

2021 Regulations for Boys and Girls Golf Tournament
Boys and Girls – Sectional and District

The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on August 26, 2021. The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. Changes from 2020 to 2021 tournament regulations are shaded in gray.

I. Organization of Tournaments

- A. The District Athletic Boards organize and conduct Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors.

II. Eligibility

- A. All participants must be eligible in accordance with the OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations.
- B. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids.

III. Divisions

- A. There will be three divisions (I, II, III) of competition in the boys tournaments and two divisions (I, II) in the girls tournament.

IV. Tournament Entry and Paperwork Requirements

A. Tournament Entry/Withdraw

Member schools wanting to participate in the 2021 OHSAA Golf Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their 2021-22 OHSAA Sports Participation Card in myOHSAA. Schools that change their tournament participation after September 13, 2021 will be subject to a \$50 penalty per sport.

A school may enter a maximum of one team only in the tournament. Individual entries (3 or less) may be entered when there is no team entry.

An individual who starts on a team in a Sectional or District, or State Tournament must continue until that tournament is completed.

B. Electronic Entry of Participants

1. Submit entries online at www.baumspage.com.
2. A properly completed electronic entry must list athletes in intended playing order and include the name and grade of each athlete.
3. Electronic entries must be completed no later than 5:00 P.M. E.D.T. one week prior to the start of the tournament or at a later date and time if established by the district athletic board. If the completed entry is not submitted by the designated time and date, the school's participant(s) will not be accepted without payment of a \$150 late fee and approval by the OHSAA.
4. Changes to a team's line-up/roster can be made until the scheduled tee time for competition.

V. School Representative

- A. No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a tournament unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the board of education. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representatives will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present throughout the tournament.

VI. Admission

NOTE: As of the August 26 Board of Directors Meeting, the tournament ticket prices are being tabled for a special meeting/vote to take place at the beginning of September. Ticket prices will be shared with District Athletic Boards and managers after those prices have been determined and approved.

Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

Participating Schools: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 3 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 3 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament.

VII. Rules

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

B. The 2019 Rules of Golf included 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; it is an optional Local Rule. This 2-stroke optional Local Rule may NOT be used at the OHSAA Sectional, District or State tournaments.

C. The OHSAA golf tournaments do not use any type of stroke limit ("Mercy Rule") on a hole for any golfer contributing to team or individual qualifying scores. Examples of stroke limits are "Circle 10", "Double Par", "Double Bogey +", etc. These stroke limits are not permitted at any level of the OHSAA golf tournament for any golfer contributing to a team or individual score.

D. If a player chooses not to complete a hole ("picking up on a hole"), **his/her score shall not be counted for individual or team qualifying.** The score for any hole not completed should be recorded as "X" on the scorecard. If a player "picks-up" their ball on a hole, the player should continue to play with his/her group to finish the round and use a **Double Par** limit on the remaining holes. The final score will be recorded as "DNF" (Did Not Finish) and not totaled in the individual or team scores.

VIII. Stroke Play

Stroke play for 18 holes will prevail. There will be no handicap.

IX. Scoring

The 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.

X. Ties

A. Team

1. 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.
2. If teams remain tied after comparing the 5th scores, a playoff to determine the winner shall be held using four players selected by the coaches of the tied teams.

B. Individual (Medalist and Qualifiers)

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

XI. District Qualifiers

A. Each District Board shall determine the number of qualifiers from the sectional tournaments to the district tournaments.

XII. State Tournament Qualifiers

Boys Teams

<u>District</u>	<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>	<u>Division III</u>
Central	2	1	1
East		2	1
Southeast	SE, E	1	1
Northeast	4	3	3
Northwest	2	2	4
Southwest	3	3	2
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Individual Qualifiers

1. Individual qualifiers to the State Tournaments will be the individual low scorers not on a qualifying team equal to the number of teams qualifying.

