

# Westfield GC Tournament Hard Card 2024

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all competitions at Westfield GC, Winona, MN.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

**Out of Bounds** — a) Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and/or property fence posts. When defined by a white line, the line itself is out of bounds. b) The inside edge of a paved road or curb defines out of bounds. A ball coming to rest on or beyond the road or curb is out of bounds.

**Penalty Areas** — When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

**Ground Under Repair** — Defined by white lines. French drains are considered ground under repair, even if not marked.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf** — Complete relief (lie and stance) must be taken, nearest point no closer to the hole.

**Relief from Newly Seeded Areas** – Complete relief (lie and stance) must be taken, nearest point no closer to the hole.

**Abnormal Course Conditions** – (Rule 16.1)

**Immovable Obstructions** — Irrigation control tower boxes, drains, sprinkler heads, cart paths, and all Flower beds and gardens. Free relief, nearest point, one club length no nearer to the hole.

***Retaining wall in greenside bunker, Hole #1- Outside Bunker: Free relief stance and swing nearest point no closer to the hole. Inside Bunker: Free relief stance and swing nearest point no closer to the hole staying inside the bunker.***

***Asphalt/Cement in Right Rough, Hole #4 – In the RIGHT ROUGH ONLY on Hole #4, from the Tee box to the 150-yard marker pole on the Right Side of the Hole. Free relief, nearest point, no closer to the hole, staying in the cut of grass.***

**Wood Chips and Mulch Around Trees** — Are considered loose impediments. No free relief.

**Grass Nursery Area** — The grass nursery by the driving range on Hole #1 is MANDATORY RELIEF. Free Relief within one club length, no nearer to the hole, or to the nearest drop circle, no nearer to the hole, if available.

**Newly Planted Trees** – Free relief, stance and swing, from all newly planted trees. Most newly planted trees have water bags attached to them.

**When Competition Is Final** —The competition is final when the trophy/awards have been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

**Breaking of Ties** — ALL Ties for events (*tournaments*) will be broken by scorecard playoff starting with the #1 Handicap Hole, then to #2, then #3, and so on, until the ties are broken. (*Racehorse “para-mutual” will be broken by announced method.*)

**Stopping and Resuming Play** – In the event of inclement weather, the following procedures will be followed.

- Suspension for a dangerous situation: One long prolonged air horn note will sound.
- Resumption of play: TWO (2) air horn notes.
- When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation, you must mark the placement of your ball and immediately stop play and come in or seek shelter.
- When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice facilities are deemed to be closed until declared open by the Committee.

**Male Golfers who are 70 years of Age and Older** – All male golfers who are at the age of 70 years and older can move up and play events (*tournaments & Leagues*) from the GOLD tee markers. Those players MUST declare ahead of time with the Pro Shop and the GOLD TEE Handicap will be used for their Handicap.