

**2011 REGULATIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
GOLF TOURNAMENTS
BOYS and GIRLS – SECTIONAL and DISTRICT**

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on June 9, 2011. The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Commissioner, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

I. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

- A. The District Athletic Boards organize and conduct Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. All participants must be eligible in accordance with the OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations.
- B. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids.

III. DIVISIONS

- A. There will be three divisions (I, II, III) of competition in the Boys Tournaments and two divisions (I, II) in the Girls Tournament.

IV. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

A. Tournament Entry/Withdraw

Member schools wanting to participate in the 2009 OHSAA Golf Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their 2011-12 OHSAA Sports Participation Card in myOHSAA. Tournament entry confirmation begins September 5, 2011 and ends September 12, 2011. Schools that change their tournament participation after September 12, 2011 will be subject to a \$150 penalty per sport.

A school may enter a maximum of one team only in the tournament. Individual entries (3 or less) may be entered when there is no team entry.

An individual who starts on a team in a Sectional, District, or State Tournament must continue until that tournament is completed.

Tournament Paperwork Requirements

Participating schools must provide the tournament entry form and OHSAA eligibility certificate to their sectional site manager per their instruction.

V. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

- A. No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a tournament unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the board of education. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representatives will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present throughout the tournament.

VI. RULES

- A. The United States Golf Association Rules for Stroke Play shall prevail for all tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA.

VII. STROKE PLAY

- A. Stroke play for 18 holes will prevail. There will be no handicap.

VIII. SCORING

- A. The team score shall be determined by totaling the scores of the 4 players with the fewest strokes for the match. The team with the fewest number of strokes is the winner.

IX. TIES

A. Team

1. Ties in team scoring for awards or at qualifying positions that affect the number of qualifiers shall be resolved by comparing the scores of the 5th team member and the team with the lowest 5th score shall be declared the winner. If one team does not have a 5th score, the team with the 5th score shall be declared the winner.
2. If teams remain tied after comparing the 5th scores, a playoff to determine the winner shall be held using the four players whose scores resulted in the team tie.

B. Individual (Medalist and Qualifiers)

1. Individual ties for qualifying positions, that affect the number of qualifiers, shall be resolved by playing an additional hole or holes until the tie is broken by the tied individuals.

X. DISTRICT QUALIFIERS

- A. Each District Board shall determine the number of qualifiers from the sectional tournaments to the district tournaments.
- B. The number of qualifiers from each sectional tournament to a district tournament, with qualifiers from two or more athletic districts shall be uniform and proportional to the number of school teams participating.

XI. STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

Boys

Teams

<u>District</u>	<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>	<u>Division III</u>
Central	C, E, SE	3	C,E,SE 4
East		C,E 2	
Southeast		SE 2	
Northeast	NE,NW	6	2
Northwest		2	4
Southwest		3	2
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Individual Qualifiers

1. Individual qualifiers to the State Tournaments will be the individual low scorers not on a qualifying team equal to the number of teams qualifying.

Girls

Teams

<u>District</u>	<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>
Central	C, E, SE 2	C,E,SE 3
East		
Southeast		
Northeast	5	3
Northwest	2	3
Southwest	3	3
	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>

Individual Qualifiers

1. Individual qualifiers to the State Tournament will be the individual low scorers not on qualifying team equal to the number of teams qualifying.

XII. AWARDS

- A. Team – There shall be District Championship and Runner-up trophies presented.
- B. Individual – Individual awards shall be presented to the members and coach of the winning and runner-up teams and to the medalist and runner-up in each class.

XIII. SUMMER GOLF RULES

- A. Summer golf rules will be played in the OHSAA Tournaments. In case of inclement weather; the Tournament Rules Committee may authorize winter rules.

XIV. GREENS FEE

- A. The OHSAA is not responsible for the greens fee. Each school or participant will be responsible for the greens fee.

XV. WEATHER

Recognition:

Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials should be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightening flashes is approximately two to three miles ANYTIME that lightening can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- **Monitor Weather Patterns** – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.
- **National Weather Service** – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent chance), event organizers should be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightening.

Management:

- **Evacuation-** If lightening is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.
 - **Thirty-minute rule-** Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is **mandatory** to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes.
Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.

XVI. INTERRUPTED TOURNAMENT

- A. Any OHSAA tournament interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

XVII. CADDIES

- A. Caddies are not permitted during the tournament. Participants will be disqualified if any person assists by caddying or if the participant rides in any type of vehicle. Participants may use pull carts to carry golf clubs.

EXCEPTION: A medically authorized waiver is required for the use of a vehicle. A copy of the doctor's statement must be filed with the OHSAA and the OHSAA authorization shown to the referee.

XVIII. COACHING

- A. Participants will be disqualified if any person assists the participant by coaching and giving advice which could influence a player in determining play, the choice of a club or method of making a stroke (Rule 8).
Note: A team member is not a partner and may not give advice to or receive advice from another member of the team.

EXCEPTION: The school head coach may speak with his/her players, without any delay of play, between a green completed and the next tee.

B. Penalties for violation of the coaching regulation:

1. A warning is issued.
2. Player is assessed a two stroke penalty and the coach loses his/her coaching privilege.
3. Coach is disqualified/ejected.

Note: Following a coach ejection, if there is not a person authorized by the Board of Education present at the contest, forfeiture would result (Bylaw 3-2-1- school representative must accompany team).

