



**2011  
GOLF  
Pre-Season Manual  
For  
Coaches**



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Enclosed is the high school's complimentary copy of the 2011-12 USGA Rules of Golf and related materials containing information regarding the golf season.

Attendance at a State Golf Rules Interpretation Meeting is NOT required this year. State Golf Meetings are conducted every other year.

The OHSAA staff wishes to extend to you best wishes for a successful golf season.

**Have a great season!**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>2011 OHSAA GOLF CALENDAR</b>	
August 1	First Day of Coaching
August 5	Season Begins
August 29 September 5	Boys Div. II & III and Girls II Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted Div. I Non Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted
September 26 – October 1 October 3 – October 8	Sectional Tournaments - Boys Division II & III and Girls II Sectional Tournaments – Boys Division I & Girls I
October 3 – October 8 October 10 - 15	District Tournaments - Boys Division II & III and Girl II District Tournaments – Boys Division I & Girls I
October 14 – 15 October 21- 22	State Tournaments – Boys Division II & III and Girls II State Tournaments – Boys Division I & Girls I
October 29	Season Ends

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## GOLF LINKS

National Federation of State High School Associations	<a href="http://www.nfhs.org">www.nfhs.org</a>
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## BULLETIN GOLF 11-1

### A. GENERAL

1. All interscholastic golf contests shall be played by USGA rules for stroke play. (Rule 3 - No scrambles).
2. Non-Interscholastic Participants
  - 2.1) A member of an interscholastic golf squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage or regular season/tournament contest) sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest during the school's golf season (Bylaw 10-3-1).  
  
NOTE: Examples of golf contests include, but are not limited to, club or course championships, scrambles, tournaments, leagues, charitable events and other events that are organized for the purpose of competition.
  - 2.2) The maximum penalty for violation of Bylaw 10-3-1, participation in non-interscholastic golf while a member of the school's interscholastic golf squad, is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic golf season.
3. Sponsorship
  - 3.1) A school that sponsors girls golf with four or more girls participating, shall have a separate girls team in order to enter the OHSAA sponsored girls tournament competition.
  - 3.2) A school that sponsors girls golf and has less than four girls participating may permit the girls to participate as individuals with the boys team during the regular season, and the girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA sponsored girls tournament provided the school is registered for the girls tournament.
  - 3.3) A school that sponsors boys and girls golf and has separate teams shall schedule separate contests, but both may be held at the same time.
  - 3.4) A school that does not sponsor girls golf but has four or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boys team, but they must enter the OHSAA sponsored boys tournament competition.
4. Participants are not permitted to use any form of tobacco on the golf course, in the clubhouse or caddy house during any tournament or match. Penalty for violation of this rule will be disqualification.

### B. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. A school may enter one team. Any five (5) individuals listed on the eligibility list may be designated to play.
2. An individual who starts on a team in a OHSAA Tournament must continue until that tournament is completed.
3. Tournament Regulations, team and individual qualifiers are published on the OHSAA Web Site ([www.OHSAA.org](http://www.OHSAA.org)).
4. OHSAA tournament dates:

Sectional	- Division III Boys	September 26 through October 1, 2011
	- Division II Boys	September 26 through October 1, 2011
	- Division II Girls	September 26 through October 1, 2011
	- Division I Boys	October 3 through October 8, 2011
	- Division I Girls	October 3 through October 8, 2011
District	- Division III Boys	October 3 through October 8, 2011
	- Division II Boys	October 3 through October 8, 2011
	- Division II Girls	October 3 through October 8, 2011
	- Division I Boys	October 10 through October 15, 2011
	- Division I Girls	October 10 through October 15, 2011
State	- Division III Boys	October 14 and October 15, 2011
	- Division II Boys	October 14 and October 15, 2011
	- Division II Girls	October 14 and October 15, 2011
	- Division I Boys	October 21 and October 22, 2011
	- Division I Girls	October 21 and October 22, 2011

# Coaching Rule



The Board of Control approved a coaching regulation change effective with the 2001-02 school year. This regulation will be in effect for regular season and tournament play.

The new regulation permits the school head coach to speak with their players, without delay of play, between a green completed and the next tee.

