

**2021 Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition****Girls Sectional September 28; Boys Sectional September 30**

The Rules (effective Jan 2019) of the United States Golf Association govern play. The "Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for USGA" is in effect for this event, as well as the 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 **USGA** and **OHSAA** rules govern play except where superseded by Local Rules.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 in a stipulated round of 18 holes; Boys - White Tees.
3. **The note to Rule 6-3** is 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. **Pace of Play** - for each round will be 4:34 hours. Refer to separate Pace of Play Policy.
5. **Out of Bounds** – White stakes indicate out of bounds, inside edges at ground level. Holes 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. 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. **Embedded ball** rule is in effect in the general area.
7. **Electronic (cell phones)** – are prohibited on the course during play by players, coaches (unless calling for a ruling), and spectators. Players - First violation – 2 stroke penalty. Second violation – disqualification spectators and coaches will be asked to leave the course.
8. **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.
9. **Flower Beds**, mulched and newly seeded areas mandatory relief.
10. **Obstructions**: Cart paths (nearest point), stance and swing.
11. **Drop Zones**: None designated.
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)**. 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.
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 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.
17. **Range Finders** are permitted for use in all competition during regular season and tournament play provided the range finder is not part of a communication device (such as a cellular phone application) and meets the rules and standards set by the USGA.
18. **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.
19. **Playoff(Ties)**: Ties will be resolved by rule, for qualifying positions, both team and individual. Playoff holes are: begin with #10, #18, #1, 2, and #3, and again as needed.
20. **Scoring area** is defined by the table near the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens. 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.
21. **Rules Committee (2020) for the Boys Sectional**: **Quinn Frank**, Ironwood Pro, Steve Brannan, Starter, Larry Bruce. Starter and Ken Baumgartner, Tournament Manager. All rulings of the Rules Committee will be Final.

## 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 Ironwood 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.

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

## Rules for Spectators

### From the OHSAA Handbook

#### 2021-22 OHSAA GOLF REGULATIONS

##### Rule 6: 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.
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6. A golfer may pick up their ball at any point during the round, but will be disqualified as soon as they choose to do so. However, he/she should continue to play with his/her group to finish the round. From the point of pick up, each hole thereafter should be marked on the scorecard as "N/A".
7. 2021 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)