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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 **USGA** and OHSAA rules govern play except where superseded by Local Rules.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; BLUE Tees.
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, 2nd offense 1 stroke, 3rd offense 2 strokes, 4th DQ
6. **Embedded ball** - rule is in effect through the green.
7. **Distance-Measuring Devices** – are allowed.
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. Players only in the scoring area. NO Coaches. Player and marker must both sign reviewing their Hole-by-Hole Score. Both the player and marker **MUST** be present when their scorecard are turned into the official 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.
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 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, 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 that tie for the fourth qualifying spot will have a sudden death playoff starting on hole #1.

19. Rules Committee: The Rules Committee will consist of Dan Sutton-PGA Director of Golf/Tournament Manager, Darren Axon-Assistant Golf Professional and Kevin Brandon. 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.