This regulation should be applied with the following procedure:

1. All players should be "holed out" before any coach speaks to a player, and discussion should end when the first player is ready to tee off on the next tee.
2. If a group should **"lose their position"** the group must be playing at a pace slower than 15 minutes per hole. To fall behind the group in front does not always mean a group is playing slow.
3. If the group fails to regain their position on the course within a reasonable time established by officials then the group should be notified that they are "going on the clock". At that point, any player who does not complete his/her turn to play in the allowed forty-five seconds is assessed a two stroke penalty. A second violation is another two stroke penalty, and a third violation results in a disqualification.

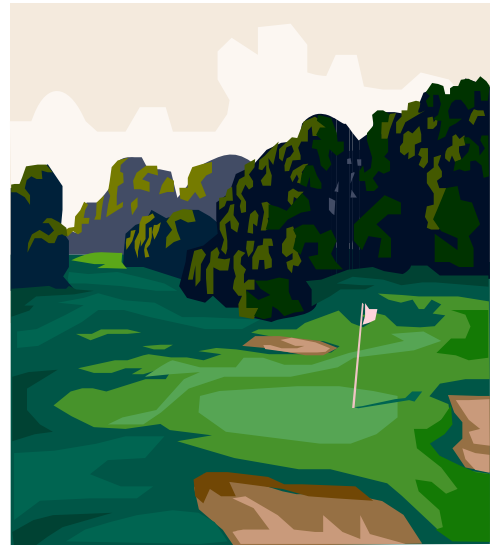
ie. "45 second rule" – once a player reaches their ball, and their turn has arrived to play, they must complete their shot within the 45 seconds allowed.

## 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).

# Memo



From: OHSAA and The Executive Board of OHSGCA

Date: June, 2011

Re: Range Finders

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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

# Memo



From: OHSAA and The Executive Board of OHSGCA

Date: June, 2011

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The Board of Control of the OHSAA approved the following rule to take effect with the 2003 golf season:

**The use of any electronic communication devices shall be prohibited on the course during any competition by all players, coaches, and spectators. Note: This would include the ball-finding device - "Scout". -**

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

In no way do we suggest that electronic communication restrictions should prevent use of such devices during an emergency or in the case of hearing disability. All that is being required is that these devices should not be used in the area of play during an event unless in the case of an emergency. A coach or spectator can remove himself/herself to the parking lot, clubhouse area or a remote, unused area of the course (an area which is not used in the normal play of that course). While on the course, these devices can be set to take messages and calls can be returned from areas stated above.

A violation of this rule will occur at any such time as when a prohibited device is being used or may "ring" while the individual is in any of the areas being used for competition. The opposing coach would be responsible for reporting any disqualification of players or coaches to the OHSAA within twenty-four (24) hours of the contest.

It is our sincere hope to improve the quality of all golf matches. We believe that enforcement of this rule will provide all student-athletes with the opportunity to compete on a level playing field.

# GOLF RULES IN BRIEF

*A summary of some principal rules of golf. In case of doubt, refer to the complete rules published by the United States Golf Association and R & A Rules Limited. The numbers in parentheses indicate the applicable rules numbers.*

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## ETIQUETTE

1. Don't move, talk or stand close to a player making a stroke.
2. Don't step on another player's line of putt.
3. Always play without delay and keep up with the group in front.
4. Don't play until the group in front is out of the way.
5. Shout a warning if your ball may hit someone.
6. Invite faster groups to play through.
7. Repair divot holes and ball-marks. Smooth footprints in bunkers
8. Don't drop clubs on the putting green or lean on your putter.
9. Replace the flagstick carefully in an upright position.
10. In the case of a serious breach of etiquette, the Committee has the authority to disqualify a player.
11. Leave the course in the condition in which you would like to find it

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## **MATCH AND STROKE PLAY**

