

**To:** OHSAA Girls Golf School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches  
OHSAA Boys Golf School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

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

**Re:** February Update

**Date:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022

#### 1 - 2022 Season Start Date

The currently published season start date for the 2022 is Friday, August 5. However, I will be proposing a change to the season start date to Thursday, August 4. This will not be approved until the May Board of Directors meeting, however I do not anticipate any issues with this proposed change.

As such, I recommend that you plan for a Thursday, August 4 start date for regular season competition of the 2022 season. I will email an update to all golf schools once this becomes official in May.

#### 2 - New Tournament Division Cycle

As many of you already know, golf tournament divisions are normally used for a two-year cycle. Due to the data collection issues on student enrollment from the pandemic, the normal two-year cycle (2019-20, 2020-21) was extended for the 2021-22 school year. The past season (fall 2021) was a “data collection year” and thus that tournament participation data will be used to determine tournament divisions and state tournament representation. We anticipate this data being finalized and approved in May. I will email this information to all schools once it is finalized.

#### 3 - 2022 Deadline for Non-Interscholastic Event Waivers

The final date for OHSAA golfers to participate in a non-interscholastic event through the Non-Interscholastic Event Waiver Request process will be Sunday, September 25.

The waiver form will be posted on the OHSAA golf webpage in the spring.

#### 4 - USGA Increase on Prize Limit and OHSAA Bylaws

Effective January 1, 2022, the USGA increased their maximum value that an amateur golfer can win in an event while still retaining his or her amateur status. The increase was from \$750 to \$1,000.

However, OHSAA bylaw 5-1-1 creates a \$400 limit on awards that OHSAA student-athletes may receive directly from participation in any sport. There is referendum language drafted that, if approved by a vote from our member schools, would increase this amount. However, the increase will likely be much less than \$1,000. If this limit is changed, I will email the update to all golf schools.

I wanted to share this information with you so that you can educate your golfers and their families on the appropriate amount of awards / gifts / prizes that they may receive from their participation in a sport / event and still retain eligibility as an OHSAA student-athlete.

#### 5 - Review of Out-of-Season Regulations

Please review two important out-of-season regulations below:

*7.3) Regulations Permitting Students to Participate on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Season*

*7.3.2) Individual Sports* – A member of a school team in the individual sports of bowling, cross country, **golf**, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling may

*participate with a non-school program or team in contests, tryouts, training and/or practices prior to and after the school's season with no restriction when coached by either a school coach or a non-school coach.*

*Notes: Students from school teams shall not be required to attend the coaching/instruction. A paid or unpaid school (interscholastic) coach employed by a Board of Education or other governing board violates this regulation when he/she suggests or implies that a student's chance to be selected for a school (interscholastic) team is contingent upon this participation.*

7.5) Regulations Permitting Coaches to Coach Their Own Student-Athletes on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team's Season

7.5.3) Individual Sports - Members of a school team's coaching staff in the individual sports of bowling, cross country, **golf**, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling may coach students from their school teams outside the school (interscholastic) season. In addition:

- a.) Students from school teams shall not be required to attend the coaching instruction.

6 - 2022 Season and Tournament Dates

The sectional tournament sites are required to be posted by all District Athletic Boards (DABs oversee the sectional and district levels of the OHSAA golf tournament) by July 5. I will encourage them to determine them as soon as possible and to share the information with all schools in their athletic district once finalized, hopefully in advance of the July 5 deadline.

Please see full 2022 season calendar below:

	<b>2022</b>
<b>Coaching Begins</b>	8/1
<b>Season Begins</b>	8/5
<b>Non-Interscholastic Date</b>	9/26
<b>Sectional Boys DII &amp; DIII &amp; Girls DII</b>	9/26-10/1
<b>Sectional Boys DI &amp; Girls DI</b>	10/3-10/8
<b>District Boys DII &amp; DIII &amp; Girls DII</b>	10/3-10/8
<b>District Boys DI &amp; Girls DI</b>	10/10-10/15
<b>State Boys DII &amp; DIII &amp; Girls DII</b>	10/14-10/15
<b>State Boys DI &amp; Girls DI</b>	10/21-10/22
<b>Season Ends</b>	10/29
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	9/26-9/27
<b>Yom Kipper</b>	10/4-10/5

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As always, please reach out to me with any questions that you may have! Have a great day!



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