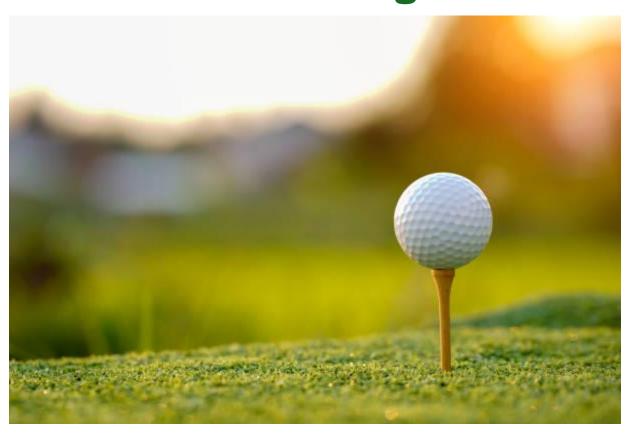


OHSAA Sectional & District Golf Tournament Manager's Manual



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A Message from OHSAA Sport Administrator, Monroe Britton

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a manager for the OHSAA Golf Tournament!

This is the traditional 'Managers' Manual' provided to all managers of Sectional and District tournaments that reflects the consistent procedures for all tournaments across the state. District Athletic Boards (DAB's) make certain permissible adjustments in their respective districts, but this manual reflects items adopted by the OHSAA's Board of Directors to provide a consistent and fairly administered tournament across the state.

The manual is designed to help you in the operation of the tournament and is divided into basic parts of:

- Introduction Information
- Important Changes for This Year
- Baumspage Information
- General Information
- Overall Tournament Organization Information
- Specific Regulations (Coaching Rule, Distance Measuring Devices, Electronic Devices)
- Financial Reporting Information
- Inclement Weather Information
- Medical Information
- Tournament Regulations

I cannot stress enough the importance of adhering to regulations at the sectional & district level. As you might expect, should a regulation not be followed, it only becomes magnified when the team advances to another level and is required to follow a regulation that should have been followed all along.

Each District Athletic Board is given the task of organizing tournaments at the sectional and district level in their respective athletic districts under the tournament regulations adopted by the OHSAA's Board of Directors. These tournament regulations are located at the end of this manual.

Though nearly all of your communication will be with the District Athletic Board member in your district that oversees golf, if I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at mbritton@ohsaa.org. Thank you for your efforts and making this year's tournament the best it can be for the student-athletes!

Monroe Britton

OHSAA Sport Administrator – Golf



2024 Changes and Important Information

- 1. **iWanamaker** and the **OHSAA Golf App** will be used **Live Scoring** at all Sectional, District, and State Tournaments. (See section **IX Scoring** of the Tournament Regulations for details.
 - a. Operating your tournament with live scoring through the OHSAA Golf app will
 require tournament managers to follow guidance provided by the OHSAA,
 Baumspage, and iWanamaker in order to operate their tournament. See the
 Baumspage and iWanamaker Integration Help Files for information and details.
 - b. Entries must be submitted on <u>iWanamaker</u> no later than 12:00 noon one week prior to the start of the tournament or at a later date and time if established by the district athletic board.
 - c. Athletes must be submitted in seed order from #1 to #5.
 - **d.** The Baumspage data will be imported from an iWanamaker Leaderboard export and the head coach names will be imported the OHSAA Directory.
 - e. Players are responsible for live scoring using the OHSAA Golf App during play.
 - f. In the event the competitor does not have a mobile device, an alternate person such as a fellow competitor, coach, or authorized representative may enter the scores in as timely a manner as possible.
 - g. It is the Golf Manager's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the scoring information on the OHSAA Golf Application.
- 2. As always please review the OHSAA Golf Tournament Regulations in full, linked at the end of this recourse. See section **VII Rules** for specific OHSAA rules and modifications.
 - a. Item VII-B states that the optional Local Rule that allows players to drop a ball with 2 penalty strokes in an area near where the ball was lost or estimated to go out of bounds will NOT be used at the OHSAA Sectional, District, or State Championships.
 - b. Item VII-C states that a 12 stroke limit (OHSAA Local Rule) will be used in the Sectional tournament only.
 - c. NOTE: Beginning this year, <u>two</u> board approved coaches may speak with their players during the round. This can be found in Golf Regulation 1.11.
 - d. VII-C states that no headphones should be used during play.
- 3. Section X Ties states that ties that affect the number of qualifiers shall be resolved by playing an additional hole or holes until the tie is broken. If a tie does not affect the number of qualifiers:
 - a. Team ties to determine order of play in the next tournament will be broken by: better 5th score, better 4th score, better 3rd score, better 2nd score, better first score, coin toss.
 - b. Individual ties will use the USGA tiebreaker based on the last 9, 6, 3, 1, holes played versus par. OHSAA tournaments will designate holes 10-18 as the last holes regardless of the starting hole.
- 4. Tournament ticket prices are being approved at the August 29 Board of Directors Meeting. Ticket prices will be shared with District Athletic Boards and managers after those prices have been determined and approved. Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission
- 5. Green Fees: Golf Tournament Regulation XV states that participating schools will not be charged green fees for competition rounds of play.