1. Put an identification mark on your ball. If you can't identify it as yours, it's lost. (27) If your ball becomes unfit for play, you may replace it, without penalty, on the hole where it becomes unfit or between holes. (5-3)
2. Count your clubs. You are allowed a maximum of 14 clubs. (4-4)
3. Don't use an artificial device or unusual equipment for gauging or measuring distance or conditions, or to give artificial aid in gripping. (14-3)
4. Don't ask for advice from anyone except your partner or your caddie. Don't give advice to anyone except your partner. (8-1)
5. During a hole you may practice swing but not play a practice stroke. Between holes you may practice chip and putt on or near the putting green of the hole last played or the tee of the next hole but not from a hazard. (7-2)
6. Play without delay. (6-7)

## **ORDER OF PLAY**

1. On the first tee the honor is determined by the order of the draw or, in the absence of a draw, by lot. (10)
2. In match play, the ball farther from the hole is played first. The winner of a hole tees off first on the next hole. If a player plays out of turn anywhere on the course, his opponent may require him to replay in the correct order. (10-1)
3. In stroke play, the ball farthest from the hole is played first. The competitor with the lowest score on a hole tees off first on the next hole. There is generally no penalty for playing out of turn. (10-2)
4. In four-ball competitions, partners may play in the order they consider best. (30-3b and 31-4)

## **TEEING GROUND**

1. Tee off within two club-lengths behind the front edges of the tee-markers.
2. If you tee off outside this area, in match play there is no penalty but your opponent may require you to replay the stroke. In stroke play you incur a two-stroke penalty and must then play from within the proper area. (11-4)

## **PLAYING THE BALL**

1. Play the ball as it lies. (13-1) Don't touch it unless a Rule permits. (18-2)
2. Play the course as you find it. Don't improve your lie, the area of your intended stance or swing or your line of play or a reasonable extension of that line beyond the hole by moving, bending or breaking anything fixed or growing, except in fairly taking your stance or making your swing. Don't press anything down. (13-2) Don't build a stance. (13-3)
3. If your ball is in a bunker or a water hazard, don't touch the ground in either type of hazard or the water in the water hazard with your hand or club before the downswing. (13-4)
4. Strike at the ball with the club head. Don't push or scrape it. (14-1) If your club strikes the ball more than once in a single stroke, count the stroke and add a penalty stroke. (14-4)
5. If you play a wrong ball (except in a hazard), in match play you lose the hole. In stroke play you incur a two-stroke penalty and must then correct the mistake by playing the correct ball or by proceeding under the Rules. (15-31)

## **PUTTING GREEN**

1. Don't touch the line of your putt unless a Rule permits. (16-1a) You may repair ball marks and old hole plugs on the line but not any other damage, such as spike marks. (16-1c)
2. You may lift, and if desired, clean, your ball on the putting green. Always replace it on the exact spot. (16-1b)
3. Don't test the surface by scraping it or rolling a ball. (16-1d)
4. If your ball played from the putting green strikes the flagstick, in match play you lose the hole or in stroke play you incur a two-stroke penalty. (17-3)
5. Always hole out unless in match play your opponent concedes your putt. (2-4, 3-2, 16-2)

### **BALL AT REST MOVED**

1. If your ball is moved by you, your partner or your caddie, except as permitted by the Rules, or if it moves after you have addressed it, add a penalty stroke and replace your ball. (18-2) If you fail to replace the ball, you lose the hole in match play or incur a total penalty of two strokes in stroke play.
2. If your ball at rest is moved by someone else or another ball, replace it without penalty to you. (18)

### **BALL IN MOTION DEFLECTED OR STOPPED**

1. If your ball in motion is deflected or stopped by you, your partner or your caddie, in match play you lose the hole. In stroke play you incur a two-stroke penalty and the ball is played as it lies. (19-2)
2. If your ball in motion is deflected or stopped by someone else, play your ball as it lies without penalty, except (a) in match play, if an opponent or his caddie deflects your ball you have an option to play it as it lies or replay it; otherwise, (b) in match play or stroke play, if the stroke was made from the putting green, the stroke must be canceled and replayed. (19)
3. If your ball in motion is deflected or stopped by another ball in play and at rest, play your ball as it lies. In match play, you incur no penalty. In stroke play, you incur a two-stroke penalty if your ball and the other ball were on the green before your stroke. (19-5)

