

To: OHSAA Golf School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

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

Re: September Update

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1 – Updates on OHSAA Golf App – Getting Ready for the Sectional Tournament

If you have not done so already, coaches need to get registered and ensure that all their golfers are registered as well. Please review this short 7-minute video at the link below showing you how to register as a coach and manage your team's roster. If you and your team have not used the OHSAA Golf app yet, I highly encourage your team to use it for a regular season match or at least set up a practice as an event to simulate a match where your players can interact with the app.

Link: [Managing a Team Roster](#)

NOTE: Please review all individuals listed as coaches on iWanamaker.com and ensure that only school-board approved coaches are listed. It is not appropriate for parents to be listed here unless they are approved coaches.

As had been mentioned throughout the season, the OHSAA Golf app is required for use during the OHSAA tournament at all levels (sectional, district, and state). If you have a golfer that does not have access to a smart phone for scoring their round, that is OK, there are alternatives to resolve the issue. Please review the "Secure Scoring Options" document at the link below. All OHSAA tournaments will be set to "Golfer & Manager Only Scoring" by default. This scoring setting allows multiple groups to enter scores for a player such as a coach or a fellow golfer in the group:

Link: [Secure Scoring Options](#)

Baumspage.com will continue to be our tournament data management partner, as they assist with the migration of qualifier data from one round of the tournament to the next. Coaches will need to submit their rosters in playing order on both the OHSAA Golf App and Baumspage. All of the traditional results, participation reports, and qualifier data will be passed on automatically.

2 – Tournament Regulations Approved

The 2022 OHSAA Golf Tournament Regulations were approved on 9/1 and are available in full at the link below:

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

There are three areas of note in the tournament regulations that I would like to bring your attention to:

- a) Section VII – C: OHSAA Local Rule – Stroke Limit at Sectional Tournaments Only
Maximum allowable score of 12 strokes shall be used during OHSAA tournament play at the sectional level. Should a player reach 12 strokes on a hole, the player shall stop play on that hole and record their score as a 12. A player's score who has used the 12-stroke limit may still contribute their score to a team / individual score.
 - The goal of this stroke limit is to improve pace of play for the benefit of all golfers in the field, as well as maintain good working relationships with our host courses.
 - The stroke limit of 12 strokes was selected after analysis of sectional competition during the 2021 season, and the goal is to improve pace of play without affecting which teams / individuals advance to the district tournament.

- This stroke limit will be monitored for efficacy and may be adjusted for future years in order to achieve its intended purpose.
- b) Section IX – Scoring – this section states the required use of the OHSAA Golf app.
Excerpt:

Tournament competitors shall keep score during OHSAA tournaments using the OHSAA Golf app. Each player in the group shall download the OHSAA Golf app and use this to score during the round. Live scoring is mandatory for each player.

- Scores will be entered using the players' own personal devices. If a player does not have a device, then a coach may enter the scores for that player, a fellow competitor may enter the scores, or the scores may be entered at the end of the round by a coach or tournament administration.

- All live scores are considered unofficial until the close of competition and all scores are reviewed.

- c) Section VI – Admission

The price of admission for all sectional and district tournaments shall be \$8. Students may purchase a discounted ticket for \$6. All tickets must be purchased online at:
<https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>

Children under the age of six are provided complimentary admission.

Participating Schools: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for 3 school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have 3 tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament.

NOTE: Fans that want to follow live scoring during the OHSAA tournament will need to purchase a season or single event pass for following all tournament scoring through the OHSAA Golf app. This optional pass is separate from a spectator purchasing admission into the event. Please share this document with your fans:

Link: [Purchasing a Pass for OHSAA Golf App](#)

3 – Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if a golfer uses obscenities / swearing or throws a golf club?

A two-stroke penalty shall be assessed for unsporting conduct, without exception. There are no “warnings” to be given in this situation. If a fellow golfer or coach observes this type of behavior, then it needs to be reported to the Golf Rules Committee for that event for administration of the penalty. Review OHSAA golf regulation 1.9.

What happens if a golfer receives advice from anyone besides their one board-approved coach? What about a fellow teammate?

The golfer shall be assessed the general penalty if he / she receives advice from anyone other than the one board-approved coach. Teammates are not permitted to give advice verbally or electronically (i.e. text messages). If this occurs, the golfer receiving the advice shall be assessed the general penalty by the event’s Golf Rules Committee. There are no “warnings” to be given in this situation. Review OHSAA golf regulation 1.11.

4 – New Rules Course from the NFHS

Knowing the basics of the Rules is important when playing competitive golf! [Rules 101 – Team Edition](#) allows golf coaches to invite their players to take a course on the Rules of Golf that will provide an excellent foundation of knowledge.

The course focuses on the playing Rules, especially those used or encountered most frequently by competitive golfers. After inviting the players, coaches can track their progress throughout the course.

For specific information on how coaches and students can use *Rules 101 – Team Edition*, check out the links below:

- How to use page for [coaches](#)
- How to use page for [students](#)

Resources

OHSAA Golf Webpage: <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/golf>

Past Email Updates: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Golf/Athletic-Director-Coach-Updates>

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

Coaches Manual: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Golf/2022Manual.pdf>

USGA Rules of Golf: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html>

iWanamaker: <https://iwanamaker.com/>



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