



GENERAL

CLASSIFICATIONS: men, A, AA, AAA, AAAA; women A/AA,AAA and AAAA.

DATE OF FIRST PRACTICE: For women, no earlier than August 1; for men, no earlier than February 12.

PRESEASON SCRIMMAGES: Schools are allowed two preseason varsity scrimmages. These scrimmages must be conducted as events open to the public (no closed scrimmages allowed). Multiple team scrimmages are allowed. Junior varsity scrimmages are allowed in conjunction with varsity scrimmages at the same date and site.

DATE OF FIRST MATCH: For women, August 19; for men, no earlier than February 26.

NUMBER OF REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS: No more than three matches may be scheduled per week. Individuals are limited to one contest a day.

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION: Women can only participate in ONE season per year. If no women's team is available, then women may play on the men's team in the spring. If the player chooses to enter the women's regional, or play as an individual during the fall season, she may not play on the men's team in the spring.

ELIGIBILITY SHEETS: Should be kept on file at the local school. Must be made available to NCHSAA upon request, and are required to be shared among conference members.

COACHING: The NCHSAA will allow ONE designated coach from each school to coach during the regional and state finals. It is a conference option during the regular season. The following regulations must be followed:

- There must be some way to identify the ONE coach who is allowed to give advice (armband, neck tag, etc.).
- ONE designated coach may give advice, of a short and quick duration, from the tee to the greens and the walk between holes. NOTE: Coaches may not provide continuous coaching while walking with a player. Once finished, coach must return immediately to the cart path.
- Any violation of the coaching rule can result in a TWO STROKE PENALTY and may cause the coach to lose his privilege to communicate with players the remainder of the event during the round/rounds.
- Prior to any stroke, the coach must step back from the player.
- Coaches may not be on the tee box or enter onto the green(s) at any time.
- **Use of radios, walkie-talkies, cell phones and other electronic devices by players or coaches is NOT ALLOWED. All cell phones must be turned to silent. Violation results in disqualification. A cell phone with a range finder application is illegal.**
- **Use of USGA approved range finders is permitted at any time (except for cell phone applications). Yardage measuring devices and information may be shared among players. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., slope/gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.**

Others will not be allowed to give advice and must limit conversations to words of encouragement only. Any other types of conversations could be considered advice, which would result in a TWO STROKE PENALTY.

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., slope/gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

PULL CARTS: Non-motorized pull carts are allowed at any time. However, courses may prohibit use of pull carts.

REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

UNPAID FINES: Schools that have unpaid fines to the NCHSAA are not eligible to compete in the playoffs for that sport (i.e. baseball fine would be specific to baseball playoffs) unless the fine is paid two (2) days prior to the reporting date for that sport.

Any fine not paid at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) will carry over to the following school year making all teams at said school ineligible for playoffs until the fine is paid in full.

DATES AND SITES: Women's regional tournaments will be October 21 or 22. Men's regional tournaments will be May 5 or 6.

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS: Regional assignments, along with the most current information about regional sites, dates and times, are posted on the NCHSAA web site. Go to <http://www.nchsaa.org>, and click on the link for golf. Please note that changes may occur in sites, times, etc., even near the scheduled event, so check shortly before the appropriate date to make sure there are no last minute changes.

PLAYOFF ENTRIES: Schools qualifying for the men's regionals will be permitted to enter six players, schools qualifying for women's regionals may enter five players and entries are to be in the hands of the regional director by 3 p.m. October 16 (women) and by 3 p.m. April 30 (men). Directors may call schools who have failed to send in entries by the deadline.

Late entries may be submitted to the NCHSAA and must be in by 9 am the Friday prior to the regional. Use the form on the NCHSAA website. A \$50 late fee will be assessed for each individual entry. No entries after this will be accepted.

Once entries have been submitted to the regional director, coaches can substitute any or all team members up to the start of the tournament. Individuals cannot be substituted.

MEN'S REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Men's regional team qualifiers will be based on conference determination. The number of qualifiers from a conference is based on half the number of teams participating in golf in that conference (without rounding up; i.e., 7-school conference qualifies 3 teams). This number is listed beside each conference under the regional assignments (Refer to NCHSAA website). Men's individual regional qualifiers are the top four individuals from a conference, not on one of the qualifying teams (must compete only as individuals). One team from the independent members will qualify and be assigned to the regional closest to their location plus one medalist not on the qualifying team.

