheduled date, all four players for that match may be disqualified**, pending review by the Tournament Captain. The team in the next bracket will then receive a "bye" for the succeeding match.
5. If the match is completed early (e.g.: you win 4 & 3) all players must record NET par for all remaining holes for posting purposed. (Holes 16 -18 in the 4 & 3 example)
6. Upon completion of the round you must post your score (SCGA website or GHIN app) as a Home Round (within 24 hours), Email me a copy of your scorecard. Post the names of the winners in the proper bracket on the Classic pairings sheet located in the locker room entryway(if displayed). Your card must be correctly added, signed by the scorer, and attested by your opponent. **Incorrect score cards, or not posting your round properly is cause for disqualification of your next match, and/or further LVMC handicap committee penalties.**
7. **The winning team must immediately notify the Tournament Captain by email of the match results.** This way I can ensure the tournament runs on time. My email is below.
8. **If the match is tied** at the end of 18 holes, continue playing in sudden death format, starting on 1st hole, using same handicaps as the regular round. You will have to see the starter to arrange for the continued play.
 - a. Another acceptable play-off method is the card-off. **Both teams must agree to a card-off before the start of play.** The availability of one team member, does not force the use of a card-off. If accepted, the card-off would start as the most holes won on the last 9 holes. If tied, then the last 6, then last 3, then finally, the 18th hole played.

PACE of PLAY

Honestly, I am tired of hearing about the slow play of a few groups (you know who you are). In the past year I have not played a round of golf at Los Verdes in over 4:20 minutes (and that wasn't even during a tournament). Last week I played in 4:05.

LVMGC has instituted a max 4:30 pace of play for all tournament play. Failure to meet the 4:30 pace of play is placed on a 3-month tournament suspension, including all satellite tournaments. This in essence means you and your team will be DISQUALIFIED from the Classic tournament. We will not postpone your matches for 3 months. Don't bother asking.

Do not think that just because you are not playing your match during a monthly tournament, that the 4:30 hour max will not be enforced. We have several board members, past presidents and members that play throughout the week. They may ask the on-course ambassador to verify you are out of position and notify you to catch up. Even if you think you are on-time (played 9 in 2:15) but are more than 1 hole behind, you are out of position. This could mean the foursome picking up on a hole and everyone taking a net par. These complaints will be lodge thru LV and forwarded to the board. If we get these complaints against you during a Classic match, action will be taken. This may include **disqualification**. Trust me, if you are causing a back-up on a par 4 tee because you are 2 holes behind, it will not go unnoticed.

There is NO excuse for being 2 holes behind or rounds that exceed 4:30, unless you are waiting on the group in front of you. Remember, 4:31, is over the defined maximum pace of play.

If you don't like these rules and don't think you can adhere to them, then do not sign-up.

Simple rules to follow if you are out of position. Use until you catch up to the group ahead of you.

1. Pay Attention. If you are falling out of position, take action immediately. Don't wait until you are warned, that is too late.
2. Remember, the 3-minute lost ball rule. If you think there is ANY possibility you might not find your ball, play a provisional immediately. Don't wait until you can't find your ball down the hill on 16 to go back and re-hit.
3. Play ready golf until you get to the green. Don't wait until it is "your turn". This is especially true is some are in a cart and some are walking, or someone has to drop, etc. Don't wait until it is your turn to read your putt. Start reading it as soon as you get to the green.
4. You have 45 seconds for when you arrive to your ball to hit it. That includes all discussion with your partner, strategy, practices swings, whatever. If you are behind, adhere to it!
5. Once you and one of your opponents have putted out, go to the next tee, and tee off. You partner and the other opponent can handle putting themselves, including giving putts. REMEMBER, you are out of position and trying to catch up.

If you don't like these suggestions, then play FASTER!!!

Good luck to all: Classic Captain Tom Gibson

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