

1. SEASON OF PLAY

Boys and Girls = Fall Season

2. LEVEL OF COMPETITION

Boys' and Girls' golf are varsity sports.

3. ELIGIBILITY

A school/team must have a 'bona fide school program consisting of a minimum of six (6) practices and/or competitions during a one (1) month period in the current school year, under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.

A school may enter one (1) team of five (5) players, but are entitled to have six (6) players on the eligibility sheet in case a substitution is necessary.

There shall be a High School and Open category within the individual division.

A student-athlete who has competed in a championship governed by a provincial, state, or national body within the past twelve (12) months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an "open" participant within the individual division.

The individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

4. ELIGIBILITY SHEETS

Eligibility sheets must be received by the Convener five (5) days prior to the ZONE tournament.

5. START TIME

The one (1) day tournament starting times will be determined after the organization meeting held by the Convener.

6. TOURNAMENT AND CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

Each school may send one (1) team of six (6) individuals (five (5) of which will actually play) to the Zone III and Zone IV competition.

The Zone competition will be hosted on the same course on the same day.

7. TEAM SCORING**BOYS:**

A boys' team shall consist of five (5) players with the "best" four (4) scores constituting a team score.

In the event of schools ending in a tie for first (1st) place in the ZONE Championship, the tie will be broken in the following manner:

- 1) Using the score of the fifth (5th) player for boys;
- 2) If tie still exists, the scores of the fourth (4th) boy player will break the tie, then the third (3rd) boy player, then the second (2nd) boy player, then the first (1st) boy player until the tie is broken;

GIRLS:

A girls' team shall consist of five (5) players with the "best" three (3) scores constituting a team score. In the event of schools ending in a tie for first (1st) place in the ZONE Championship, the tie will be broken in the following manner:

- 1) Using the score of the fourth (4th) player for girls; (if there is a tie between two (2) girls' teams and one (1) team has four (4) players and one only has three (3) players, the tie will be broken by comparing the low third (3rd) players, then the second (2nd), until the tie is broken;
- 2) If tie still exists, the scores of the third (3rd) girl player will break the tie, then the second (2nd) girl player, then the first (1st) girl player until the tie is broken;

8. RULES

Specific local golf course rules (if any) will be provided to competitors the day of Zone and must be followed. Zone policies should be followed as well the rules of The Golf Association OF ONTARIO (FROM SOSSA) shall govern all play. Exceptions will be announced or amended on the local rules sheet and when possible, the host CPGA Professional should be consulted to handle rule interpretations with the Convener or On-Site- Convener overseeing the process.

9. SCORING

It is the responsibility of each coach and each student/athlete to know the proper procedure for marking the score for fellow competitors. The information package shall be found on the golf page of the www.NRHSAA.ca website.

1. Every player keeps a scorecard with every other player in the group on the scorecard.
2. Scores will be verified after each hole with each member of the group.
3. All cards will be signed by the scorer and player at the end of the round and handed in to Convener. Each player is responsible for the accuracy and legibility of all eighteen (18) holes, not the addition of those eighteen (18) holes. If a player signs for a score lower than actually made, then that player will be disqualified. If a player signs for a score higher than actually made, that score will stand.

If a shot gun start is NOT USED and retrogression is applied:

Ties for low gross or to qualify for SOSSA as an individual, are to be broken by retrogression as per the Golf Association of Ontario (G.A.O.).

First tiebreaker is low back nine,
then low last 6 holes,
then low last 3 holes,
then low last hole.
A coin flip will determine winner at that point.

If a shotgun tournament format IS USED:

The Convener will be in charge to determine the back nine, last 6, last 3, last hole based on when the golfer starts and finishes.

THE FIRST NINE RATED/HANDICAPPED HOLES (the nine toughest holes as ranked by the golf course) WILL BE CHOSEN FOR COMPARISON;

Retrogression will proceed as follows:

"FIRST tiebreaker is the low rated nine;

Then the low FIRST 6 rated holes;

Then the low FIRST 3 rated holes;

Then the low FIRST rated hole.

A coin flip will determine the winner at this point.

10. GENERAL POLICIES

Payment - schools will be centrally billed, after the tournament.

Prior to the zone golf championship, it is strongly encouraged that the ZONE 3/4 golf coaches have their student-athletes read appendices 1 through 4 on golf rules and etiquette and do the enclosed quiz appendix 5 - answers are appendix 6, all of which can be found on the golf page of the www.NRHSAA.ca website.

- Each team **MUST** be accompanied by a coach all day.
- Proper dress is required at all clubs. (i.e. no sloppy clothing, jeans, sweats or advertising).
- The Convener and/or the Site Convener has the right to remove any player who is exhibiting poor behavior or sportsmanship or wearing inappropriate clothing.
- Spectators MAY be allowed on the golf course as long as it is allowed by host golf club (spectators are not allowed on some golf courses for insurance reasons). They will not be allowed to have any communication with the competitors during the round of golf. Failure to abide by this will result in the spectator(s) being asked to leave and/or disqualification of the student / athlete.

11. ZONE ENTRIES AND ADVANCEMENT TO THE SOSSA COMPETITION

Coaches and/or school contacts will receive the final zone results by e mail.

FOR THE BOYS:

Zones 3 and 4 will be allowed to send to SOSSA, the top three (3) teams and the top three (3) individuals, who are not members of a winning team.

FOR THE GIRLS:

For the SOSSA Girls' tournament, each zone shall be allowed the top one (1) team and top seven (7) individuals, NOT members of a winning team (eg. May be 4th, 9th and 12th players overall, etc.) .

NOTE: at present, there is no girls' team championship at OFSAA. All qualifying is done on an individual basis.

No Zone qualifying score for the SOSSA championships tournament shall exceed 100 for a male golfer and 120 for a female golfer.