WOMEN'S REGIONAL QUALIFIERS:

- 1A/2A and 3A Regional Standard - Golfers must average a 55 or better for 9 holes during regular season high school matches (conference and/or non-conference).

- 4A Regional Standard - Golfers must average a 50 or better for 9 holes during regular season regular season high school matches (conference and/or non-conference).

The average must come from a minimum of five 9-hole matches. If more than five 9-hole matches are played, a player may drop one 9-hole score to determine her average. 18 hole matches will count as two (2) 9-hole matches. Triple-bogey rule will apply.

VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR REPORTING WOMEN'S SCORES: Please refer to the NCHSAA website for the template and instructions for reporting.

PLAYING RULES: Each player will play 18 holes in the regionals. Women on men's teams must play from men's tees. USGA rules shall prevail, except where modified by local course rules and approved by the games committee (check with the local pro for any unusual ground rules).

A games committee must be established and decisions of the committee are final. There should be a minimum of three people knowledgeable about golf rules on the committee, preferably including the local course pro.

All spectators must stay on the cart paths.

Caddies are prohibited in the state play-offs, with the exception of those necessitated for physical handicap reasons (this does not include injuries).

TEAM SCORES: The four lowest men's individual scores from a six-player team will be totaled to determine the men's team score. In the event of a tie, the fifth-lowest golfer's score will be used to break the tie.

The three lowest women's individual scores from a five-player team will be totaled to determine the women's team score. In women's play, the fourth lowest golfer's score will be used to break the tie.

AWARDS: Regional champion and runner-up plaque and awards for the individual low scorer and runner-up will be given. Ties for individual winners must be broken by a sudden-death play-off.

EXPENSES: Each team will bear its own travel expenses to the regional.

MEN'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS: Since men's regionals are balanced in terms of numbers, the top three teams in a regional and the top three individuals not on one of the top three teams will qualify to the state tournament. A school that qualifies a team may bring any six (6) approved players. However, there may be no substitutes for those players who qualified as individuals.

WOMEN'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS: The top 26 golfers per regional will advance to the state championship:

- Top 3 teams automatically qualify with best 3 scores.
- Top 17 individuals
- If a school does not finish in the top 3, but qualifies at least 3 individuals, that school will also advance to the state championship as a team.
- A top 3 team could still qualify players #4 and #5, if among the top 17 individuals qualifying.

TIEBREAKING PROCEDURE: Please refer to the NCHSAA website for specific tie-breaking procedure (men's and women's golf page).

REGIONAL SITE DETERMINATION: At the regional, a meeting of coaches must be held to select a site and a director for the upcoming season. This is a mandatory meeting that will be conducted by the current regional director. The current director will then notify the NCHSAA office within 10 days after the completion of the tournament, of the host school and director for the next season.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION: Please refer to the NCHSAA website for specific conditions of competition for playoffs.

SUPERVISION: All individuals participating in playoff competition must be supervised. If not, they will be eliminated from competition. If anyone besides school personnel accompanies participants, a letter from the principal must be sent to the NCHSAA authorizing this and a copy of the letter must be in hand at the tournament.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

DATES AND SITES: The women's state tournaments will be held in all classes on October 28-29. The men's state tournament will be May 12-13. Sites TBA on NCHSAA website.

PAIRINGS AND STARTING TIMES: The pairings will be made in the NCHSAA office. Tee times will not be available until Wednesday afternoon after 3pm prior to the tournament. Check www.nchsaa.org.

TEAM SCORES: The four lowest men's individual scores from a six-player team shall be totaled to determine the team score. The three lowest women's individual scores from a five player team will be totaled to determine the women's team score. Team members may be substituted for, but not after the round has begun.

AWARDS: The winning and runner-up teams and individuals will be given plaques. Individual awards will be given to members of the winning and runner-up teams (6 women's and 7 men's medals) as well as the third-place and fourth-place individuals.

TEAM EXPENSES: Travel will be paid at the rate of five cents per mile for each qualifier, including coach, up to a maximum of 35 cents.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION: Please refer to the NCHSAA website for specific conditions of competition for state championship play.

2013-14 REGIONAL GOLF ASSIGNMENTS

Please refer to the NCHSAA website (www.nchsaa.org) for the most current information about regional assignments, sites, directors, dates and times for both men and women.

