

To: OHSAA Golf School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

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

Re: June Update – Divisional Breakdowns, Non-Interscholastic Event Registry, and More

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022

1 – Divisional Breakdowns Approved

The OHSAA Board of Directors approved the new divisional breakdowns for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years during its June meeting late last week. Please see link below.

NOTE: The list at the link below only show schools that met the “Team” designation last year. A “team” designation for golf is schools that entered four (4) or more golfers into the sectional tournament during a collection year, which the 2021’s tournament was a collection year. If your school is not listed in the link below, your athletic director can find your school’s division through the AD’s myOHSAA profile under “Tournament Entry (2022-23)”. This information will also show in the school directory on July 1, linked here: <http://officials.myohsaa.org/Outside/SearchSchool>

Golf – two divisions for girls, three divisions for boys, no competitive balance:

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

2 – Non-Interscholastic Event Waivers

As you know, in the past schools could submit waiver requests for non-interscholastic events that their golfers could participate in during the OHSAA golf season. This is still permitted but beginning with the 2022 season, the Word document format of the waiver request has been discontinued. In its place will be an online registry, accessible at the link below. It will also be posted on the golf webpage in the near future in place of the 2021 form.

[2022 OHSAA Golf: Non-Interscholastic Event Waiver Registry](#)

The previous format of this process created timing issues with events that were submitted with very little time for my review and approval.

Reminders

1 – Only an athletic director or head coach may submit use this process, a parent is not permitted to submit these events on behalf of the school.

2 – These events must be submitted in advance of the non-interscholastic event, any event submitted after competition has taken place may subject the student-athlete to ineligibility during the season.

3 – These non-interscholastic events only need to be submitted once a golfer has officially joined their OHSAA school team. “Joining the school team” is defined as participating in a scrimmage or regular season contest.

4 – Prior to the 2021 season, examples of non-interscholastic events 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.

Schools will not receive any type of “approval” email response, submitting the event and following the guidelines within the online registry will only allow for appropriate events to be submitted.

3 – Notable Change for 2022 Golf Regulations

The 2022 golf regulations were approved at the June Board of Directors Meeting and the most notable change to the golf regulations is the addition of a cell phone policy, which you can read in full below.

Some of these regulations were already being permitted to some extent (scoring programs) and others were just common sense uses (rules official, health / safety issue).

- 1.12) *Cell Phone Policy – Cell phones can be used by players in four specific circumstances:*
 - 1.12.1) *To use as a distance-measuring device*
 - 1.12.2) *To input score for live scoring or other scoring programs being used*
 - 1.12.3) *To call a rules official with questions*
 - 1.12.4) *To call a coach or tournament manager for a health or safety issue*

4 – State Rules Interpretation Meeting

The state rules interpretation meeting will go live on myOHSAA at 9 AM on Wednesday, July 27. You will receive an email that week as well to be informed that the meeting is live and required to be completed by August 4.

5 – 2022 Sectional and District Tournament Site Information

District Athletic Boards will have sectional and district tournament site information posted to the webpages below no later than Tuesday, July 5.

Central - [Boys](#), [Girls](#)

East - [Boys](#), [Girls](#)

Northeast - [Boys](#), [Girls](#)

Northwest - [Boys](#), [Girls](#)

Southeast - [Boys](#), [Girls](#)

Southwest - [Boys](#), [Girls](#)

6 – Results of Annual High School Golf Coaches Survey from NHSGA

Below is a link to a PDF showing the results of an annual survey conducted by the National High School Golf Association:

Link:  [Annual Coaches Survey \(March 7th\) \(1\).pdf](#)



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