- 6. **District Managers:** Will receive an email containing important information that the teams/individuals will need for the state. Please print the appropriate state qualifier sheets and give them to your teams/individuals that qualify to state.
- 7. **District Managers:** Also, please be sure to print the state tournament practice times schedule and assign practice times for your qualifiers and call, text, or email Monroe Britton with their assignments.
- 8. Each DAB has been given the authority to determine whether to permit spectator carts at your tournaments. They should provide you with their decision and all the details prior to or at the manager's meeting. Please reach out to them should you have any questions.

Utilizing "Baumspage" for Tournament Managers

With this being the third year of the OHSAA/iWanamaker contract, all sectional, district, and state golf tournaments will use the OHSAA Golf App by iWanamaker. Gary Baumgartner and the Baumspage Staff will coordinate the integration of the OHSAA Golf App by iWanamaker for live scoring with the Baumspage App for traditional tournament support and results. Rosters will be submitted ONLY on iWanamaker. Live results will be posted only on iWanamaker. After the tournament, they will be exported from the iWanamaker Leaderboard and imported into the Baumspage App.

Gary Baumgartner and Doyle Heisler from iWanamaker are working together to coordinate the OHSAA Golf App and iWanamaker with Baumspage. A leaderboard file will be exported from iWanamaker and imported to the Baumspage Golf App for the posting of traditional results and transfer of qualifiers. For consistency, all sectional and district tournaments have been set up on both systems. Tournament information can be posted on Baumspage prior to the tournament and complete results will be posted after the tournament. Note: That Rules and Information can either be posted directly on iWanamaker or linked from Baumspage. After the tournament qualifiers will be advanced to the next level and sectional participation reports will be forwarded to the OHSAA automatically.

Click the <u>Baumspage and iWanamaker Integration Help Files</u> for links to flowcharts and iWanamaker videos. There are two flowcharts specifically for Sectional Managers, one for District Managers, video tutorials and guides for iWanamaker and the <u>OHSAA Golf App</u>, sample files, and instructions.

Please call, text, or email if you have any questions or need assistance.

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Terry Young

Ken Baumgartner Cell: 419-654-5849

baumyk@embargmail.com

General Information for Sectional and District Managers

- 1. Managers should consult their respective district's website for teams assigned to their sectional/district tournaments. Please be in constant contact with as 'full teams' and 'individual' competitors change frequently.
- 2. Once you have been provided with the teams assigned to your sectional/district, tournament managers should send tournament information to both the school Athletic



Director and Golf Coach, as well as the district tournament managers. This should be done in a timely fashion, preferably **a minimum of two weeks before their tournament.**

- 3. This should include the site of the tournament, date of the tournament, tee times and pairings, golf course telephone numbers, charge for range balls, and any other pertinent information.
- 4. If the host golf course has a website, it is recommended it be used as well to provide necessary information.

iWanamaker Resources and Instructions

Link to "OHSAA Post Season Video Tutorial"

