

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

2021 SECTIONAL/DISTRICT BOYS' AND GIRLS' GOLF RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Lightning and inclement weather. At the first sign of lightning or other threatening weather (thunder), the contest official shall suspend the competition until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder is heard and/or the last bolt of lightning has been seen. In order to protect student-athletes, spectators and other participants, there shall be access to appropriate shelter in the event of such suspension. All contests suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption.
2. Submit entries online at www.baumspage.com. A properly completed electronic entry must list athletes in intended playing order and include the name and grade of each athlete. Electronic entries must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m. one week prior to the start of the tournament or at a later date and time if established by the district athletic board. If the completed entry is not submitted by the designated time and date, the school's participant(s) will not be accepted without payment of a \$150 late fee and approval by the OHSAA. Changes to a team's line-up/roster can be made until the scheduled tee time for competition as long as the athlete is eligible.
3. In District Tournaments, any eligible golfer may participate, with the four (4) best scores counting for team scoring. USGA rules and medal scoring will apply. Substituting may be made from Sectional to District, and to State, with anyone on the eligibility list.
4. It is permissible to conduct the tournament on any day of the week. If no other date is available and Sunday is chosen, the tournament must be conducted in the afternoon. School times should be considered in scheduling the meets.
5. State instructions are to be followed in detail. Refer to www.ohsaa.org for state regulations.
6. Competing schools' green fees are now covered by school dues to the OHSAA.
7. Tickets for all sectional and district tournament games will be sold online through HomeTown Ticketing. Gate sales are permitted but will be done electronically via HomeTown Ticketing provided the event is not sold out. No cash sales are permitted per OHSAA rules. Ticket prices will be:
 - a. Admission for all sectional and district tournaments for school age (6 years old) and older are:
 1. **\$8.00 - PreSale (available until 3 hours before start of event)**
 2. **\$10.00 - Gameday (within 3 hours or closer to start of event)**
8. For sites involved in seeding. Per action of the State Board of Directors, all cellular telephones and other electronic devices (i.e. laptop computers or iPads) that could be utilized for transmitting information shall be turned off by all individuals in attendance during the draw/seed meeting until such time that the meeting is adjourned.

Per action of the State Board of Directors, the following fine structure is in place:

Failure to submit seeding information when prescribed by OHSAA regulations. Fine of \$50.00.

Failure for coach, administrator, or authorized team representative to attend the tournament draw meeting. Fine of \$50.00.

Failure to show up for tournament contest/refusal to finish a contest which has been started and suspended for any reason. Fine of \$150.00 plus cost of officials, site expenses, and team expenses incurred by opposing team, except for presale ticket revenue.

An appeals procedure shall be established and communicated by the OHSAA.
9. At the conclusion of the tournament, please e-mail the financial reports to Joe Roberts at SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org.

10. Sectionals: Divisions II & III Boys – September 27 - October 2, 2021
Division II Girls – September 27 - October 2, 2021
Division I Boys – October 4 – October 9, 2021
Division I Girls – October 4 – October 9, 2021

Districts: Divisions II & III Boys – October 4 – 9, 2021
Division II Girls – October 4 – 19, 2021
Division I Boys – October 11 – 16, 2021
Division I Girls – October 11 – 16, 2021

State: Divisions II & III Boys – October 15 – 16, 2021
Division II Girls – October 15 – 16, 2021
Division I Boys – October 22 – 23, 2021
Division I Girls – October 22 – 23, 2021

11. Each sectional golf tournament will qualify the following teams and individuals from the sectional to district tournament.

Boy's:

DIVISION I	4 teams per sectional, & 4 individuals low score
DIVISION II	4 teams per sectional, & 4 individuals low score
DIVISION III	4 teams per sectional & 4 individuals low score

Girl's:

DIVISION I	4 teams per sectional & 4 individuals low score
DIVISION II	4 teams per sectional & 4 individuals low score

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS TO THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FROM THE BOYS/GIRLS SECTIONALS WILL BE THE FOUR INDIVIDUAL LOW SCORERS NOT ON A QUALIFYING TEAM

State tournament qualifiers from the District:

Boy's:

DIVISION I	3 teams 3 individuals low score
DIVISION II	3 teams 3 individuals low score
DIVISION III	2 teams 2 individuals low score

Girl's:

DIVISION I	3 teams 3 individuals low score (Rev. 8-12-19)
DIVISION II	2 teams 2 individuals low score (Rev. 8-13-19)

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT FROM THE DISTRICT WILL BE THE SAME NUMBER AS TEAMS THAT QUALIFY IN EACH DIVISION.

11. **By State Board action, the head coach can communicate with his player at all times other than on the green or in a trap.**

12. **Weather Policy.**

Monitor Weather Patterns – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.

National Weather Service – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it

is only a 20 percent chance), event organizers should be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.

Management.

Evacuation - If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators **shall** evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.

Thirty-minute rule - Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is **mandatory** to wait at least **30 minutes** after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes.

Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.

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