### **LIFTING, DROPPING AND PLACING**

1. Before lifting a ball that has to be replaced (e.g., when the ball is lifted on the putting green to clean it), its position must be marked. (20-1)
2. When dropping, stand erect, hold the ball at shoulder height and arm's length and drop it. A ball to be dropped in a hazard must be dropped, and stay, in the hazard. (20-2a)
3. If a dropped ball strikes the player or his partner, caddie or equipment, it must be re-dropped without penalty. (20-2a)
4. A dropped ball must be re-dropped if it rolls into a hazard, out of a hazard, onto a putting green, out of bounds or to a position where there is interference by the condition from which relief is taken (in case of immovable obstructions, abnormal ground conditions, embedded ball and wrong putting green). A re-drop is also necessary if the dropped ball comes to rest more than two club-lengths from where it first struck a part of the course or nearer the hole than its original position, nearest point of relief under Rules 24-2 and 25 or where the ball last crossed the margin of a water hazard under Rule 26-1. If the ball when re-dropped rolls into any position listed above, place it where it first struck a part of the course when re-dropped. (20-2c)
5. If the original lie of a ball to be replaced has been altered, place it in the nearest most similar lie within one club-length not nearer the hole, except in a bunker recreate the original lie and place it in that lie. (20-3b)

## **BALL ASSISTING OR INTERFERING WITH PLAY**

1. You may lift your ball or have any other ball lifted if you think it might assist any other player. (22-1)
2. You may have any other ball lifted if it might interfere with your play. (22-2)

## **LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS**

1. Loose impediments are by definition natural objects (such as stones and leaves) not fixed or growing, not solidly embedded and not adhering to the ball.
2. You may move them unless the loose impediment and your ball lie in or touch the same hazard. (23-1)
3. If you have moved a loose impediment and this causes your ball to move, the ball must be replaced and you incur a penalty stroke (unless your ball was on the putting green) (18-2a)

## **OBSTRUCTIONS**

1. Obstructions are by definition artificial (i.e., man-made) objects. Objects defining out of bounds such as fence posts or stakes and immovable artificial objects out of bounds are not obstructions.
2. Movable obstructions (e.g., a rake) positioned anywhere may be moved with penalty. If your ball moves, replace it without penalty. (24-1)
3. If an immovable obstruction (e.g., a sprinkler head) interferes with the lie of the ball, your stance or swing, you may, except when your ball is in a water hazard, drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. If the ball is in a bunker, it must be dropped in the bunker, or under penalty of one stroke, drop any distance behind the bunker. If the ball is on the putting green, it must be placed at the nearest point of relief. There is no relief for intervention on your line of play unless your ball and the obstruction are on the green. (24-2)
4. If your ball is lost in a movable or an immovable obstruction (except when the entrance is in a water hazard) take the same relief based on the point where the ball entered the obstruction. (24-3)

## **ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS**

1. If your ball is in a position where you have interference from an abnormal ground condition (casual water, ground under repair, a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal) you may drop without penalty within one club-length of the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. If the ball is in a bunker, it must be dropped in the bunker, or under penalty of one stroke, drop any distance behind the bunker. If you cannot take complete relief, in the bunker you may drop the ball at the nearest position in the bunker not nearer the hole that gives maximum available relief. If the ball is on the putting green, it must be placed at the nearest point of relief.
2. If your ball is lost in an abnormal ground condition (except in a water hazard), take the same relief based on the point where the ball entered the area. (25-1c)

## WATER HAZARDS

1. If your ball is in a water hazard (yellow stakes and/or lines), you may play the ball as it lies or, under penalty of one stroke,
  - Replay the shot, or
  - Drop any distance behind the water hazard keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped. (26-1a,b)
2. If your ball is in a lateral water hazard (red stakes and/or lines), you may proceed as above or, under penalty of one stroke, you may also drop within two club-lengths of, and not nearer the hole than,
  - The point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, or
  - A point on the opposite side of the hazard equal distance from the hole. (26-1c)

## LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS

1. If your ball may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, you may play a provisional ball before you go forward to look for the original, provided you announce your intention to do so. If your original ball turns out to be in a water hazard or is found outside a water hazard, you must abandon the provisional ball. (27-2)
2. If your ball is lost outside a water hazard or is out bounds, add one penalty stroke and play the provisional or, if you did not play a provisional, replay the shot. (27-1)

## UNPLAYABLE

If you believe your ball is unplayable outside a water hazard, you may, under penalty of one stroke,

- replay the shot, or
- drop any distance behind the point where the ball lay (keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped), or
- drop with two club-lengths of where the ball lies not nearer the hole.