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ubUNxKG6Z6ShIPvLB4Sx20C3F4yGGkCH/view?usp=sharing

iWanamker Support Options

• Email: support@iwanamaker.com

o Monday - Friday from 6AM - 9PM MST

• Phone: (720) 984-2379

Monday – Friday from 6AM – 6PM MST

Tournament Information Packet

- 1. On the day of the tournament, each participating team shall receive:
 - a. Tee assignment and tee times
 - b. List of local rules (7 copies one for each coach, one for each player). Rule sheet should include a statement that all OHSAA rules and regulations are in effect.
 - c. List of local rules that are in effect that day.
 - d. Course description and special conditions which may become a part of play at that site
 - e. Scorecards that are labeled in advance. <u>Use the iWanamaker scorecards</u>.
 - f. Results will be posted using the **OHSAA Golf** app from i**Wanamaker** and **baumspage**.
- 2. Tournament managers no longer need to collect eligibility forms/certificates.
- 3. Groupings
 - a. All teams should be arranged in advance of the tournament by a method prescribed by each respective district athletic board and this information must be made available to all schools a minimum of two weeks prior to the tournament.
 - b. Threesomes or foursomes should be used.
 - c. The format for all beginning play MUST be:
 - i. All a team's players MUST begin play on the same hole (either hole 1 or hole 10). It is recommended half of the field begin play on hole 1 and the other half of the field begin on hole 10.
 - ii. These player's must be in successive order. Example Below:
 - 1. 9:00: No. 1's from School #1, School #2, School #3, School #4
 - 2. 9:10: No. 2's from School #1, School #2, School #3, School #4
 - 3. 9:20: No. 3's from School #1, School #2, School #3, School #4
 - 4. 9:30: No. 4's from School #1, School #2, School #3, School #4
 - 5. 9:40: No. 5's from School #1, School #2, School #3, School #4



- iii. Shotgun format is NOT permitted unless it is used to try to complete the tournament due to impending severe weather, or darkness.
- iv. If there is an uneven number of players, a group should not be sent out with less than three players, unless they are accompanied by an (adult) official scorer.
- v. Caution should be used in assigning pairings:
 - 1. Do not pair the same teams together year after year.
 - 2. Try not to pair teams from the same conference together.
 - 3. Try not to pair the best four teams together and the worst four teams together. Try and balance each group according to abilities (two lower seeded teams with two higher seeded teams)

4. Tournament Rules Committee

- a. Each tournament site MUST have a rules committee prior to the beginning of play.
- This committee shall consist of the tournament manager, a USGA rules official or a PGA golf professional (preferably from that course), and a coach from a participating team.
- c. If a ruling/decision involves the team from the coach who is on the committee, that coach will be excused from the committee,
- d. Decisions made by the committee are final.
- e. The OHSAA will not accept any appeals for a "golf rules infraction".

5. Tournament Golf Course

- a. The golf course should be properly marked with appropriate stakes/lines to distinguish hazards, out of bounds, and ground under repair.
- b. The Tournament Manager should review the OHSAA Suspension of Play Policy with the golf course management and establish and tentative rain date and make sure the golf course personnel are aware all hole and tee locations must remain the same due to resuming at the point of interruption.

6. Tournament Check-In

a. All players should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their tee times.

7. Scoring

a. Team Score

i. The team score will be determined using the 4 lowest scores for each round of competition.

b. Electronic Scoring

- i. Players are responsible for live scoring using the OHSAA Golf App during play.
- ii. In the event the competitor does not have a mobile device, an alternate person such as a fellow competitor, coach, or authorized representative may enter the scores in as timely a manner as possible.
- iii. It is the Golf Manager's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the scoring information on the OHSAA Golf App.

c. Official Scorecard

i. It is the Golf Manager's responsibility to provide <u>printed</u> official scorecards.



ii. During the round after each hole, the player should keep track of their scores and the player they are marking for on the official scorecard and OHSAA Golf App.

