November 14 - 15, 2026
Meadowlands Golf Club
Tournament Rules

VDC 2026 2-Day Format

Saturday

Holes 1-9 / Scramble (Captain's Choice)

Both players will tee off from their designated tees. The team then chooses the best tee shot. Both players hit from the chosen spot, placing their ball within the allowed drop/placement area. Continue selecting the best shot until the ball is holed. **FYI**, teams are allotted 35% of the "A" Players course handicap and 15% of the "B" Players course handicap. Being a 9-hole event, each team receives half of the calculated handicap.

Holes 10-18 / Modified Alternate Shot

Both players will tee off from their designated tees. The team then chooses the best tee shot. The player who did not hit the selected tee shot plays the second shot. Continue alternating shots until the ball is in the hole. Example: the team selects the tee shot for Player A. Player B hits the next shot onto the green, Player A misses the putt, Player B then taps the ball in the hole.
FYI, teams are allotted 50% of their combined course handicap. Being a 9-hole event, each team receives half of the calculated handicap.

Scorekeeping

Record only the team's gross score. After each format, total the team's gross score for the nine holes, then subtract the team's assigned handicap strokes shown on the scorecard and enter the resulting team net score. After the round, add the F9 + B9 gross and net scores.

Sunday

Holes 1-18 / Better Ball.

Each player plays their own ball from tee to hole. The lower net score of the two balls is the team score. **FYI**, each player receives 85% of their course handicaps for Better Ball and 100% for Skins. Both handicaps are shown on the scorecard.

Scorekeeping

Record each player's gross score. Apply the handicap strokes indicated by the dots, then record the lower of the two net scores. After the round, calculate the F9/B9/Total gross and net scores for each player and team.

Drop Area for Both Days

All Players: For balls in the pond on #8 and #15, you may re-tee or use the drop area. Both options carry a 1 stroke penalty. If you choose to use the drop areas, #8 is the greenside drop area and #15 is the **Red Tee Box** for those playing the White/Gold tees and the **Green Tee Box** for those playing the Red tees.

Women Only: For balls in the pond on #18, use the drop area on the green side of the pond with a one-stroke penalty.

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- All USGA rules apply, subject to the exceptions below.
- **Out of Bounds Local Rule:** If you re-hit from the original spot, a one stroke penalty will be assessed. If you choose to hit as a lateral move to anywhere on the fairway (no closer to the hole), a two-stroke penalty is assessed. The ball must be 100% out-of-bounds to be considered such.
- **Sand Trap Local Rule:** A sand area qualifies as a sand trap only if a rake is available nearby. You may move your ball **only** if it lies in an unrepaired or unraked footprint or washout. Notify your playing partners before taking relief. **Drop** the ball within the sand trap, either six inches from its original lie or at the nearest point of relief. Violating this local rule carries a two-stroke penalty under USGA rules.
- **Saturday:**
  Scramble Rule - you may lift, clean, and place the ball within one club length of the selected shot provided you preserve the original type of lie. For example, a ball selected from the rough must remain in the rough. Exemption: on the green, you must place the ball within a putter-head of its lie.
  Alternate Shot Rule - you may lift and clean the ball in your own fairway only provided you place the ball in its original spot. Exemption: a buried or plugged ball in a sand trap unless it qualifies for the local sand trap rule.
- **Sunday:** You may Lift, Clean and Place in your own fairway within one club length. All other balls will be played as they lie.

Special Rules, Requests & Info

- **NO "GIMMIES"!** All putts MUST be holed out!
- **Scorecards:** Each player's **Tee Selection** is shown on the scorecard by one of two methods. Either the first letter of the tee is displayed in parenthesis next to each player's name or the player's handicap is color coded (white tee is black, gold tee is gold, red tee is red).
- If you are unsure of a ruling, play two balls on that hole only. After the round, the ruling will be determined, and the scorecard will reflect that decision.
- BOTH scorecards must be attested and signed after both rounds. For scorekeeping expediency purposes, **immediately** thereafter please have **one player turn in Both Scorecards to the scoring area** inside the clubhouse**.**

The rules have been simplified as much as possible. Remember, you are playing against the field in your flight, not the team(s) you are paired with! HAVE FUN!!