If your ball is in a bunker you may proceed as above, except that, if you are dropping back on a line, or within two club-lengths you must drop in the bunker if taking relief.

If your ball is in a water hazard, you must proceed under the water hazard Rule if taking relief. (28)

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## LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Lightning and Inclement weather procedures are as follows. Please review these carefully. Though all officials received these procedures in pre-season communication, it would be wise to review with them prior to the game. The Lightning and Inclement Weather Policy is relative to ALL OHSAA Sports.

### 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 lightning 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 lightning.

#### **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 required 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.**

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURES

While risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is a remote risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as other bodily fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the athlete may participate.
2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood and other body fluids is anticipated.
3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.

4. Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.
5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.
6. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use.
7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
8. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.
9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling dressings, mouthguards and other articles containing body fluids.

Additional information is available from the OHSAA and the National Federation of High Schools

**Note from Roxanne Price:  
Chair of the OHSAA Sportsmanship Ethics, and Integrity Committee:**

Good sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. It is the essence of interscholastic athletics. Remember ...some may question an official's call or a coach's substitution, but no one can question the value of good sportsmanship.

As we prepare for the upcoming seasons, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) wishes to emphasize to each of you the importance of your leadership role in the promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. The professional manner in which officials and coaches conduct themselves prior to, during and following a contest unquestionably impacts the behavior of others who may be involved.

The OHSAA has joined the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in its quest to improve sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. We are involved in an ongoing campaign in every sport to do just that. Printed on the next page is the mission statement of the NFHS concerning sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity. Please take the time to read and digest this statement and then carefully consider your impact upon students, officials, coaches, and fans. Thank you and have a great season!

**Speak with Courtesy**

**Act with Dignity**

**Play or Observe with Pride**

**NFHS Sportsmanship Mission Statement**

Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation of State High School Associations as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.

## SPORTING CONDUCT

# Respect<sup>SM</sup> THE GAME

The OHSAA challenges everyone to take positive steps toward positive sporting behavior. It is the responsibility of each of us to serve as a positive role model and set high expectations for others.

### ADMINISTRATORS

Athletic departments are comprehensive, pre-eminent teaching departments with a subject matter all their own: self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, discipline, perseverance, respect for others, strategic thinking, dedication, the importance of rules, and sportsmanship. These are true-life lessons, and participation in athletics provides another forum for learning.

Coaches and Officials are responsible for promoting sportsmanship and positive behavior on the field. Administrators, we need your continued assistance in promoting sportsmanship and controlling fan behavior in the stands! Let the parents and fans know what you expect!

### COACHES

Your athletes will demonstrate the attitudes and behaviors they have learned from you, either through direct instruction or through observation of your actions. ***Never underestimate the influence you have on your players!*** You must:

- Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- Set a good example for players and spectators to follow.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will serve to create a positive impression of you and your team.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Develop a program that rewards participants and spectators for displaying proper sportsmanship and enforces penalties on those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

### STUDENT-ATHLETES

You serve as a role model for your younger siblings, young fans, your teammates, and your classmates. Set high expectations for everyone and help them follow-through! You must:

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing your school and the community.
- Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the school administration and the coaching staff.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with others. This will assist everyone in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Treat opponents as you would like to be treated with respect.

- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will serve to create a positive impression of you and your team.

It is difficult to develop a great setter, a great hitter or a great defensive player. However, your greatest challenge is to develop mature young adults who will become great citizens and role models in your community.