d. Scoring Area

- i. When the round has ended, the player shall immediately proceed to the Scoring Area with their Official Scorecard and mobile device.
 - Should carefully check the hole-by-hole scores entered on the official scorecard by the marker and raise any issues with the committee.
 - 2. Must make sure that the marker certifies the hole-by-hole scores on the official scorecard.
 - 3. Must not change a holy-by-hole score entered by the marker except with the marker's agreement, or the committee's approval.
 - 4. Must certify the hole-by-hole scores on the scorecard by signature and return it to the committee, after which the player must not change the scorecard. Upon returning the scorecard to the committee, do not leave the scoring area until the scoring official confirms the scores are correctly recorded on both the Official Scorecard and the OHSAA Golf App.
- 8. Motorized carts may be used by the Tournament Manager and the Rules Committee
 - a. Coaches are permitted the use of golf carts for coaching purposes at the discretion of each District Athletic Board. Should a Board give the approval to use carts, each school would be permitted one cart for a school approved coach. The OHSAA is not responsible for the cart fee. Each school or coach will be responsible for the cart fee. Spectator carts are now permitted at the discretion of each DAB.
- 9. Starters should review the following with participants on each starting tee prior to play beginning:
 - a. Teeing order
 - b. OHSAA Golf App and scorecard instructions
 - c. Which colored tees are to be used
 - d. Identify golf balls
 - e. Exchange scorecards/signatures required
 - f. Local Rules
 - g. Spotters and marshals are NOT officials
 - h. Procedure for playing two balls
 - i. OHSAA Regulations are in effect, including pace of play
 - i. If "summer" or "winter" rules are in effect
 - k. Review of OHSAA Cell Phone Policy
 - l. Location of scoring areas and USGA rules on scorecards
 - m. Players should be made aware of the difference in a "Marshal" working the tournament and a "Rules Official" on the course.



Sites should send invoices for greens fees and any event expenses to your respective District Athletic Board Treasurer or OHSAA Accountant Greg Bossick at gbossick@ohsaa.org within 10 days after the tournament.

Awards and Trophies

Trophies and awards appropriate for the district tournaments will be shipped directly to the managers from Croton Craft, P.O. Box 257, Croton, Ohio 43013. Please open shipment immediately and check the awards to see if you have received the correct trophies and awards or if there is any damage. If an error has been made or there is damage, notify the supplier and the OHSAA immediately. Contact: Travis Nethers at Croton Craft (1-800-947-5521).

Sectional Tournament Manager Instructions

Sectional Managers

- 1. Team and individual qualifiers to the District Tournament will be populated through baumspage and iWanamaker.
- Eligibility Certificates and Entry Forms <u>DO NOT need to be collected</u>.
- 3. No tournament participation list needs to be completed. All participation reports will be populated through Baumspage.

District Tournament Manager Instructions

District Managers

- Qualifiers: Team and Individual Qualifiers will automatically be populated from the Sectional Tournament in Baumspage and the iWanamaker Sectional Results. Send information to each school with qualifiers the location of the course, map of the course, where to report upon arrival, and the scheduled starting time.
- 2. Starting Times (Tee Times): District tournament managers shall establish starting times for each qualifying team and individual with the lowest qualifiers teeing off first.
 - a. Example:
 - i. 3rd Place Qualifiers tee off first
 - ii. 2nd Place Qualifiers tee off second
 - iii. 1st Place Qualifiers tee off third
 - b. The same procedure will be used for qualifying individuals
- 3. Qualifiers to the State Tournament: Will be transferred automatically to the OHSAA after the iWanamaker data is imported into the Baumspage App, certified, and the Post All to Baumspage button is clicked.
- 4. Awards: Trophies and awards appropriate for the district tournaments will be shipped directly to the managers from Croton Craft, P.O. Box 257, Croton, Ohio 43013. Please open shipment immediately and check the awards to see if you have received the correct trophies and awards or if there is any damage. If an error has been made or there is damage,



- notify the supplier and the OHSAA immediately. Contact: Travis Nethers at Croton Craft (1-800-947-5521).
- 5. It is critical that all state qualifying teams and individuals are assigned and aware of their practice tee times for Thursday prior to the state tournament, as well as receive the correct state tournament information sheet with instructions for their respective division.
- 6. When possible, it is strongly recommended that the course be lengthened to better prepare participants for play the following week at the state tournament.

Golf Tournament Sites and Assignments

Each of the state's District Athletic Boards are empowered by the OHSAA Constitution to organize and conduct the boys' and girls' golf tournaments at the Sectional and District levels. They are conducted according to the tournament regulations adopted by the Board of Directors.

Representation to the State tournament (the number of State 'qualifiers') from District winners is determined by a formula based upon the number of teams participating in the previous enrollment cycle's tournament.

The complete tournament regulations that were adopted by the Board of Directors can be found in their entirety on www.ohsaa.org on the golf webpage under the "Sports and Tournaments" dropdown. You are encouraged to print and read these tournament regulations. Each District Athletic Board formulates its own instructions based on these approved regulations and will provide these and cover them with you and their Tournament Managers Meeting.

