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OFSAA GOLF

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Events and/or Classifications:

- a) OFSAA Girls' golf shall be classified as a festival.
- b) OFSAA Boys' golf shall be classified as a championship.
- c) OFSAA Boys' golf shall have a team division and an individual division in stroke play competition.
- d) There shall be a High School and Open category within the individual division.
- e) **A student-athlete who has competed in a provincial or national tournament within the past 12 months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an Open participant within the individual division.**

2. Structure and Procedures:

- a) The tournament shall take place over two (2) days with eighteen (18) holes being played each day.
- b) No one from the same school shall be paired together in a foursome on either day.
- c) Pairings on day two will be based upon the previous day's scores and follow the format outlined Sport Specific Directives – Golf.
- d) Registration materials will only be given to the teacher-supervisor accompanying the athlete(s), upon receipt of all entry materials as outlined in the OFSAA Golf websites.
- e) The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, then both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend.

3. Entry:

- (a) Entries shall be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.
- (b) Association Convenors shall provide ranking for all Association entries.
Entries must be received by the convenor by the date indicated in the coaches' information package on the OFSAA Golf websites. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and an additional entry fee, or \$100 per individual, whichever is the greater, shall be charged.
- (c) As Association qualifying course must be a minimum of 5000 yards.

Girls':

- (a) Each Association may enter their top three (3) golfers in each the Open and High School Division regardless of score. The host Association will be permitted to enter one (1) additional golfer in each division.
- (b) An Association may enter additional golfers to fill the field at the discretion of the convenor with a maximum score of 110.
- (c) An Association may enter a maximum of six (6) golfers.

- d) Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA Festival competition. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form. Any disciplinary action is subject to appeal to the Protest Committee.

Boys':

- a) Each participating Association may enter a school team comprised of four (4) members and two (2) individual golfers, at least one of which must be competing in the high school division. All golfers on the team entry must be from the same school.
- b) All golfers are eligible for the individual High School or Open division championship. If the student-athlete is registered as an individual, they are not eligible for the team championship.

4. Expenses:

- (a) Those schools having entries are responsible for their entry fee, arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- (b) All schools entering a Federation Festival shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.

5. Eligibility:

(a) School/Team Eligibility

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a school/team must:

- (i) have a 'bona fide school program consisting a minimum of six (6) practices and/or competitions during a minimum (1) month period in the current school year, under the supervision of a teacher as designated by the school principal
- (ii) have competed in the Association championship or qualifying event

(b) Individual Student Eligibility

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student **must**:

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which her school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (ii) meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that she has not reached her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;
- (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
- (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition;
- (viii) have participated in a 'bona fide school program as outlined in (a) above and attended the majority of practices
- (ix) have participated in the Association Championship or OFSAA-qualifying event
- (x) not participated in both the OFSAA Festival and any other event in that sport on the same day

6. Rules and Officials:

- (a) The Rules of Golf Canada shall govern play at the OFSAA Golf tournaments.
- (b) Any coaching/communication with the players will not be permitted on the course. (Communication includes, but is not limited to coaches, parents, and spectators. Cell phone use of any kind is not permitted).
- (c) Caddies will not be permitted for the participants. Motorized carts may be used by participants with prior medical exemption.
- (d) As per the Rules of Golf Canada, all strokes must be counted and all balls putted out.
- (e) Every foursome will be allocated a designated teacher-supervisor whose purpose is to assist in keeping the foursome on schedule with respect to pace of play and keep the foursome's score. It is not the expectation of the teacher supervisor to make on course rulings. Teacher-supervisors are permitted to use motorized carts at their own expense. The availability and use of motorized carts will be at the discretion of the Golf Course.
- (f) Teacher-supervisors are required to complete assigned responsibilities (i.e. marshalling, fore caddying, scoring, or other duties as assigned). Teacher-supervisors who fail to complete their requirements will be referred to the OFSAA Board of Reference-Sanctions following the event.
- (g) Prior to the scorecards being submitted, the student-athletes are encouraged to check with the teacher-supervisor of their group to ensure accuracy of the score.
- (h) All competitors must adhere to the Pace of Play Guidelines as found in the Sport Specific Directives – Golf .
- (i) Spectators are only permitted in designated spectator areas, as assigned by the convenors in consultation with the course staff. Spectators found outside the designated areas may be removed from the course.

(j) Scoring

Boys':

- (i) Team Score - the three (3) low scores from each team on each day will count toward the team total.
- (ii) Individual Score - an individual's total score from day 1 and day 2 will count toward their individual score.

Girls:'

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k) Tiebreaking Procedures:

Girls':

- (i) Where possible, a sudden victory playoff will occur for three (3) medal positions on a hole(s) determined by the convenor.
- (ii) If a playoff is not possible, the winner will be determined on the basis of the best score

over the low nine (9) handicap holes. If still tied, the winner will be determined by the low six (6) handicap holes. If still tied, the low three (3) handicap holes and finally the low first handicap hole.