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### CONCLUSION

Good sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. It is the essence of interscholastic athletics. Remember...some may question an official's call or a coach's substitution, but no one can question the value of good sportsmanship.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

On our website ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)) click on "Respect the Game" on the right side of the screen) you will find **Fair Play Codes** for athletes, coaches, and fans, as well as additional information regarding **parents' role in interscholastic athletics**. The Respect the Game site also includes information about the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship Award and the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions. A direct link can be found by clicking on <http://www.ohsaa.org/RTG/Resources/resources.htm>

## TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Tournament Regulations are available at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org). (after approval at the June Board of Control meeting). On the web site, under "**Sports**" select golf. The tournament regulations are listed under "**2011 Tournament Information**" on the left side.

## OHSAA GENERAL SPORTS REGULATIONS

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2011-2012

### 7. GOLF – BOYS AND GIRLS

#### A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

##### 1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) INDIVIDUAL NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION DATE – An individual who has not participated as a representative for the school in a golf contest during the current season must cease non-interscholastic competition six weeks (42 days prior to the Monday of the week of the State Golf Tournament to be eligible

for OHSAA tournament competition in golf.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in golf who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest in golf shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in golf in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Date: August 29, 2011 – Division II and III Boys and Division II Girls

Date: September 5, 2011 – Division I Boys and Division I Girls

- 1.2 SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE – No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present throughout the contest.
- 1.3 CADDIES – Caddies are not permitted during a contest. Participants will be disqualified if any person assists by caddying or if the participant rides in any type of vehicle.  
EXCEPTION – A medically authorized waiver is permitted 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.
- 1.4 PULL CARTS – Pull carts are permitted.
- 1.5 SCORING – The team score shall be determined by totaling the scores of the four players with the fewest strokes for the contest. The team with the fewest number of strokes is the winner. During regular season matches, schools may play six individuals and score four by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches, prior to the match.
  - 1.51.1) Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the scores of the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest score, and the team with the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest score shall prevail. If one team does not have a 5<sup>th</sup> score, the team with a 5<sup>th</sup> score shall prevail. If the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest scores does not break the tie, schools playing six individuals shall compare the sixth lowest score to break the tie. If the tie remains, the contest shall end in a tie or tied teams may play off the tie using only the four (4) players whose scores resulted in the team tie.  
In regular season play if a playoff is not feasible, the contest will end in a tie.  
In regular season play, ties for medalist or other awards will be left up to the host school.
- 1.6 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 include disqualification.
- 1.7 The home school coach shall serve as referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and U.S.G.A. rules.
- 1.8 MISCELLANEOUS – The coaching regulation permits the school head coach to speak with his/her player(s), without delay of play, between a green completed and the next tee.  
The use of any electronic communication devices shall be prohibited on the golf course during any competition by all players, coaches, and spectators.  
The use of range finders and electronic ball finders is prohibited for use in all competitions during regular season and tournament play. These devices may be used during individual/team practice sessions.

## 2) Out of State Travel

A golf team may travel out of state to compete in contest scrimmages, previews and games in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally a golf team may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time.

"School time" is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

Exception: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes as school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner's office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

A golf team may not travel out of state only to practice. (Exception: if practice facility is in a contiguous state and OHSAA grants approval.)

### 3) SPONSORSHIP

- 3.1) A school that sponsors girls golf, with four or more girls participating, shall have a separate girl's team in order to enter the OHSAA sponsored girls tournament competition.
- 3.2) A school that sponsors girls golf and has less than four girls participating may permit the girls to participate as individuals with the boys team during the regular season, and the girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA sponsored girls tournament provided the school is registered for the girls tournament.
- 3.3) A school that sponsors boys and girls golf and has separate teams shall schedule separate contests, but both may be held at the same time.
- 3.4) A school that does not sponsor girls golf but has four or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boy's team, but they must enter the OHSAA sponsored boys tournament competition.

### 4) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

See **Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches** under Sections 12 and 13 of the General Sports Regulations.

