

7. GOLF — BOYS AND GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) INDIVIDUAL NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION DATE — An individual who has not participated as a representative for the school in a golf contest during the current season must cease non-interscholastic competition six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the State Golf Tournament to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition in golf.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in golf who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest in golf shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in golf in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Date: August 31, 2009 - Division II and III Boys and Division II Girls

Date: September 7, 2009 - Division I Boys and Division I Girls

- 1.2) SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE — No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified. The school representative should be present throughout the contest.
- 1.3) CADDIES — Caddies are not permitted during a contest. Participants will be disqualified if any person assists by caddying or if the participant rides in any type of vehicle.

EXCEPTION: A medically authorized waiver is permitted 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.

- 1.4) PULL CARTS — Pull carts are permitted.
- 1.5) SCORING — The team score shall be determined by totaling the scores of the four players with the fewest strokes for the contest. The team with the fewest number of strokes is the winner. During regular season matches, schools may play six individuals and score four by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches, prior to the match.
- 1.5.1) Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the scores of the 5th lowest score, and the team with the 5th lowest score shall prevail. If one team does not have a 5th score, the team with a 5th score shall prevail. If the 5th lowest score does not break the tie, schools playing six individuals shall compare the sixth lowest score to break the tie. If the tie remains, the contest shall end in a tie or tied teams may play off the tie using only the four (4) players whose scores resulted in the team tie.

In regular season play if a playoff is not feasible, the contest will end in a tie.

In regular season play, ties for medalist or other awards will be left up to the host school.

- 1.6) 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 include disqualification.
- 1.7) The home school coach shall serve as referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and U.S.G.A. rules.
- 1.8) MISCELLANEOUS — The coaching regulation permits the school head coach to speak with his/her player(s), without delay of play, between a green completed and the next tee.

The use of any electronic communication devices shall be prohibited on the golf course during any competition by all players, coaches and spectators.

The use of range finders and electronic ball finders is prohibited for use in all competition during regular season and tournament play. These devices may be used during individual/team practice sessions.

## 2) Out-of-State Travel

A golf team may travel out of state to compete in contest scrimmages, previews and games in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a golf team may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time.

“School time” is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

EXCEPTION: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner’s office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

A golf team may not travel out of state only to practice. (EXCEPTION: If practice facility is in a contiguous state, and OHSAA grants approval).

## 3) Sponsorship

- 3.1) A school that sponsors girls golf, with four or more girls participating, shall have a separate girls team in order to enter the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament competition.
- 3.2) A school that sponsors girls golf and has less than four girls participating may permit the girls to participate as individuals with the boys team during the regular season, and the girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament provided the school is registered for the girls tournament.
- 3.3) A school that sponsors boys and girls golf and has separate teams shall schedule separate contests, but both may be held at the same time.
- 3.4) A school that does not sponsor girls golf but has four or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boys team, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys tournament competition.

## 4) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Section 10 of the General Sports Regulations.

## 5) Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 5.1) A member of an interscholastic golf squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, or regular season/tournament contest) sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest during the school’s golf season (Sports Regulation 4.4).

Note: Examples of golf contests include, but are not limited to, club or course championships, scrambles, tournaments, leagues, charitable events and other events that are organized for the purpose of competition.

- 5.2) The **maximum** penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 4.4, participation on a non-interscholastic golf squad, or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic golf season or the ensuing season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.
- 5.3) Interscholastic golf coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

**6) 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.

**7) Interrupted Tournament**

Any OHSAA tournament contest interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be resumed from the point of interruption. (At the state tournament, the tournament manager retains the right to determine whether to resume play or revert to an 18 hole event.)

**B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12**

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — August 3, 2009.
- 2) First contest — August 10, 2009.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournaments — September 14, 2009.
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — September 20, 2009.
- 5) Coaching and Season end — October 31, 2009.
- 6) Scrimmages — One permitted any time during the season.
- 7) Regular season contests — 18 for team and individual and each interscholastic contest counts as one whether 9 or 18 holes and regardless of number of opponents. (18 days)
- 8) Rules — United States Golf Association.
- 9) Officials — No requirements.

**C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8**

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — August 3, 2009.
- 2) First contest — August 10, 2009.
- 3) Coaching and Season end — October 31, 2009.
- 4) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 5) Regular season contests — 14 for team and individual and each interscholastic contest counts as one whether 9 or 18 holes and regardless of number of opponents.
- 6) Rules — United States Golf Association.
- 7) Officials — No requirements.

<b>Golf</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Coaching Begins	8/3	8/9	8/8	8/6	8/5	8/4
Season Begins	8/10	8/16	8/15	8/13	8/12	8/11
Non-Interscholastic Date BII & III, GII	8/31	8/30	8/29	8/27	8/26	8/25
Non-Interscholastic Date BI & GI	9/7	9/6	9/5	9/3	9/2	9/1
Sectional Boys Divisions II & III & Girls II	9/28-10/3#	9/27-10/2#	9/26-10/1#	9/24-9/29#	9/23-9/28#	9/22-9/27#
Sectional Boys Division I & Girls I	10/5-10/10#	10/4-10/9#	10/3-10/8#	10/1-10/6#	9/30-10/5#	9/29-10/4#
District Boys Divisions II & III & Girls II	10/5-10/10	10/4-10/9	10/3-10/8	10/1-10/6	9/30-10/5	9/29-10/4
District Boys Division I & Girls I	10/12-10/17	10/11-10/16	10/10-10/15	10/8-10/13	10/7-10/12	10/6-10/11
State Boys Divisions II & III & Girls II	10/16-10/17	10/15-10/16	10/14-10/15	10/12-10/13	10/11-10/12	10/10-10/11
State Boys Division I & Girls I	10/23-10/24	10/22-10/23	10/21-10/22	10/19-10/20	10/18-10/19	10/17-10/18
Season Ends	10/31	10/30	10/29	10/27	10/26	10/25
Rosh Hashanah	9/19-20	9/9-10	9/29-30	9/17-18	9/5-6	9/25-26

#Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).