Boys':

- (i) The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff.
- (ii) Team ties shall be broken by a sudden-death playoff counting the low three scores relative to par on each hole.
- (iii) Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The convening committee will determine the holes to be used.
- (iv) If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used counting all four team members.
- (v) Once the shotgun sudden-death format is started, that format shall be used until a winner is determined.
- (vi) If a playoff can't be conducted due to darkness or weather, the individual medal placing will be determined by comparing scorecards from the final round. The winner will be the competitor with the lowest total score on holes 10 – 18. If they are still tied, the winner will be the competitor with the lowest total score on holes 13 – 18. If still tied, the winner will be the competitor with the lowest total score on holes 16 – 18.
- (vii) The team winners will be determined by comparing the final round scorecards of the three (3) lowest scoring team players. The total scores for each team will be compared on holes 10 – 18, then holes 13 – 18, then holes 16 – 18.
- (viii) If the teams are still tied, then the 4th player's scores will be compared. If the 4th player's scores are tied then their scorecards will be compared in the identical manner as indicated above.

f) Golf Slow Play Guidelines: The Pace of Play Policy is in effect at all OFSAA Golf tournaments:

- i) Adherence to the pace of play is the player's responsibility
- ii) Warnings will be issued to slow groups
- iii) Advise your group supervisor of a slow player in your group

7. Uniforms and Equipment:

(a) **General:**

- (i) All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos.
- (ii) No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted (including golf bags and hats. Golf course bags will be permitted). A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi-sport programs.
- (iii) Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h) with the exception of manufactures name/logo on hats and golf bags, which may exceed these guidelines.

- (iv) Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate attire in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire.
 - (v) The above criteria must be met both on and in the vicinity of the competitive area, and during the awards' ceremonies. Incidents on non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.
- b) *Sport Specific:*** Competitors must dress in appropriate golf attire. If the host club has additional rules for dress code, they will be communicated in the coaches' package.

8. Awards:

Girls':

OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to the top three (3) golfers in both the Open and High School Division.

Boys':

- a) OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions four (4) shall be presented to members of the top three (3) teams in the Championship.
- b) The school represented by the Championship team shall receive an OFSAA banner, to be retained by the school.
- c) OFSAA gold, silver, and bronze medallions shall be presented to the top three (3) individuals in the both divisions.

9. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1):

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

- (a) For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for Federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).
- (b) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athletes(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

10. Deportment: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

(a) *Definitions*

- i) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Festival event."
- ii) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a

restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."

(b) Codes of Behaviour

- i) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships/Festivals". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
 - ii) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
 - iii) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
 - iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships/Festivals. (See Appendix II)
 - v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
 - vi) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
 - vii) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
 - viii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
- (c) No **artificial noisemakers** are permitted at OFSAA Festival/Championship events.

11. Social:

- (a) If a social event is arranged, all team members and coaches must attend.
- (b) Participants are expected to wear "dress casual" attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops or hats are permitted.
- (c) Should there be an instance of improper attire, the Protest Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions

12. Medical: Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, Band-Aids, ice packs) for their athletes.

13. Protest Committee: All disputes during an OFSAA Championship/Festival shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- (a) The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals; the chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member, and one other member appointed by the Championship convenor. The Head official in some cases, may serve as a member of the Protest Committee. Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest.
- (b) All protests must be submitted in writing to the Championship convenor or designate, shall fully outline the incident under protest, and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee (refundable if protest is upheld).
- (c) A protest must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the incident under protest occurred, or within thirty minutes of the occurrence if protesting an incident outside the field of play.
- (d) The following areas may not be protested at a Championship/Festival:
 - Officials' decisions

- Eligibility of transfer students
- (e) Any disputes or protests re: tournament structure and procedure must be addressed no later than the coaches' meeting.
- (f) The Protest Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/modify/cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather conditions) at the site(s).
- (g) Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.

A report of all appeals and decisions shall be forwarded to the OFSAA Board of Reference – Sanctions, who may determine that additional sanctions are necessary.

*All Federation Championships/Festivals are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.*

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.

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SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

1. Structure and Procedure

- a) Convenor should provide and make available a pin position sheet for all participants.
- b) Local course rules will supersede Golf Canada rules.
- c) The laws of the current version of the Golf Canada Rules shall govern play at the OFSAA Golf Championship. Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the OFSAA Golf Championship/Festival shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Representatives' Council prior to implementation at any Championship.

Girls':

- (i) The Festival will operate as a two-day competition over thirty-six (36) holes.
- (ii) On day 1 all competitors will play as one division over 18 holes with a shot-gun start on day 1.

