

To: OHSAA Golf School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

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

Re: September Update

Date: Friday, September 17, 2021

1 - Reminder: Deadline for Non-Interscholastic Waiver Events

This is a reminder that all waivers for non-interscholastic events must take place by September 26. After September 26 there will be no waivers approved for non-interscholastic competition.

2 - Tournament Regulations

Please review the tournament regulations at the link below:

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

I want to highlight a few items of note below:

- 1) Admission - all spectators at all levels of the OHSAA golf tournament will need to purchase a ticket for admission to the tournament. The ticket prices are below. Tickets will only be sold online and will be available at the link below no later than five (5) days in advance of each tournament. Note that state tournament is a two-day event, and a separate ticket will be required for each day of competition.

<https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>

	Sectional Presale	Sectional Gameday	District Presale	District Gameday	State Student
Golf	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00

- 2) Review of "VII. Rules" - please review this item in advance of your tournament. To summarize:
 - a. The OHSAA tournaments do not use the optional local rule from the 2019 Rules of Golf that allow 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.
 - b. The OHSAA tournaments do not permit the use any type of stroke limit ("Mercy Rule")
 - c. If a player chooses not to complete a hole ("picking up on a hole") then his / her score cannot be counted for any individual or team qualifying.
- 3) Golf Carts During Tournament Play - it is up to each tournament site to determine whether the use of golf carts will be permitted during the tournament. Please direct these questions to your tournament manager to inquire if carts will be available for parents and / or coaches.

3 - Knowing the Golf Regulations

Did you know that golfers can request a medically authorized waiver for use of a golf cart during the OHSAA season? (Golf regulation 1.5)

Did you know that spectators are not permitted to converse with golfers during competition? (Golf regulation 6.3) It is the responsibility of the contestants in each group to caution any spectator from

talking to golfers in their group. Golfers can be disqualified from the competition for violation of this regulation.

Did you know that golfers can receive instruction from only one coach throughout the event? (Golf regulation 1.10) If any other person (assistant coaches included) assists the golfer by coaching or giving advice, then the golfer shall be assessed the general penalty for the event.

We all understand that the enforcement of these regulations by fellow golfers and coaches can be uncomfortable and confrontational, but for the fairness and integrity of the game, they must be enforced in every single OHSAA competition without exception.

4 - Resources from the National High School Golf Association (NHSGA)

Please review the resources below from the National High School Golf Association:

[High School Golf Blog](#) (articles, including running practices, fundraising ideas, etc.)

[Boys High School Golf in Ohio](#)

[Resources for High School Golf Coaches](#)

[NHSGA YouTube Channel](#)

[Golf Equipment Discounts for High School Golfers](#)



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