

## BOYS GOLF

### I. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- A. To determine the individual and team HHSAA golf championships.
- B. To promote interest and to give opportunity for wider and greater competition in golf.
- C. To promote the highest principles of citizenship in tournament competition.

### II. OFFICIALS

Course rules shall be determined by the HHSAA Executive Director, HHSAA golf coordinator and the golf course management.

### III. ELIGIBILITY

See Part II, Administrative Regulations, HHSAA Handbook.

### IV. RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENT

- A. The United States Golf Association (USGA) rules shall govern with modification of local course rules.
  - 1. Etiquette and citizenship on the course shall be emphasized by tournament officials.
  - 2. The protest committee shall include:
    - a. HHSAA executive director, chairperson
    - b. Sport coordinator
    - c. Tournament director
    - d. Other personnel selected by the HHSAA executive director
- B. The HHSAA executive director, golf coordinator and golf course management shall determine the hole placements, tee markers and any other modification to the course that is necessary for the tournament.
- C. The HHSAA executive director, with the assistance of the tournament committee, will select a tournament site(s).
- D. Caddying & Advice
  - 1. Caddying

A player is prohibited from using a caddy during any stipulated HHSAA round. Penalty for breach of rule – Two strokes per hole with a maximum of four (HHSAA Hard Card).
  - 2. Advice

Advice may only be given **between** the play of two holes by the designated coaches and providing it does not cause undue delay. Penalty for breach of rule – Two strokes per hole with a maximum of four (HHSAA Hard Card).
- E. Notify schools/coaches of any change to the tournament schedule at least two working days prior to the start of the event.
- F. Establish a procedure for check-in (have a check-in table, define an area at the golf site).
- G. Soft spikes golf shoes shall be worn during state tournament play by all state tournament golf participants.

- H. Teeing ground information shall be provided to the golf coaches prior to the state tournament practice round.
- I. Distance measuring devices will be allowed.
- J. Set a schedule for warm-ups, with coaches to monitor flow of players at the driving range.
- K. Practice Round
  1. All tournament participants shall have an opportunity to complete one 18-hole practice round prior to the tournament coaches' meeting at the tournament venue.
  2. The league will be given a slot of practice round tee times. The league slots would then be rotated each year with the host league assuming the last slot. The league coordinator will work with the HHSAA golf coordinator to schedule within those limits.

V. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

A. Individual and Team Players

1. The Official Entry Form must be submitted to the Golf Coordinator no later than seven days prior to the tournament.
2. BOYS: A school may enter three or less participants to compete for the individual championship.
3. BOYS: To be eligible for team competition, a school must have a minimum of four players or a maximum of six members who must be designated for the team championship. Additional qualifiers may compete for the individual championship.
4. BOYS: The International Plan of five players participating and taking the four best scores each day shall be used (36 holes). A substitute may be entered for the second round.
5. Change in entries shall not be permitted after the entry deadline, except in case of illness or injury to team member. All changes shall be approved before the scheduled tee time of the first round.
6. Each league shall determine the method of selecting their entries subject to the limitation of golfers allocated to the first round.
  - a. BOYS: Representation of golfers for the tournament is limited to 96 golfers, except when the smallest league's entry should fall to less than six according to the formula for selecting each league's number of entries.
  - b. BOYS: Representation by a league is determined by dividing the league's number of teams by the total number of teams represented in the various leagues. Highest percentage fractions shall determine the leagues' total allocation.
7. The slot for a qualified participant who cannot participate in the tournament belongs only to the league in which that athlete participates. Substitutes will come from the list of league alternates, following that league's rule for qualifiers to the state tournament. If a league cannot fill the vacancy with an alternate, then the vacancy will remain unfilled.
8. Any player who fails to post a score for the 1<sup>st</sup> round and whose school team did not post a score for the 1<sup>st</sup> round, will not participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of play.

B. Coaches' Responsibilities

1. Each team shall be represented by a coach or his/her designee at all times. A team without a coach, whether it is a team of one or two, shall NOT be entered in the tournament unless a coach is designated.

2. A coach must be designated by the school on the Official Entry Form. The coach must assume responsibilities for his/her school and golfers.
3. Players should report to their respective tees 15 minutes prior to their starting time.