On day 2, the field will be split up into two flights and will play eighteen (18) holes with a shot-gun start. All Student-athletes in the field will contribute to the total association score, no matter which flight they end up in.

- (iii) Flight A will constitute the top 50% - including ties - of the field. Flight B will constitute the remaining student-athletes in the field.

- d) **The following Pace of Play Policy is in effect at all OFSAA Boys Golf Championships (shotgun starts excluded):**

Golf Canada Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play states: "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play."

Summary

There will be four checkpoints selected by the organizing committee during each 18 hole round. When a group is out of position at any check-point, the players in the group are liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties pending final determination of whether a breach or breaches of these guidelines have occurred:

- 1st potential breach (during the round) - liable to a warning.
- 2nd potential breach (during the round) - liable to a one-stroke penalty
- 3rd potential breach (during the round) – liable to a two-stroke penalty.
- 4th potential breach (during the round) – liable to a two-stroke penalty.

Allotted Time

Each group is allotted a specified time to complete 18 holes at a pace in accordance with the time chart provided in the Local Rules at the group's first hole. When a group falls behind - regardless of the reason - it must regain its position. Time for ball searches, rulings, and walking time between holes is included in the allotted time.

Definition "Out of Position" - Stroke Play

First group: The first group is out of position if it takes more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole.

Following groups:

A following group is out of position if it: takes more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole and completes play of a check-point hole more than 13 minutes on a par 3, more than 14 minutes on par 4, or more than 15 minutes on a par 5, after the preceding group completes play of that hole.

Group Out of Position

When a group is out of position at a check-point, it will be given a warning by a Check-Point Official that the group is in breach of the pace of play guidelines. When a group has been notified of its first potential breach, that group is expected to regain its position before reaching the next check-point. If that group reaches the next check-point out of position, each player in the group may incur the applicable penalty for a breach of these guidelines.

Any group that is out of position is subject to being monitored.

A player concerned about a non-responsive fellow-competitor in his group should request the group supervisor to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.

Final Determination Regarding Breach/ Review Process

Before returning his score card, a player who was out of position during his round may consult with the Protest Committee to determine if he has incurred a penalty under these guidelines. The Protest Committee will determine that a player who has been found to be out of position is not in breach of these guidelines only if:

- the player was delayed by the Committee; or
- the player was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player or the group; or
- the player was delayed by another player in the group

If a group is liable to penalty, all penalties will be applied to the check-point hole where the breach occurred.

Appeals

Slow Play penalties may be appealed to the Protest Committee. The appeal must be in writing and must be based on facts relevant to the reason Pace of Play was not maintained. The decision of the Protest Committee will be final.

Example scenarios how penalties apply:

If a group fails to complete the 1st checkpoint in the allotted time, all players in the group are liable to a warning (1st potential breach). If thereafter the same group fails to complete any of the following checkpoints in the allotted time, all players would be liable to the penalties according to the OFSAA Slow Play Guidelines to a maximum of 5 strokes.

e) **Start order Day 2**

	Front 9	Back 9
First Tee Times	Individual 17-28 (not part of teams)	Teams 17-20
	Teams 5-8	Teams 13-16

	Teams 1-4	Teams 9-12
Last Tee Times	Individuals 1-16 (not part of teams)	Individual 29-40 (not part of teams)

f) Boys' Sudden Death Playoff Procedure

(i) Teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth below.

(ii) For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below.

(iii) Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)

#4A, #4B, #3A, #3B playoff hole #1

#2A, #2B, #1A, #1B playoff hole #1

(g) Shotgun Format for tiebreaking playoff

(i) Three teams

A #4 B #4 C #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 playoff hole 1

(ii) Four teams

A #4 B #4 C #4 D #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 D #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 D #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 D #1 playoff hole 1

(iii) Five teams

A #4 B #4 C #4 D #4 E #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 D #3 E #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 D #2 E #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 D #1 E #1 playoff hole 1

(iv) Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament.

The format in pairings for a playoff of six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the games committee.

2. Entry

Girls'

Maximum number of entries is 128 golfers.

Boys'

The maximum number of entries is 120.

3. Officials

a) The convenor must designate a head official for the championship/festival.

- b) The head official must attend the coaches' meeting, and is encouraged to hold an officials' meeting prior to the start of the competition, when possible. Otherwise the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating

4. Facilities and Equipment

Girls':

- a) Convenors must secure the following: an 18-hole course with a minimum par 70 with a minimum yardage of 5000+ yards.

Boys':

- b) Convenors should use a golf course with a minimum slope rating of 110 and/or a minimum of 6300 yards.
- c) Changes to the above must be approved by the golf Sport Advisory Committee.

5. Medical

- a) Provision must be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws).
- b) Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment must be readily available at the Festival site(s).

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