

2021 Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition**OHSAA Boys District Tournament – October 7, 2021****Catawba Island Club**

The **Rules** of the **United States Golf Association** (USGA) govern play. The additional Local Rules and Conditions noted below are also in effect.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS TWO STROKES.

1. **USGA** and **OHSAA** rules govern play except where superseded by Local Rules.
2. **Format** - Stroke play in a stipulated round of 18 holes; Boys - White Tees.
3. **Pace of Play** - for each round will be 4:30 hours. Please maintain your position in the field and keep up with the group ahead.
4. **Out of Bounds** – Defined by inside edge at ground level of white stakes and property fences. Also, a ball coming to rest on or across a paved roadway or parking lot is Out of Bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes. Model Local Rule E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance is **not in effect** for this event.
5. **Penalty Areas**: All penalty areas are considered to be Red and are marked with red stakes or red lines. Where red lines are used, red stakes have no meaning.
6. **Dropping Zone**: A player on Hole # 14, as an additional option to Rule 17, may drop a ball in the Dropping Zone.
7. **Immovable Obstruction Close to Putting Green**: If a ball lies in a part of the General Area cut to fairway height or less and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, relief is available under Model Local Rule F-5.
8. **Taking back on the line relief**: See Model Local Rule E-12.
9. **Embedded ball** rule is in effect in the general area.
10. **Electronic (cell phones)** – are prohibited on the course during play by players, coaches (unless calling for a ruling), and spectators. Players - First violation – 2 stroke penalty. Second violation – disqualification. Spectators and coaches will be asked to leave the course.
11. **Ground under repair (GUR)** - Defined by white lines. All flower beds shall be considered GUR as long as the flower bed is in bounds. The GUR down the left side of hole # 7 is a No Play Zone. Please do not enter this area. Free relief is available under Rule 16.1b.
12. **Fescue areas** - All long unmowed and natural grass areas are in the General Area with no free relief.
13. **Questionable Play: If you are in doubt** as to procedure or a rules situation, **Invoke rule 20.1c(3)**. Play out your original ball and a second ball taking your relief. Declare which ball you wish to score with (if rules permit) to your marker before any stroke is made. Record both scores and before signing your card you must confer with the rules committee for a final determination or you will be disqualified.
14. **Provisional Ball**: You may play a provisional ball for a ball that MAY be Out of Bounds or lost OUTSIDE of a penalty area. You must announce “A Provisional Ball” to your competitors before going forward.
15. **Discontinuance of Play**: If play is suspended for a dangerous situation and the players in the group are between two holes, they shall not play until the Committee has ordered resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately, mark the position of their ball and seek shelter. Play will not resume until the Committee has ordered resumption of play. Note: Suspension of play for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one long blast of the siren. Intermittent blasts of the siren shall signal the resumption of play.
16. **Spectators** are not allowed any conversation with players, and **MUST** stay on cart paths or in rough.
17. **The Coaching regulations** permit the school board-approved coach/designee assigned to the event to speak with his/her player(s), without delay of play, provided OHSAA regulations are followed.
18. **Range Finders** are permitted for use provided the range finder is not part of a communication device (such as a cellular phone application) and meets the rules and standards set by the USGA.
19. **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.
20. **Playoff(Ties)**: Ties will be resolved by rule, for qualifying positions, both team and individual. Playoff holes are # 17, then # 18, repeated as needed.
21. **Rules Committee** for the **Boys District**: **Patrick Griffin**, (724)422-9298, CIC Head Professional, **Cliff Siehl**, (419) 341-9540, USGA Rules Official, and **Ken Baumgartner**, (419)654-5849, Tournament Manager. Any rulings issued by the Rules Committee will be considered **Final**.

22. **Scoring area** is defined by the table near the 9th and 18th greens. At conclusion of play, **players must report to the scorer's table without delay (no talking to spectators or parents)**. All players should remain in the scoring area until all cards for the group are turned in and checked by the scorer. **Be sure to tell the scorer if you have any issue(s) that needs resolution.** Once a scorecard is signed by the player and his/her marker, and the player leaves the scoring area, all scores are final! Only players should be in the scoring area. The result of the Competition will be final when the qualifiers have been announced following play.

Notes to Participants

Use of Tobacco/Substances are not allowed: Participants (coach, players, managers, etc) are prohibited from using any form of tobacco on the golf course, in the clubhouse, or anywhere on Catawba Island Club facilities during any tournament. Penalty for any violation of this rule will be disqualification.

YARDAGE MARKERS: Yardages on sprinkler heads are measured to the center of the green.

Notes to Coaches

The Ohio High School Athletic Association establishes the rules and procedures for high school golf in the state of Ohio. Please comply with the following rules.

1. The OHSAA and NWDAB will allow the use of a golf cart for coaches at the District Tournament, subject to course rules. Rules include rental fees and age requirements.
2. Shuttles will be available between certain holes for players only.
3. Please refer to the policy of the OHSAA on the use of Motorized Carts and Americans with Disabilities (ADA). (<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/go/TournamentADAMotorizedCartPolicy.pdf>)
4. A coach must be present with athletes throughout the tournament.
5. 2021 OHSAA Golf Tournament Regulations: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/go/gorglts.pdf>
6. OHSAA AND NWDAB Tournaments: http://www.nwdab.org/Golf/boys_golf.htm

Rules for Spectators

From the OHSAA Handbook 2021-22 OHSAA GOLF REGULATIONS

Rule 6: 6.3) 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.

From the USGA, OHSAA and NWDAB, spectators:

- May use carts if available at the course. Carts must stay on cart paths! NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Are permitted to WALK on the course. Contact tournament management, in advance of the tournament, if ADA disability carts are needed.
- Must stay OFF fairways.
- Turn OFF cell phones. Spectator using cell phones will receive one warning; second time – will be asked to leave the course!
- Spectators should stay 20-50 yards from players at all times, should be in front or behind players.
- May help search for golf balls.
- Must have NO conversation with players. They may applaud and/or say good putt or hit.
- Must stay at least 20 yards from green and tees.