Girls Teams

<u>District</u>	<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>
Central	2	1
East	E, SE	1
Southeast		1
Northeast	4	3
Northwest	2	4
Southwest	3	2
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XIII. Awards

- A. Team – There shall be District Championship and Runner-up trophies presented.
- B. Individual – Individual awards shall be presented to the members and coach of the winning and runner-up teams and to the medalist and runner-up in each class.

XIV. USGA Rules

- A. United State Golf Association (USGA) Rules will be played in the OHSAA Tournaments. In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Rules Committee may authorize preferred lies or winter rules.

XV. Greens Fee

Participating schools will not be charged green fees for competition rounds of play.

XVI. 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 lightning 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 lightning 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 **mandatory** 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.

XVII. Interrupted Tournament

- A. Any OHSAA tournament interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

XVIII. Caddies

- A. 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. Participants may use pull carts to carry golf clubs.

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.

XIX. Coaching

- A. Coaches are permitted the use of golf carts for coaching purposes at the **discretion of each District Athletic Board**. Should a Board give the approval to use carts, each school would be permitted one cart for the school approved coach. The OHSAA is not responsible for the cart fee. Each school or coach will be responsible for the cart fee.
- B. The coaching regulation permits one school board approved coach/designee assigned to that event to speak with his/her players without delay of play at any time. Participants will be disqualified if any other individual assists the participant by coaching and giving advice which could influence a player in determining play, the choice of a club or method of making a stroke (Rule 8).
Note: A team member is not a partner and may not give advice to or receive advice from another member of the team.

The following procedures govern on-course coaching:

1. During the player's stipulated round, coaches are not permitted to physically stand on any green or in any sand bunker. The player must walk off the green or stand outside the bunker should he/she wish to converse with the coach.

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.

C. 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). *In addition to the penalties listed above, a coach who violates the coaching rule may face additional disciplinary action.

XX. Violations

- A. Tobacco.** Participants (coach, players, managers, etc.) are prohibited from using any form of tobacco on the golf course, in the clubhouse, or caddy house during any tournament. Penalty for violation of this rule will be disqualification. Managers are instructed to inform all coaches beforehand that this rule will be strictly enforced.
- B. 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.
- C. Electronic Devices -** The use of any electronic communication devices shall be prohibited on the course during any competition by all players except in cases of emergency. All phones including those used by spectators shall remain on silent. Penalty:

Player - 1st offense two (2) strokes
2nd offense disqualification

Exception: Players may use electronic communication devices when they are necessary to conduct electronic scoring.

- E. Distance-Measuring Devices -** A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during a stipulated 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.
- F.** This rule will allow the coach/designee authorized by the Board of Education present at the contest and his/her players to use a range finder during the event. This device should not violate any OHSAA or USGA rules since yardage information is not considered advice and is permitted during an event.

XXI. Unsporting Conduct Penalty

- A.** During participation in OHSAA Tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection.
- B.** Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director by the tournament manager. The Executive Director will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.
- C.** Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

XXII. Property Damage

- A. There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators to physical facilities and equipment, etc. the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state-sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.

XXIII. Sponsorship and Rights

- A. The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Golf Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District Tournaments and the OHSAA Executive Director for the State Tournaments.

2021 Regulations for Boys and Girls Golf Tournaments

Boys and Girls - State

State Tournament Mangers

The State Golf Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the Ohio High School Athletic Association with the:

Ohio State University Golf Course, 3605 Tremont Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221, (614) 514-4653,
Tournament Manager Brian Kelly, (614) 292-9148, and

NorthStar Golf Club, 1150 Wilson Road, Sunbury, Ohio 43074, (740) 524-4653
Tournament Manager Ryne Kitchen; (740) 524-4653

A. Dates and Locations

October 15-16, 2021 - Division II Boys - NorthStar Golf Club
Division III Boys & Division II Girls – Ohio State University Golf Course

October 22-23, 2021 – Division I Boys & Division I Girls – Ohio State University Golf Course

B. Regulations

The regulations for boys and girls Sectional / District Tournaments shall apply to the State Tournaments.