XIX. VIOLATIONS

- A. **Tobacco.** Participants (coach, players, managers, etc.) are prohibited from using any form of tobacco on the golf course, in the clubhouse, or caddy house during any tournament. Penalty for violation of this rule will be disqualification. Managers are instructed to inform all coaches beforehand that this rule will be strictly enforced.
- B. **Conduct.** A two-stroke penalty shall be assessed for unsporting conduct. Unsporting conduct shall include but not be limited to club throwing, willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course, use of abusive language, profanity, obscenities, and other unsporting conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee. Penalties imposed may result in disqualification.
- C. **Electronic Devices -** The use of any electronic communication devices shall be prohibited on the course during any competition by all players, coaches, and spectators. Penalty shall be:

Player -	1st offense	two (2) strokes
	2nd offense	disqualification
Coach -	1st offense	lose coaching privilege
	2nd offense	disqualification
Spectator -	1st offense	warning
	2nd offense	removed from course of play

D. Range Finders

At the request of the Executive Committee of the OHSGCA and with full support of the OHSAA, Range Finders are prohibited for use in all competitions during regular season and tournament play. They may be used during individual/team practice sessions.

Penalty shall be:

Player -	1st offense	two (2) strokes
	2nd offense	disqualification
Coach -	1st offense	lose coaching privilege
	2nd offense	disqualification
Spectator -	1st offense	warning
	2nd offense	removed from course of play

XX. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY

- A. During participation in OHSAA Tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection.
- B. Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Commissioner by the tournament manager. The Commissioner will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.
- C. Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

XXI. PROPERTY DAMAGE

- A. There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators to physical facilities and equipment, etc. the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state-sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.

XXII. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

- A. The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Golf Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District Tournaments and the OHSAA Commissioner for the State Tournaments.

2011 STATE GOLF TOURNAMENTS
86th Boys – 19th GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

The State Golf Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the Ohio High School Athletic Association with the Ohio State University Golf Course, 3605 Tremont Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221, (614) 514-4653, Tournament Manager Jim Brown, (614) 216-6877 and North Star Golf Resort, 1150 Wilson Road, Sunbury 43074, (740) 524-4653, Tournament Manager Don Berberick; (614) 634-1522.

A. DATES AND LOCATIONS

October 14-15, 2011 - Division II Boys - North Star Golf Resort
Division III Boys - Division II Girls – Ohio State University Golf Course.

October 21-22, 2011 – Division I Boys – Division I Girls – Ohio State University Golf Course

C. REGULATIONS

The regulations for boys and girls Sectional/District Tournaments shall apply to the State Tournaments.

D. QUALIFIERS TO THE STATE TOURNAMENTS

1. Teams and individuals who qualified at their respective District Golf Tournaments will automatically be entered in the State Tournaments.
2. Substitutions may be made in team personnel from the District to State Tournaments.
3. Substitutions may not be made for individual qualifiers.

E. COACHES MEETING

There will be a meeting of the coaches or school representative at the clubhouse at each respective course at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 13 for Boys Division II, Boys Division III and Girls Division II and at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 20 for Boys Division I and Girls Division I.

F. ADMISSIONS

Admissions to the State Golf Tournaments will be \$9.00 per day.

G. PASSES

Passes shall be provided to competitors and coaches according to the following schedule.

1. Individuals – Number of qualifiers plus one
2. Team – five plus one

H. GREEN FEES – Paid by the OHSAA

I. SUMMER GOLF RULES

Summer golf rules will be played in the state tournaments. In case of inclement weather the Tournament Rules Committee may authorize winter rules.

J. PRACTICE ROUNDS

Team (5 individuals only) and individual qualifiers may play a practice round on Thursday prior to the start of the tournaments. Each individual shall play one ball only during their practice round. Practice rounds are optional and limited to the day before the championship. Tee times will be pre-assigned based on district qualifiers; telephone 614-459-4653 (Ohio State University) and 740-524-4653 (North Star Resort).

Boys Division I and II practice round on the Scarlet Course with tee times beginning at 11:00 A.M.

Girls Division II and Girls Division I practice round on the Gray Course with tee times available from approximately 11:00 A.M.

Boys Division II practice round on North Star Golf Resort with tee times available from approximately 11:00 A.M.

Note: Once teams or individuals have qualified for the state tournament, play on the course where they will play (Scarlet, Gray or North Star) in the state tournament is not permitted. Ethics and integrity are of the utmost importance in regards to this regulation. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

K. STATE TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

Eighteen holes will be played Friday and Saturday.

Boys Division III Championships will be played on the Scarlet Course, Boys Division II Championships will be played on the North Star and Girls Division II will be played on the Gray Course on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Boys Division I Championship will be played on the Scarlet Course and the Girls Division I Championship will be played on the Gray Course on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

If the first round cannot be started or play is discontinued, 18 holes will be played on the second day to determine a winner.

If the first round is completed and play is discontinued during any part of the second round, winners will be determined by the results of the first round. (For the second round results to count, ALL contestants must have completed the round).

If postponed both days, the tournament will be postponed until a future date arranged by the OHSAA.

L. SCORING

Stroke play for 36 holes will prevail in the state tournaments. Team scores in the State Tournaments will be determined by using the best four of five scores counted each day. Thus, official team totals will be counted at the end of each 18 holes of play. There will be no handicap.

M. TIES

1. Teams

Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by totaling the fifth lowest score for both days of the tournament and the team with the fifth lowest score shall be declared the winner.

If teams remain tied after totaling of the 5th lowest score, a playoff to determine the winner shall be held using four players selected by the coaches of the tied teams.

2. Individuals

Ties for medalist will be awarded if two or more individuals are tied at the conclusion of tournament play. Ties for runner-up medalist will be awarded if there is no tie for tournament medalist.

N. AWARDS

In the State Tournaments trophies will be presented to the Championship and Runner-up teams. Individual members of both teams will be presented with gold or silver awards. Awards will be presented to the coach of the Championship and Runner-up teams and to the medalist and runner-up in each division.

O. RESPONSIBILITY

Transportation, meals and lodging shall be the responsibility of the school of the participants.