

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

2023 SECTIONAL/DISTRICT BOYS' AND GIRLS' GOLF RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Lightning and inclement weather. At the first sign of lightning or other threatening weather (thunder), the contest official shall suspend the competition until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder is heard and/or the last bolt of lightning has been seen. In order to protect student-athletes, spectators and other participants, there shall be access to appropriate shelter in the event of such suspension. All contests suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption.
2. Submit entries online at www.baumspage.com. A properly completed electronic entry must list athletes in intended playing order and include the name and grade of each athlete. Electronic entries must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m. 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. Changes to a team's line-up/roster can be made until the scheduled tee time for competition as long as the athlete is eligible.
3. In District Tournaments, any eligible golfer may participate, with the four (4) best scores counting for team scoring. USGA rules and medal scoring will apply. Substituting may be made from Sectional to District, and to State, with anyone on the eligibility list.
4. It is permissible to conduct the tournament on any day of the week. If no other date is available and Sunday is chosen, the tournament must be conducted in the afternoon. School times should be considered in scheduling the meets.
5. State instructions are to be followed in detail. Refer to www.ohsaa.org for state regulations.
6. Competing schools' green fees are now covered by school dues to the OHSAA.
7. Tickets for all sectional and district tournament matches will be sold online through HomeTown Ticketing. Gate sales are permitted but will be done electronically via HomeTown Ticketing provided the event is not sold out. No cash sales are permitted per OHSAA rules. Ticket prices will be:
 - a. Admission for all sectional and district tournaments are:
 - Adults/Students - **\$8.00**
 - Children under the age of five (5) are provided complimentary admission.
 - A **\$10.00** cash option may be offered at tournament site but not required.
 - b. School Administrators Passes: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for three school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have three tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament. **There is no admittance without a QR code from HTT.**
8. For sites involved in seeding. Per action of the State Board of Directors, all cellular telephones and other electronic devices (i.e. laptop computers or iPads) that could be utilized for transmitting information shall be turned off by all individuals in attendance during the draw/seed meeting until such time that the meeting is adjourned.

Per action of the State Board of Directors, the following fine structure is in place:

Failure to submit seeding information when prescribed by OHSAA regulations. Fine of \$50.00.

Failure for coach, administrator, or authorized team representative to attend the tournament draw meeting. The tournament manager shall attempt to call the head coach and/or athletic administrator from the school(s) not present in order for a representative from the missing school(s) to participate in the tournament draw/seed meeting electronically/virtually. If no one attends - Fine is \$150.00.

Failure to show up for tournament contest/refusal to finish a contest which has been started and suspended for any reason. Fine of \$150.00 plus cost of officials, site expenses, and team expenses incurred by opposing team, except for presale ticket revenue.

An appeals procedure shall be established and communicated by the OHSAA.

9. At the conclusion of the tournament, please e-mail the financial reports to Joe Roberts at SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org.

10. Sectionals: Divisions II & III Boys – September 25 – September 30, 2023
Division II Girls – September 25 – September 30, 2023
Division I Boys – October 2 – October 7, 2023
Division I Girls – October 2 – October 7, 2023

Districts: Divisions II & III Boys – October 2 – 7, 2023
Division II Girls – October 2 – 7, 2023
Division I Boys – October 9 – 14, 2023
Division I Girls – October 9 – 14, 2023

11. Each sectional golf tournament will qualify the following teams and individuals from the sectional to district tournament.

Boy's:

DIVISION I	4 teams per sectional, & 4 individuals low score
DIVISION II	4 teams per sectional, & 4 individuals low score
DIVISION III	4 teams per sectional & 4 individuals low score

Girl's:

DIVISION I	4 teams per sectional & 4 individuals low score
DIVISION II	4 teams per sectional & 4 individuals low score

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS TO THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FROM THE BOYS/GIRLS SECTIONALS WILL BE THE FOUR INDIVIDUAL LOW SCORERS NOT ON A QUALIFYING TEAM

State tournament qualifiers from the District:

Boy's:

DIVISION I	3 teams 3 individuals low score
DIVISION II	2 teams 2 individuals low score (2022)
DIVISION III	2 teams 2 individuals low score

Girl's:

DIVISION I	3 teams 3 individuals low score
DIVISION II	2 teams 2 individuals low score

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT FROM THE DISTRICT WILL BE THE SAME NUMBER AS TEAMS THAT QUALIFY IN EACH DIVISION.

12. Rules

- a. The Rules of Golf, as approved by the United States Golf Association and R & A, 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. OHSAA Local Rule – 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.**

13. 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.

Electronic Scoring

- Players are responsible for live scoring using the OHSAA Golf App during play.
- In the event the competitor does not have a mobile device, an alternate person such as a fellow competitor, coach, or authorized representative may enter the scores in as timely a manner as possible.
- It is the Golf Manager's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the scoring information on the OHSAA Golf Application

Official Scorecard

- It is the responsibility of the Golf Manager to provide printed official scorecards.
- During the round after each hole, the player should keep track of their scores and the player they are marking for on the official score card.

Scoring Area

- When the round has ended, the player shall immediately proceed to the Scoring Area with their Official Scorecard and their Mobile Device and
 - Should carefully check the hole by hole scores entered on the Official Scorecard by the marker and raise any issues with the Committee.
 - Must make sure that the marker certifies the hole by hole scores on the official scorecard.
 - Must not change a hole by hole score entered by the marker except with the marker's agreement or the Committee's approval.
 - Must certify the hole by hole scores on the scorecard by signature and return it to the Committee, after which the player must not change the scorecard. Upon returning the scorecard to the committee, do not leave the scoring area until the scoring official confirms the scores are correctly recorded on both the Official Scorecard and OHSAA Golf App.

Weather Policy.

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 lightening 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. **Rev. 9-15-23**