VI. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A. Team scoring shall be aggregate team medal scoring.
- B. 36 holes shall prevail—18 holes on each day.
- C. BOYS: Play-off format to determine Team Championship in case of a tie: There will be a sudden death play-off among the four players, from each team, who had the lowest scores for the day. Pairings for the play-off will be two competitors from each team to form a foursome. Team members may give advice only during play-off for team championship. Team members and other players not involved in the play-off will not be permitted to caddy or give advice. Penalty of two strokes will be assessed to player(s) involved in the infraction.
- D. When a golfer is tied for the individual championship and is also a member of a team which is tied for the team championship, the individual championship will be played first. The individual will then take part in the team play-off with the other team members.
- E. Whenever possible, postponement because of inclement weather should be completed on the succeeding day with time and course designated by the HHSAA Executive Director and Tournament Committee.

VII. SIZE OF TRAVELING TEAM

Schools are requested to bring only the official golfers accompanied by authorized coaches. Names of golfers and coaches must be listed on the Official Entry Form.

VIII. SEEDING/PAIRING

- A. Pairing Committee:
  1. HHSAA Executive Director, Chairperson
  2. Sport Coordinator
  3. Tournament Director
  4. Other personnel selected by the HHSAA Executive Director
- B. Coaches shall provide all scores (18 holes) of regular season play to the League Executive Secretary of their respective league.
- C. The League Executive Directors or his/her designee shall evaluate each golfer's average.
- D. Medal Play and Low Individual Gross. Whenever there is a tie for the individual championship, there shall be a sudden death playoff to determine the individual championship.
- E. Pairings shall be made on the basis of scoring for the first 18-hole round. On the second round of play, players with the similar scores for the first day of play shall be matched together in groups, except when two or more players represent the same team or school. The Tournament Pairing Committee shall place these players in separate groups.
- F. Whenever possible, the golfers should tee-off from both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees, upon approval from the management of the golf course.

IX. UNIFORMS

Participants shall wear identical school designated uniforms.

- A. Players of each school shall wear golf shirts and shoes.
- B. Penalty for failure to wear designated school uniform shall result in disqualification of the offending player(s) from team and individual competition.
- C. Proper attire is required at all times at the HHSAA championships (including practice play).
- D. The dress code **prohibits** denim (including colored: blue, black, white, etc.), surfer, swim, gym or short shorts (shorts length must be beyond fingertips when arms are hanging to the side), tank tops, halter-tops, and t-shirts.
- E. All hats must be worn properly (brim forward for caps, etc.).
- F. Collared shirts for all (with sleeves for boys) must be worn and tucked in with belts worn if pants or shorts have belt loops. Girls' shirts with straight hems designed to be worn out will be allowed. Mock turtlenecks shirts will be allowed.
- G. Boys may NOT wear earrings. Other than earrings on girls, no other visible body piercing is allowed (nose rings, etc.).

*Note: The HHSAA recognizes that shirts can be properly tucked in and can become untucked during the normal course of play. In these instances, players will be asked to tuck their shirts back in. However, if there is a willful violation of this aspect of the dress code (such as deliberately untucking their shirt or disregarding the request to tuck it back in), a player is subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Tournament Committee.*

Any violation of these guidelines will result in the player(s) not being allowed to start his/her round until the guidelines are met **prior** to the scheduled time of start. Violations that occur during a stipulated round have the following penalties:

- 1. First offense: warning.
- 2. Second offense: DQ from the day's play and suspension from the next scheduled round.

#### X. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

- A. Permanent team trophy to the championship team.
- B. Permanent team trophy to the runner-up team.
- C. Medals
  - 1. BOYS: Seven medals to members of the championship team.
  - 2. BOYS: Medals for the first 15 boys place winners.
    - a. Individual low gross champion - gold medal.
    - b. Individual low gross runner-up - silver medal.
    - c. 13 bronze medals for the 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 places.

If there is a tie for places two through 15, then the tie(s) shall be broken by the USGA-recommended method (Rules of Golf – Appendix I – Section 11C) using the scores from the final day of play.

Method:

- i. Best score over holes #10 - #18.
- ii. If still tied, then best score over holes #13 - #18.
- iii. If still tied, then best score over holes #16 - #18.

- iv. If still tied, then best score over hole #18.
- v. If still tied, then medal given to both players.

XI. EVALUATION

A report shall be submitted to the HHSAA Executive Director within two weeks following the tournament. The complete results of the tournament must be provided by the Tournament Director.