



## Local Rules Sheet

**Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition**

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. The "Local Rules and Conditions of Competition USGA is in effect for this event, as well as OHSAA and 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 **USGA** and OHSAA rules govern play except where superseded by Local Rules.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 a stipulated round of 18 holes; from BLUE Tees boys, GOLD Tees girls.
3. **The exceptions to 5.3a** are 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 (split rail) and white stakes indicate out of bounds.
5. **Pace of Play** - for each round will be 4:30 hours. Pace of Play Policy: 15 minutes per hole; players out of position subject to: First offense, warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense 1 stroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense 2 strokes, 4<sup>th</sup> DQ
6. **Embedded ball** - rule is in effect through the green.
7. **Distance-Measuring Devices** – are allowed. **Electronic (cell phones)** are NOT allowed, Players - First violation – 2 stroke penalty. Second violation – disqualification.
8. **Ground under repair** - marked with white lines / stakes. Severely damaged areas of the course caused by non-burrowing animals (geese/skunks) are played as ground under repair.
9. **Flower Beds**, mulched, decorative stones, and newly seeded areas mandatory relief.
10. **Obstructions**: Cart paths (nearest point stance and swing), maintenance roads, and extended cart paths. Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.
11. **Drop Zones**: #5, #13, #16 (par 3's).
12. **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.
13. **Spectators** are not allowed any conversation with players, and MUST stay on cart paths or rough.  
EXCEPTION: The school **head coach may** speak with his/her players, without any delay of play.
14. Participants may use pull carts to carry golf clubs. Carts are not permitted at any time.  
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.
15. **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.
16. **Scoring area** is defined as: Clubhouse/Bogeys Bar & Grill area. Player and marker must both sign reviewing their Hole-by-Hole Score. Both the player and marker MUST be present when their scorecard turned into their coach. **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.  
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.



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**18. Ties:**

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> team member and the team with the lowest 5th score shall be declared the winner. If one team does not have a 5<sup>th</sup> score, the team with the 5<sup>th</sup> score shall be declared the winner. **If it is a 6 man tournament, this player's score shall be used.**
- b. If teams remain tied after comparing the 5<sup>th</sup> scores, an aggregate playoff to determine the winner shall be held using the 4 players selected by the coach. The first playoff hole will be hole #1, then hole #2, then hole #3 and so on, until a winner is determined.
- c. Individuals for medalist will have a sudden death playoff starting on hole #1.

**19. Rules Committee:** The Rules Committee will consist of USGA Regional Affairs Committee, Member, Club Pro or Owner and Tournament Manager. All Rulings of the Rules Committee will be Final.

**Spectators:**

- Are permitted to WALK the course. They are permitted to use golf carts for OHSAA Sectional and District Tournaments.
- Must stay on cart paths and OFF all 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 of 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 greens and tees.



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**The following should be announced to all players prior to proceeding to respective tees.**

You may want to “read” most of this information to the players. This should be done BEFORE each starting time.

1. Greet Each Player; they should arrive at least 10 minutes before their tee time.
  - a. Players should introduce themselves and shake hands with the other competitors.
  - b. If there is a rules official nearby, he or she should be introduced as well. Tell the players the official is there to HELP them. If the rules official is not at the Tee tell the players who the official is.
  - c. Players should count their clubs, **14 club maximum**.
  - d. Players should compare their golf balls. Be sure their ball has identifiable markings as theirs.
  - e. Contestants do not keep their own official score cards. Each contestant keeps the official card of another member of his group. Physically hand score cards of contestants to the respective markers in the group.
  - f. Inform players of the order in which they will be hitting.
  - g. Be sure each player is given a Notice to Competitors (local rules sheet), scorecard, etc.
  - h. Mention to the players:
  - i. They may announce and play a provisional ball when original may be lost or out of bounds.
  - ii. There is a drop zone on holes:
  - iii. If a rules official cannot be found play two balls under rule 3-3
  - iv. At the scoring table be sure to bring any questionable concerns to the attention of the committee.
  - v. EXACTLY on time (if landing is clear) start each, announce “on the tee (name)” See Below (#3)
2. For those Spectators present: Explain procedure for spectators. **Explain Loud and Clear!!**
  - a. Spectators may forecaddie and spot balls.
  - b. However no conversation with players is permitted!
  - c. The use of cell phones are prohibited.
  - d. Spectators may carry food, umbrella, rain suit, etc. for players.
  - e. Spectators must remain on the paths or rough, At least **20- 50 yards** from players at all times.
  - f. All spectators are required to behave in a manner acceptable to the sport of golf!
    - i. First Warning
    - ii. Second warning will be removed from the course.



### Scoring

- It is the responsibility of the players to turn in a legible scorecard signed by the player AND by his Marker.
- It is the responsibility of the player to provide an accurate score for each hole. BE SURE to tell the player to double check his scores.
- All players should remain in scoring area until all cards are turned in.
- Ask each player if he had any situation that needs to be brought to the attention of the committee, like playing two balls (rule 3-3).
- Be sure to resolve any other questions
- It is NOT the responsibility of the player to ADD his scores
- It is the responsibility of the score keeper (YOURS!) to add all hole by hole scores and enter a total for the round. Math is the committees responsibility not the players.
- Confirm your total with his
- Once the player leaves the scoring area, his card is officially turned in. It must be signed. Any errors like a score for a hole that is too high will stand, any score for a hole too low the player is disqualified!