C. Qualifiers to the State Tournaments

1. Teams and individuals who qualified at their respective District Golf Tournaments will automatically be entered in the State Tournaments.
2. Substitutions may be made in team personnel from the District to State Tournaments.
3. Substitutions may not be made from day one to day two of the State Tournament.
4. Substitutions may not be made for individual qualifiers.

D. Coaches Meeting

Information on the Thursday evening coach meeting will be provided directly to qualifying coaches.

E. Admissions

NOTE: As of the August 26 Board of Directors Meeting, the tournament ticket prices are being tabled for a special meeting/vote to take place at the beginning of September. Ticket prices will be shared with District Athletic Boards and managers after those prices have been determined and approved.

Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

Participating Schools: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 3 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 3 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament.

F. Coach Passes

Passes shall be provided to competitors and coaches according to the following schedule.

1. Individuals – Number of qualifiers plus one
2. Team – five plus one

G. Green Fees – Participating schools will not be charged green fees for competition rounds of play.

H. Coaching – The use of golf carts for coaching purposes is at the discretion of the Executive Director's Office.

I. Practice Rounds – Team (5 individuals only) and individual qualifiers may play a practice round on Thursday prior to the start of the tournaments. Each individual shall play one ball only during their practice round. Practice rounds are optional and limited to the day before the championship. Tee times will be pre-assigned based on district qualifiers; telephone 614-514-4653 (Ohio State University) and 740-524-4653 (NorthStar).

Boys Division III and Boys Division I practice round on the Scarlet Course with tee times from approximately 11:00 A.M.
Girls Division II and Girls Division I practice round on the Gray Course with tee times available from approximately 11:00 A.M.

Boys Division II practice round on NorthStar Golf Club with tee times available from approximately 11:00 A.M.

Note: Once teams or individuals have qualified for the state tournament, play on the course where they will play (Scarlet, Gray, or NorthStar) in the state tournament is not permitted. Ethics and integrity are of the utmost importance in regard to this regulation. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

J. State Tournaments Schedule

Eighteen holes will be played Friday and Saturday.

Boys Division III Championships will be played on the Scarlet Course and Girls Division II will be played on the Gray Course on Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Boys Division II Championships will be played on the NorthStar Golf Club on Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Boys Division I Championships will be played on the Scarlet Course and the Girls Division I Championships will be played on the Gray Course on Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

If the first round cannot be started or play is discontinued, 18 holes will be played on the second day to determine a winner.

If the first round is completed and play is discontinued during any part of the second round, winners will be determined by the results of the first round. (For the second-round results to count, ALL contestants must have completed the round).

If postponed both days, the tournament will be postponed until a future date arranged by the OHSAA.

K. Scoring

Stroke play for 36 holes will prevail in the state tournaments. Team scores in the State Tournaments will be determined by using the best four of five scores counted each day. Thus, official team totals will be counted at the end of each 18 holes of play. There will be no handicap.

Electronic scoring may be utilized at the discretion of the Executive Director's Office.

L. Ties

1. Teams

Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by totaling the fifth lowest score for both days of the tournament and the team with the fifth lowest score shall be declared the winner.

If teams remain tied after totaling of the 5th lowest score, a playoff to determine the winner shall be held using four players selected by the coaches of the tied teams.

2. Individuals

Ties for medalist and runner-up medalist will be awarded if two or more individuals are tied at the conclusion of tournament play.

M. Awards

In the State Tournaments, trophies will be presented to the Championship and Runner-up teams. Individual members of both teams will be presented with gold or silver awards. Awards will be presented to the coach of the Championship and Runner-up teams and to the medalist and runner-up in each division.

N. School Responsibility

Transportation, meals, and lodging shall be the responsibility of the school of the participants.