

September 6, 2023



Dear Sectional Golf Tournament Participant,

I hope this letter finds you finishing up your season in successful fashion and prepared to head into upcoming tournament play. In this packet, you will find the necessary information for the upcoming Division I Girls Sectional Tournament being held at Sycamore Springs Golf Course on **Wednesday October 4 at 9:00 a.m.**

Please read the material carefully as it contains the following pertinent information:

1. Reporting Time
2. Coaches Meeting
3. Tee Times – posted later this week
4. Line up sheets
5. Rules Sheets
6. Scorecard

If you have any questions regarding any of the information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at ssgc@sycamorespringsgolf.com or 419-365-5109

Sincerely,

Greg Lee

Sycamore Springs Golf Course

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2023 Special Conditions and Rules:

1. OHSAA will be charging spectators to attend Golf Tournaments. Tickets must be purchased in advance through Hometown Ticketing before arriving at the golf course. All tickets are \$8.00 Presale. NO ticket sales at the gate! Tickets will be scanned at the golf course entrance. All money goes to the OHSAA.

2. **Please advise all parents, grandparents, and students.**

Coaches & Players,

Below you will find pertinent information regarding the tournament, fees, meeting times, tee times, as well as other items necessary to make sure we have a successful event. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with you and your teams and help provide an exceptional experience for all involved.

DATE: Wednesday October 4 at 9:00 am
Rain date if necessary – TBD (October 5 or October 6)

SITE: Sycamore Springs Golf Course
11492 Twp. Rd. 25
Arlington, Ohio 45814

MANAGER: Greg Lee
ssgc@sycamorespringsgolf.com
Pro Shop: 419-365-5109

FEES: NW District Athletic Board is paying all tournament fees but NOT practice rounds.

PRACTICE ROUNDS:

Please contact Sycamore Springs Golf Course regarding practice round availability.
(419-365-5109) No practice rounds before 11:00 a.m. on weekends.

Practice round fees are as follows:

18 holes walk - \$18 18 holes cart - \$30 9 holes walk - \$10 9 holes cart - \$20

If you want to rent carts for the practice round, golfers must be 18 yrs. old with a valid driver's license to drive a golf cart. NO exceptions!

MORNING COMMUNICATION: In the event of a weather delay such as fog or thunderstorms please follow @SycSpringsGC on Twitter for up-to-date information regarding the delays or call the course at 419-365-5109

COACHES MEETING:

All coaches must be present for the coaches' meeting at **8:15 am** sharp, held in the clubhouse restaurant.

TEE TIMES: Tee Times will begin on Hole #1 & Hole #10 at 9:00 am sharp.
Starters will be at both the 1st and 10th tees.

TEES: Red tees will be used for competition

LINE UPS: Please bring attached line up sheet completed to the event.

CARTS: Spectator Carts are allowed on a first come first serve basis. We will **NOT** hold carts for anyone other than ONE coach per team. **Spectator carts are \$25.00**
You must be 18 years old with a valid driver's license to rent a cart. NO exceptions!

DISTRICT QUALIFIERS:

Five (5) teams and Five (5) individuals not on a qualifying team will advance to the District Tournament hosted by Stone Ridge Golf Course on Tuesday, October 10.

Line Up Sheets

2023 OHSAA Golf Tournaments

Hosted By: Sycamore Springs Golf Course

Team_____

#1_____GRADE_____

#2_____GRADE_____

#3_____GRADE_____

#4_____GRADE_____

#5_____GRADE_____

Coaches Name _____

Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition

Sycamore Springs Golf Course - Sectional / District Tournaments

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. The "Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for 2018 USGA" is in effect for this event, as well as the additional rules by the OHSAA and Local Rules and Conditions noted below.

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

1. **USGA rules** govern play except where superseded by Local Rules.
2. **Format** - Stroke play a stipulated round of 18 holes, Boys White Tees, Girls Red Tees.
3. **The note to Rule 6-3** is in effect: The player must start at the time established by the Committee. This means if your tee time is 9:00am you must be on the tee at 9:00am **NOT 9:00:01**.
4. **Out of Bounds** – Property line fence and white stakes indicate out of bounds
5. **Pace of Play** - for each round will be 4:30 hours. Refer to separate Pace of Play Policy.
6. **Embedded ball** rule is in effect through the green.
7. **Ground under repair** - marked with white lines / stakes / straw. Severely damaged areas of the course caused by non-burrowing animals (geese/skunks) are played as ground under repair.
8. **Flower Beds** - mulched and newly seeded areas mandatory relief.
9. **Rocks on # 5** – The rocks indicate the Red Lateral Hazard Line. If proper relief is needed, proceed under the "obstruction" relief rules. The lateral hazard starts outside the railroad ties.
10. **Obstructions**: Cart paths (nearest point), maintenance roads, and extended cart paths.
11. **Railroad Ties** are immovable obstructions.
12. **Drop Zones**:
 - #1 left of green
 - #8
 - #14 (long left and right) the edge of the cart path closest to the creek indicates the hazard line. It is played as a red hazard. **Please use the drop zones for each side of the green closest to your point of entry into the hazard.**
13. **Rule 3-3: If you are in doubt** as to procedure or a rules situation, Invoke rule 3-3. Play out your original ball and a second ball taking your relief. Must declare which ball you wish to score with (if rules permit) to your marker before any action is taken. OR ask a coach to call an official. Record both scores and **before signing your card** discuss with the rules committee or at the scoring area, your situation.
14. **Spectators** are **NOT** allowed any conversation with players and **MUST** stay on cart paths.
15. **Coaching**: The school **designated head coach ONLY** may speak with his/her players, without any delay of play, between Tee to Green, but **NOT** on the Green or in any bunker **providing there is no delay in play**.
16. **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. 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.
17. **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 abusive language, profanity, obscenities, and other unsporting conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee. Penalties imposed may result in disqualification.

