



## VAVi SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB OFFICIAL GOLF RULES

VAVi Golf follows the guidelines of [United States Golf Association \(USGA\)](#) with these exceptions:

1. Have Fun!!
2. Unless otherwise stated, USGA Rules are in effect.
3. You may not improve your lie (i.e. moving the ball from rough to fairway, fairway to fringe, or fringe to green).
4. Hit when ready!
5. Lost ball rule: If the ball is hit in a hazard, or can't be found, the player must drop another ball in the approximate position the lost ball was thought to be in. A one-stroke penalty will be assessed for the lost ball.
6. Provisional Shot: For speed of play, please hit a provisional shot if you think your ball went out of bounds. If your ball is in bounds you can pick up your provisional shot, with no penalty, and play your original ball. The penalty is both stroke and distance, except under the circumstances described in rule 9.
7. If no provisional shot is played and you realize your ball did go out of bounds, please play your next shot from the approximate spot the ball went out of bounds. A two-stroke penalty will be assessed for the lost ball. For speed of play reasons, do not return to the tee to hit another ball after searching for a lost ball.
8. Women will use the red tees; men will use the white.
9. For safety concerns: On holes where women's tee blocks are significantly in front of the men's, men will tee off first, regardless of honors.
10. Four strokes over-par is the maximum score allowed on a given hole. (On a par three, seven is the maximum score. On a par four, eight is the maximum. On a par five, nine is the maximum.) You may pick your ball up and move on to the next hole after the four over-par stroke maximum is reached.
11. You are required to play or have a substitute ready to play each scheduled round, weather permitting. No subs allowed for tournament week.
12. Only 2 minutes are allowed when searching for a lost ball. Keep pace with the group in front of you.
13. No club maximum.
14. When a team consists of less than 4 members there will be a blind draw from the team to fill the final spots.
15. When you do not show you will be assigned a score that night equal to the highest team score plus 3 strokes.
16. Players arriving after Final Check in Time may join the last group if there is space. **Your score will not count.**
17. Any discrepancies not covered by league rules will be sent to the VAVi director. All decisions made by the VAVi Director are final.

**Format**

Groups of 4 will be randomly assigned at Final Check-in time.

Males and females will be evenly split up to the extent at which they can be.

**Scoring**

The best score will be taken from each hole to make a team score at the end of each round. Each player must contribute a minimum of 2 holes for the team score.

**General Rules of Etiquette**

We are guests at the course. Please follow all golf etiquette rules.

Your position on the course is directly behind the group in front of you, not directly in front of the group behind you. The course can only go as fast as the slowest player.

**Mission Bay Course rules**

Each player must have their own clubs

No alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the premises

Unnecessarily slow play will not be permitted. Slow groups must allow faster players to play through.

Out of bounds – all perimeter fences

Ball may be dropped 2 club lengths from all staked trees, buildings, light standards and protective fences – NO PENALTY

Ditch along whole #7 is a lateral water hazard.

One stroke penalty for relief

All Yardage measured to middle of green.

Please replace divots and repair ball marks.