### 5) Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 5.1) A member of an interscholastic golf squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, or regular season/tournament contest) sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest during the school's golf season (Sports Regulation 6.4)  
NOTE: Examples of golf contest include, but are not limited to, club or course championships, scrambles tournaments, leagues, charitable events and other events that are organized for the purpose of competition.
- 5.2) An athlete who has participated for the school in the sport of golf in that season but has been invited to/qualified for the Junior Ryder Cup for boys and girls and/or the Junior Solheim Cup for girls may be granted a waiver/exemption to participate in those competitions without jeopardizing eligibility provided written permission is obtained from the OHSAA Commissioner's Office. If applicable, the student granted such a waiver/exemption may return to participate in OHSAA tournament competition so long as tournament regulations regarding entry/participation are adhered to.
- 5.3) The **maximum** penalty for violation of Bylaw Sports Regulation 6.4, participation on a non-interscholastic golf squad, or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic golf ensuing season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.
- 5.4) Interscholastic golf coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

### 6) Spectators

Spectators are permitted, but are **NOT** permitted to converse with participants. It will be the responsibility of contestants in each foursome to caution **ANY** spectator from talking to or interfering with contestants in their group. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of disqualification of contestants involved.

### 7) Interrupted Tournament

Any OHSAA tournament contest interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be resumed from the point of interruption. (At the state tournament, the tournament manager retains the right to determine whether to resume play or revert to an 18 hole event).

**8) Interrupted Contest (regular season play)**

When play is interrupted /suspended due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority, the contest may be resumed from the point of interruption that day, provided the golf course can be played in the same layout on which the course was found at the beginning of competition that day. If play cannot be resumed from the point of interruption that day, the match /tournament shall be replayed from the beginning on a future date and any suspended play will not count. The determination to resume play shall be made by the PGA Professional and/or home coach in accordance with OHSAA guidelines.

**B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS – Grades 9-12**

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin – August 1, 2011
- 2) First contest – August 5, 2011
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournaments – September 12, 2011
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting – September 18, 2011
- 5) Coaching and Season end – October 29, 2011
- 6) Scrimmages – One permitted any time during the season.
- 7) Regular season contest – 18 for team and individual and each interscholastic contest counts as one whether 9 or 18 holes and regardless of number of opponents. (18 days).
- 8) Rules – United States Golf Association
- 9) Officials – No requirements.

**C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS – Grades 7 & 8**

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin – August 1, 2011
- 2) First contest – August 5, 2011
- 3) Coaching and Season end – October 29, 2011
- 4) Scrimmages – None permitted.
- 5) Regular season contest – 14 for team and individual and each interscholastic contest counts as one whether 9 or 18 holes and regardless of number of opponents.
- 6) Rules – United States Golf Association.
- 7) Officials – No requirements.

Golf	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Coaching Begins	8/1	8/6	8/5	8/4	8/3	8/1
Season Begins	8/5	8/10	8/9	8/8	8/7	8/5
Non-Interscholastic Boys II & III, Girls II	8/29	8/27	8/26	8/25	8/31	8/29
Non-Interscholastic Boys I & Girls I	9/5	9/3	9/2	9/1	9/7	9/5
Sectional Boys II & III & Girls II	9/26-10/1#	9/24-9/29#	9/23-9/28#	9/22-9/27#	9/28-10/3#	9/26-10/1#
Sectional Boys I & Girls I	10/3-10/8#	10/1-10/6#	9/30-10/5#	9/29-10/4#	10/5-10/10#	10/3-10/8#
District Boys II & III and Girls II	10/3-10/8	10/1-10/6	9/30-10/5	9/29-10/4	10/5-10/10	10/3-10/8
District Boys I & Girls I	10/10-10/15	10/8-10/13	10/7-10/12	10/6-10/11	10/12-10/17	10/10-10/15
State Boys II & III and Girls II	10/14-10/15	10/12-10/13	10/11-10/12	10/10-10/11	10/16-10/17	10/14-10/15
State Boys I and Girls I	10/21-10/22	10/19-10/20	10/18-10/19	10/17-10/18	10/23-10/24	10/21-10/22
Season Ends	10/29	10/27	10/26	10/25	10/31	10/29
Rosh Hashanah	9/29-30	9/17-18	9/5-6	9/25-26	9/14-9/15	10/13-10/14
Yom Kippur	10/7-8	9/25-26	9/13-14	10/3-4	9/22-23	10/11-12

#Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).