With a few exceptions, most schools in the counties listed below are assigned sites from their respective District Athletic Board. The Athletic Districts are indicated on the map below that ultimately feed into the State tournaments. You are encouraged to visit their website for additional information.

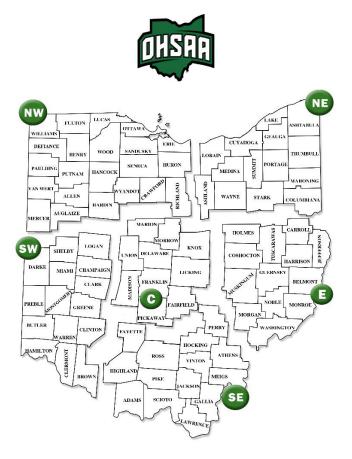
Northeast District: https://www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB

Northwest District: https://www.ohsaa.org/NWDAB-Home

Southeast District: https://www.ohsaa.org/SEDAB

o Southwest District: https://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home

East District: https://www.ohsaa.org/EDAB
 Central District: https://www.ohsaa.org/CDAB



Important OHSAA Golf Tournament Dates

September 18 – 28*	ALL Sectional Tournaments
	*Unless previously approved by OHSAA Golf Administrator to DAB
Sept. 30 – Oct. 5*	District Tournament – Boys Division III
Sept. 30 – Oct. 7*	District Tournament – Boys and Girls Division II
Sept. 30 – Oct. 8*	District Tournament – Boys and Girls Division I
	*Unless previously approved by OHSAA Golf Administrator to DAB
October 11 – 12	State Tournament – Boys Division III
October 13 – 14	State Tournament – Boys and Girls Division II
October 14 – 15	State Tournament – Boys and Girls Division I
October 19	Season Ends

OHSAA Contact Information

Name	Title	Responsibilities	Email
		Oversees the sport &	
Monroe Britton	Sport Administrator	coordinates the tournaments	mbritton@ohsaa.org
		Coordinate and support	
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		Coordinate and support	
Terry Young	Baumspage Support	sectional, district and state	terry@baumspage.com
		tournaments	

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Ken Baumgartner	Baumspage Support	Coordinate and support sectional, district, and state	baumyk@embarqmail.com
		tournaments	
		Support iWanamaker.com and	
Doyle Heisler	iWanamaker	OHSAA Golf App	support@iwanamker.com
	Support		

OHSAA Golf Information

Ohio High School Athletic Association: Golf Page	http://ohsaa.org/sports/golf	
United State Golf Association	http://www.usga.org	
iWanamaker Live Scoring	www.iwanamaker.com	
Baumspage Golf	http://www.baumspage.com/golf	
Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association	http://www.ohsgca.org/index.htm	

OHSAA Coaching Rule

OHSAA Golf Regulation 1.11 - Coaching

Coaching – The coaching regulation permits two school board-approved coaches/designees assigned to the event to speak with his/her player(s), without delay of play at any time. During the player's stipulated round, coaches are not permitted to physically stand on the green or in any sand bunker. The player must walk off the green should he/she wish to converse with his/her coach at that time. Participants will be assessed the general penalty if any other individual assists the participant by coaching and giving advice which could influence a player in determining play, the choice of club or method of making a stroke (Rule 10.2)

1.11.1) Coaches are permitted to enter the bunker after the player has played their shot to rake the bunker.

NOTE: A team member is not a partner and may not give advice or receive advice from another member.

This regulation should be applied with the following procedures:

- If a group should "lose their position" the group must be playing at a pace slower than 15 minutes per hole. To fall behind the group in front does not always mean a group is playing slow.
- 2. If the group fails to regain their position on the course within a reasonable time established by officials, then the group should be notified that they are "going on the clock". At that point, any player who does not complete his/her turn to play in the allowed forty-five



seconds is assessed a two-stroke penalty. A second violation is another two-stroke penalty, and a third violation results in disqualification.

ie "45 second rule" – once a player reaches their ball, and their turn has arrived to play, they must complete their shot within the 45 seconds allowed.

