

OHSAA

NWDAB

2023 OHSAA Sectional Tournament - Ironwood Golf Club

2023 Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition

Girls Sectional September 26; Boys Sectional September 28

The Rules (effective Jan 2019) of the United States Golf Association govern play. The "Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for USGA" is in effect for this event, as well as the additional Local Rules and Conditions noted below.

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 USGA and OHSAA** rules govern play except where superseded by Local Rules.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; Girls - Red Tees
- 3. Pace of Play** - for each round will be 4:30 hours. Refer to separate Pace of Play Policy.
- 4. Out of Bounds** – Defined by inside edge at ground level of white stakes on holes 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. Model Local Rule E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance (or **2-stroke optional Local Rule**) **will NOT be used at the OHSAA Sectional, District or State Championships.**
- 5. Dropping Zone:** A player on Hole #6, #9 or #18, as an additional option to Rule 17, may drop a ball in the Dropping Zone.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Embedded ball** rule is in effect in the General Area.
- 8. Ground under repair (GUR)** - Defined by white lines/stakes. All flower beds, mulched and newly seeded areas - mandatory relief.
- 9. Obstructions:** Includes cart paths (nearest point), stance and swing.
- 10. Natural Habitat area:** All long unmowed and natural grass areas are in the General Area with NO relief.
- 11. 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. Must declare which ball you wish to score with (if rules permit) to your marker before any action is taken. Record both scores and **before signing your card** discuss with the rules committee or at the scoring area, your situation or you will be disqualified.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Spectators** are not allowed any conversation with players, and **MUST** stay on cart paths or rough.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Maximum Score:** OHSAA Local Rules – Sectional Tournaments Only. Maximum allowable score of 12 strokes shall be used during OHSAA tournament play at the sectional level. Should a player reach 12 strokes on a hole, the player shall stop play on that hole and record their score as a 12. A player's score who has used the 12-stroke limit may still contribute their score to a team/individual score.
- 17. Cell Phones** – Can be used by players in four specific circumstances: 1. To use as a distance measuring device; 2. To input score for live scoring or other scoring programs being used; 3. To call a rules official with questions; 4. To call a coach or tournament manager for a health or safety issue.
- 18. Distance measuring Devices** – A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during a round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his or her play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3.
- 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: begin with #10, #18, #1, 2, and #3, and again as needed.
- 21. 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 that needs resolution.** Once a scorecard is signed and attested, 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.
- 22. Rules Committee (2023) for the Girls or Boys Sectional** will be designated to include: **Quinn Frank**, Ironwood Pro, **Steve Brannan**, Starter, **Larry Bruce** Starter and **Ken Baumgartner**, Tournament Manager. Any rulings issued by the Rules Committee will be considered **Final**.

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 Ironwood facilities during any tournament. Penalty for any violation of this rule will be disqualification.

YARDAGE MARKERS:

200 yards: May be marked with blue fairway markers.
 150 yards: Marked with white stripes on the cart paths.
 100 yards: May be marked with red fairway markers.
 Sprinkler heads are marked. All distances are measured to the center of the green.

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

Rules for Spectators

From the OHSAA Handbook 2023-24 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. Spectator carts are permitted. Contact tournament management, in advance of the tournament, if ADA disability carts are needed.
- Must stay OFF fairways.
- Turn OFF cell phones. People using cell phones will receive one warning; second time – phone will be taken!
- 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.

Attention 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 spectators at Sectional and District Tournament, subject to course rules. Rules include rental fees and age requirements.
2. 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>)
3. A coach must be present with athletes throughout the tournament.
4. Please note: The **coaching regulation** permits the school board-approved coach/designee assigned to the event to speak with his/her player(s), **without delay of play**, at any time provided regulations are followed.
5. The 2019 Rules of Golf include an optional Local rule that allows players to drop a ball with 2 penalty strokes in an area near where the ball was lost or estimated to go out of bounds. The Local Rule is not one of the 24 Rules of Golf. **This 2-stroke optional Local Rule will NOT be used at the OHSAA Sectional, District or State Championships.**
6. OHSAA Local Rules – Sectional Tournaments Only. Maximum allowable score of 12 strokes shall be used during OHSAA tournament play at the sectional level. Should a player reach 12 strokes on a hole, the player shall stop play on that hole and record their score as a 12. A player's score who has used the 12-stroke limit may still contribute their score to a team/individual score.
7. 2023 OHSAA Golf Tournament Regulations: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/go/gorglts.pdf>
8. OHSAA and NWDAB Tournament s: http://www.nwdab.org/Golf/girls_golf.htm; http://www.nwdab.org/Golf/boys_golf.htm