

# OHSAA

# NWOAL

2023 NWOAL Tournament

Auglaize Golf Club

## Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition NWOAL Boys/Girls -- September 22, 2023

1. Play is governed by the current **USGA** Rules for Stroke Play, **OHSAA** tournament regulations, and the following **Local Rules, Terms of the Competition**, and **Code of Conduct**. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a **Local Rule or Condition** is **Two Strokes**.
2. **Format** - Stroke play a stipulated round of 18 holes; Boys - White Tees; Girls – Red Tees.
3. **Out of Bounds** – Defined by White Markers, inside edges at ground level. Stroke and Distance, Rule 27-1.
4. **Water Penalty Areas** – Defined by Yellow Markers, inside edges at ground level. Relief by Rule 26-1.
5. **Lateral Penalty Areas** – Defined by Red Markers, inside edges at ground level. Relief by Rule 26-1c.
6. **On Hole #1, drop area for water penalty area is in front of tee.**
7. **On right side of hole #2, Out of Bounds is played as Lateral Penalty Area.**
8. **Embedded ball** rule is in effect in the general area.
9. **Ground under repair (GUR)** - marked with white lines/stakes. Severely damaged areas of the course caused by non-burrowing animals (geese/skunks) are played as ground under repair.
10. **Flower Beds**, mulched and newly seeded areas mandatory relief.
11. **Obstructions**: Cart paths (nearest point), stance and swing.
12. **Natural Habitat area**: All long unmowed and natural grass areas are in play: there is NO relief.
13. **Questionable Play: If you are in doubt** as to procedure or a rules situation, **invoke rule 20.1c(3)**. A player must declare which ball you wish to score with (if rules permit) to your marker before any action is taken. Play out your original ball and a second ball taking your relief. Record both scores and **before signing your card** discuss your situation with the rules committee or at the scoring area, 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. **Spectators** are not allowed any conversation with players, and MUST stay on cart paths or rough.
16. 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.
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. **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.
20. **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.
21. 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.
22. **Rules Committee**: The rules committee to be announced, includes coaches and Ken Baumgartner, tournament manager. All rulings of the Rules Committee will be Final.

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

### YARDAGE MARKERS:

200 yards: Marked with blue fairway markers.

150 yards: Marked with white fairway markers.

100 yards: Marked with red fairway markers.

Sprinkler heads are marked. All distances are measured to the center of the green.

## Rules for Spectators

### From the OHSAA Handbook

### 2023-24 OHSAA GOLF REGULATIONS

#### 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/girls_golf.htm); [http://www.nwdab.org/Golf/boys\\_golf.htm](http://www.nwdab.org/Golf/boys_golf.htm)