Penalties for violation of the coaching regulation:

- 1. A warning is issued.
- 2. Player is assessed a two-stroke penalty, and the coach loses his/her coaching privilege.
- 3. Coach is disqualified/ejected.
 - a. Note: Following a coach ejection, if there is not a person authorized by the Board of Education present at the contest, forfeiture would result. (Bylaw 3-3-1 school representative must accompany team).

*In addition to the penalties listed above, a coach who violates the coaching rule may face additional disciplinary action.

Use of Distance-Measuring Devices by Golfers and Coaches

A player and their school coach may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his or her play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3. This rule will allow the coaches/designees authorized by the Board of Education present at the contest and his/her players to use a range finder during the event. This device should not violate any OHSAA or USGA rules since yardage information is not considered advice and is permitted during an event.

- Penalty for violation of Rule 4.3 shall be:
 - 1st offense two stroke penalty
 - o 2nd offense disqualification

Electronic Communication Devices

The use of electronic communication devices for purposes other than those described in OHSAA Golf Regulation 1.12 (Cell Phone Policy) shall be prohibited on the course during any competition. All phones, including those used by spectators shall remain silent.

- Penalty for violation of Golf Regulation 1.12 shall be:
 - o 1st offense two stroke penalty
 - o 2nd offense disqualification

Coaches are permitted to use cell phones on the course. All phones, including those used by coaches and spectators, shall remain silent. Should a call need to be made, coaches and spectators should remove themselves to an area without disturbing the golf competition.

In no way do we suggest that electronic communication restrictions should prevent use of such devices during an emergency.



It is our sincere hope to improve the quality of all golf matches. We believe that enforcement of this rule will provide all student-athletes with the opportunity to compete on a level playing field.

OHSAA Golf Tournament Admission

The August 29 Board of Directors Meeting will vote to approve tournament ticket prices. Ticket prices will be shared with the District Athletic Boards and Tournament Managers after those prices have been determined and approved.

Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

Participating Schools: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 3 school administrators through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 3 tickets accessible; the same code will be used for all levels of the tournament.

Passes - Pass List

No Passes will be permitted to be shown for entrance. Anyone entering the tournament will need an electronic ticket. More information on this process will be communicated to each District Athletic Board.

Financial Reporting

The financial procedures for conducting Sectional/District Tournaments have been revamped recently and no longer permit the use of individual checking accounts for conducting the financial matters of OHSAA Tournaments. All instructions for these procedures will be outlined by District Athletic Board Treasurers (listed below) at the respective District Athletic Board Managers' Meetings.

Any questions surrounding these procedures can be directed to the respective District Athletic Board Treasurers listed below, or OHSAA CFO at livermilya@ohsaa.org.

District Athletic Board Treasurers

Central District	East District	Southeast District
Jim Hayes	Richard Hall	Rick Edwards
1790 Edgewood Dr.	57881 Marlatt Rd.	34621 Crew Rd.
Circleville, OH 43113	Cambridge, OH 43725	Pomeroy, OH 45769
C: 740-207-1059	C: 740-541-5582	C: 740-591-9427
Northeast District	Northwest District	Southwest District
Mark McGuire	Bill Hanna	Joe Roberts
373 Hamilton Circle	350 Mohawk Dr.	6621 Lewis Clark Trail
Elyria, OH 44035	Ottawa, OH 45875	Cincinnati, OH 45241
W: 440-349-6247	H: 419-523-0047	C: 419-566-1255



Lightning and Inclement Weather Procedures

These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

- 1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
- 2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas, and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to the designated safer area.
 - a. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium, or library. An alternative safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
- 3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When a thunderstorm is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
 - b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning detection device.

*At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. If these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

- 4. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches, and game personnel and train all personnel.
- 5. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at the start of the season.

Communicable Disease Policies and Procedures

While the risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competitions is close to non-existent, there is a remote risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as other bodily fluids. Procedures for reducing



the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the athlete may participate.
- 2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood and other body fluids is anticipated.
- 3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.
- 4. Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.
- 5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels, and other sharp instruments or devices.
- Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use.
- 7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
- 8. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.
- 9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling dressings, mouthguards, and other articles containing body fluids.

*Additional information is available from the OHSAA and the National Federation of high Schools.

2024 OHSAA Golf Tournament Regulations

Please see the hyperlink below for full text of the 2024 OHSAA Golf Regulations, they should be available online after August 29:

https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Golf/GolfTournRegs.pdf