18. **Scoring area** is defined as the shelter house/pavilion between # 1 tee and # 9 green. Player and marker should sign reviewing their Hole-by-Hole Score. Both the player and marker **MUST** be present when their scorecard is turned in to Scorer. **Be sure to tell the scorer if you have any issues that must be brought to the attention of the committee!** Once you leave the scoring area all scores are final. All writing must be legible!!

19. **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.

20. **Ties: (see below)**

Team

- a. 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.
- b. 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. **PLAYOFF WILL START ON HOLE # 1.**

Individual (Medalist and Qualifiers)

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

Rules Committee: The Rules Committee will consist of the USGA Rules Official, the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, and Course Manager. All Rulings of the Rules Committee will be Final.

Rule changes in effect at Sycamore Springs Golf Course (effective 2022)

#1 – Left side

#5 – The entire bulkhead around the green is now considered in the *lateral water hazard* and will be marked with red stakes. If your ball is inside the stakes, or on/against the railroad ties, you are considered in the *lateral water hazard* and must proceed under “*Lateral Water Hazard*” rules listed below and will be assessed a **one stroke penalty**.

#7 – Maintenance barn area

#9 – The concrete/black top areas behind the green, club house area, and cart storage barn are now considered out of bounds. There will be white stakes marking the beginning of the out of bounds at the end of #9 cart path and again at the beginning of the cart path leading to #10. If your ball passes the stakes and enters these areas it is considered out of bounds and you must play a ball, **under penalty of one stroke**, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule [20-5](#)).

#14 – If your ball is over the back of the green and enters the *lateral water hazard* you will have to go to the nearest drop zone and will be assessed a **one stroke penalty**. There are drop zones to the back left of the green and to the right of the cart path right of the green. If your ball enters the *lateral water hazard* to the right of the green and cart path you must proceed under “*Lateral Water Hazard*” rules listed below and will be assessed a **one stroke penalty**. Also, if your ball comes to rest on the cart path in the section between the green stakes you are entitled **free relief** and must go to the nearest drop zone. If you are willing, you may play your ball off of the cart path.

Water Hazard – YELLOW Stake options

1. Play the ball as it lies without penalty ([Rule 13-1](#)).
2. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see [Rule 20-5](#))
3. Drop a ball 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, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.

Lateral Water Hazard – RED Stake Options

1. Play the ball as it lies without penalty ([Rule 13-1](#)).
2. Proceed under the stroke and distance provision of Rule [27-1](#) by playing a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule [20-5](#)).
3. Drop a ball 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, with no limit to how far behind the [water hazard](#) the ball may be dropped.
4. Additional options available **only** if the ball last crossed the margin of a [lateral water hazard](#), drop a ball outside the [water hazard](#) within two club-lengths of and not nearer the [hole](#) than (1) the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the [water hazard](#) or (2) a point on the opposite margin of the [water hazard](#) equidistant from the [hole](#). When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or [substitute](#) a ball.



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Hole Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	INITIALS	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	Pin Placement
Blue	71.4/121	365	178	430	560	360	405	540	191	400	3429	410	495	187	336	339	164	420	530	360	3241	6670	Back
White	69.1/119	345	155	405	540	347	370	510	155	370	3197	370	475	165	328	312	148	380	510	323	3011	6208	Middle
Gold	66.3/112	330	140	325	490	335	340	465	130	330	2885	320	455	150	275	290	135	305	490	270	2690	5575	Front
Red	68.3/115	245	120	320	425	270	293	460	100	325	2558	315	410	130	270	244	100	300	480	235	2484	5042	
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	36		4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	36	72	HCP NET
Men's HDCP	11	17	1	3	15	9	7	13	5			4	6	16	14	12	18	8	2	10			
Red HDCP	13	17	3	1	9	11	7	15	5			4	8	18	14	12	16	10	2	6			

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