

To: OHSAA Golf School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

From: Tyler Brooks, Senior Manager of Officiating & Sport Administration

Re: Introductions and Pre-Season Information

My name is Tyler Brooks and I am the new golf administrator here at the OHSAA office. I have been with the OHSAA since 2014 and I have administered the sport of wrestling for the last three years. I also will be administering the sports of boys and girls lacrosse in the spring. Additionally, I have responsibilities within our officiating department.

I look forward to working with you all to make the sport of golf the best that it can be for our OHSAA student-athletes!

I apologize for the length of the message below, but it is critically important that you review this message in its entirety in advance of the golf season.

1 - Online State Rules Interpretation Meeting Dates

Below are the pertinent dates for the required completion of the online state rules interpretation meeting through your myOHSAA profile:

Sport	Start	Late Fee Begins	End Date
Golf	Wed., July 21 at 9:00 am	Fri., Aug 6	Mon., September 13 at 11:59 pm

You have through August 5th to complete this and it can be accessed anytime through your myOHSAA profile. After August 5th, there will be a \$50 late fee to complete the meeting and it must be done by September 13 in order for your team to be eligible for the OHSAA tournament. Before taking the meeting, please go to the "Schools" tab in your myOHSAA account and make sure the school you coach at is listed in blue. This verifies that your account is connected to the school and that they will receive the credit. If you do not see your school or there is no "Schools" tab, that means you first need to reach out to your AD and make sure the email address listed in your myOHSAA profile matches the email they have listed for you in their Staff Management. Don't take the meeting until you see your school listed, this will prevent any attendance credit issues.

2 - 2021 Non-Interscholastic Waiver Request Form

The 2021 Non-Interscholastic Waiver Request Form is available online on the OHSAA golf webpage:

Golf webpage: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/golf>

Link to

Form:<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Golf/2021NonInterscholasticWaiverRequestForm.pdf>

These forms must be submitted to me by either the athletic director or head coach. I cannot accept submission from parents or any other personnel.

3 - 2021 Golf Season Information: Dates, Regulations, and Manual

The coach manual is currently being finalized and will be posted on the golf page by the time the rules meeting goes live. When it becomes available, please take some time to read through it and share with assistant coaches and 7/8 grade coaches.

The start date for practice this year will be Sunday, August 1, not Monday, August 2 as was previously shared. Schools may decide to not begin practice on a Sunday.

The 2021 golf regulations were approved by our Board of Directors earlier this summer. They are still being formatted for the website, but I want to highlight two important, significant changes below:

Golf Regulation 1.7 - Regular Season Contest Formats

Please review new text in full below:

1.7) Regular season contest formats – regular season contests may be played in any format by mutual agreement of all participating head coaches not to exceed to 36 holes in one day.

1.7.1) Stroke Play Scoring — When stroke-play is used for a contest, 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.

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 four players selected by the coaches of the tied teams.

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.

Note: Electronic scoring is permitted; however, a waiver must be requested from the OHSAA office for contests in which the student-athletes will be responsible for inputting scores.

1.7.2) Match Play Contests — Contests may be played in a match-play format mutually agreed upon by opposing coaches prior to the contest, not to exceed 36 holes.

1.7.3) Exhibition Match — Schools are permitted to schedule one match anytime during the season in a format of choice, not to exceed 18 holes. This match must be played with/against individuals who are not part of an interscholastic golf team, and would not count towards a team's match limit or against a team's won-lost record.

Summary of 1.7 Changes: We felt that the previous language was unnecessarily restrictive in limiting the regular season contest formats (all stroke play and no more than two match play events) and wanted to give schools more flexibility when deciding what types of events to schedule. The OHSAA tournament will continue to use stroke play.

Golf Regulation 2 - Non-Interscholastic Participation

Please review new text of 2.2 below:

2.2) Golfers Who Have Competed for Their School This Season:

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 or competition as an individual or member of a team in the sport of golf during the school's golf season (Sports Regulation 7.2.2).

Note: Examples of golf contests include, but are not limited to, all events that are organized for stroke play and match play competition such as club or course championships, tournaments, and leagues.

Exception 1: Three waivers are permitted to participate in non-interscholastic events through September 26.

Summary of 2.2 Changes: Previously examples of non-interscholastic contests that would've required a waiver included scrambles and charitable events. Scrambles are no longer considered non-interscholastic events and thus no longer require a non-interscholastic waiver form to be submitted in order to participate in the events. If a charitable event is organized in stroke or match play, then a waiver would still be required.

In summary, if a non-interscholastic event is **NOT** organized for stroke or match play, then a student-athlete may participate in the event without submitting a non-interscholastic waiver.

4 - Review of OHSAA Bylaw 4-10-2, Exception 1 - Retention of Amateur Status

Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-10-2 may permit a student to compete in an event where prize money and/or travel/meal/lodging remuneration is available if he/she signs a written declaration prior to the competition in which the student agrees that he or she will not accept any prize money or remuneration contingent upon the student or team's finish.

Those who wish to participate in this type of event while still protecting their status as an amateur in that sport must complete the form at the link below and email it to the OHSAA (Attn: Kristin Ronai, kronai@ohsaa.org) prior to event.

Though this bylaw has been in place for several years, we recognize that the education has not been at the forefront of these communications. Therefore, please take note of this rule for enforcement as we head into the 2021 season and beyond. This form must be submitted for all applicable events both during and outside of the OHSAA season.

Link to Form: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/Bylaw4-10-2RequestRetentionofAmateurStatus.pdf>

5 - Review of OHSAA Bylaw 9-2-1 - Travel to Non-Bordering State

Per the spring 2021 referendum voting, schools are now required to request permission from the OHSAA prior to traveling to a non-bordering state for competition (Bylaw 9-2-1) for the upcoming 21-22 school year.

This form is available on the golf webpage at the link below:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/NonBorderingStateApproval.pdf>

Full text of revised bylaw is below:

9-2-1: Schools may travel out of state to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that border Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province is Ontario. Additionally, schools may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in contests in any location that does not border Ohio subject to approval from the Executive Director's Office. (Visit ohsaa.org to obtain the required form to request this travel permission).

Penalty for violation: A school which travels to a non-bordering location to compete in contests on more than one occasion 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. A school which travels to a non-bordering location without approval from the Executive Director's Office shall be subject to a fine and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.



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