

GOLF

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Report No.

I. Major Changes/Recommendations/Surveys:

- A. The seeding results for 5A Boys and Girls Golf Regionals must be presented to the CHSAA office by 5 PM the Wednesday prior to the first scheduled regional championship.
- B. The CHSAA office will continue to use the waterfall method for placing the previous year's top 12, 3A and 4A state championships teams, in regions. The CHSAA Golf Commissioner has the discretion to place all teams in regions based on geography.
- C. A team competing in the state championship is an automatic qualifying team because it earned that label by placing 1st or 2nd in their regional championship; or is an individual qualifying team because it earned that label since 3 or 4 of its team members qualified through one of the 13 individual qualifiers in a regional championship. An automatic qualifying team may substitute for one its top three regional play members for any reason. The substitute may be any school team member from the automatic qualifying team. The 4th member of the automatic qualifying team became a member of the automatic qualifying team because he or she posted a regional score within ten strokes of the 13th individual qualifier in the regional championship and therefore may not be replaced/substituted.
An individual qualifying team may not substitute for one of its qualifying team members. If an individual qualifying team member's spot becomes available, a substitute shall be the 1st or 2nd alternate or the individual with next best posted score from in the region.
- D. All CHSAA regular, regional, and state championships will be scored at Iwanamaker.com or on the CHSAA Golf App. At minimum, final scores of regular, regional, and state championships shall be entered and events closed out. With the assistance of the tournament director, each coach in an event is required to attest that his or her team member scores are correct. It is recommended that event hosts attempt to live score as much of an event as possible with the understanding that the Internet, cellular, and people power access may not be readily available.
- E. Staffing of rules officials at regional and state tournaments is a concern and the CHSAA office is in communications with the CGA and Colorado PGA professionals to find a solution.

II. RATIONALE:

- A. League events are complete by the deadline.
- B. Competitive regions are a fair expectation.
- C. Clarifies historical policies and procedures.
- D. Posting correct scores and rankings is a function of all sports.
- E. Expert officiating and rules interpretations at a CHSAA golf event is required.

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- A. No impact
- B. Regional travel by most schools
- C. No impact
- D. No impact
- E. No new impact

IV. DATES and SITES:

Rules of Thumb for Setting State Championship Dates:

Boys - Monday/Tuesday following 8th weekend of competition

Girls – Monday/Tuesday of week before Memorial Day

2018-2019

- A. Boys' regional tournaments: September 17-21, 2018
- B. Boys' state championship: October 1-2, 2018
 - 3A – Region 2 – TBD (Southern)
 - 4A – Region 4 – TBD (Southern)
 - 5A – Region 4– Colorado Springs Country Club
- C. Girls' regional tournaments: May 6-10, 2019
- D. Girls' state championship: May 20-21, 2019
 - 3A – Region 3—Western
 - 4A – Region 3 – Northern
 - 5A – Region 4 – Western

IV. QUALIFYING FORMAT AND REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- A. Girls and Boys Golf Qualifying:
 - 1. **Qualifying Formats**
 - a. Classification - Boys, 3A: 1 - 675; 4A: 676-1519; 5A: 1520 and up.
 - b. Classification - Girls, 3A: 1 - 869; 4A: 870 - 1589; 5A: 1590 and up.
 - 2. **Teams and Individual Qualifiers**
 - a. There are 84 state qualifiers for 3A, 4A, and 5A. Each regional tournament will have 2 full teams and 13 individuals not on a team. 5A Boys and Girls Regionals are seeded from league standings.
 - b. The 4th Team Qualifier for all classes, boys and girls, the highest scoring member of a qualifying team must score 10 strokes or less from that of the last individual qualifier not on a team to qualify with his team. If the highest scoring member of the team(s) that qualifies is more than 10 strokes from the last individual qualifier's score, the 4th team member will be dropped and replaced by the next highest individual not on a team from that regional tournament. A team can compete for team points as a 3-member team.
 - c. A team competing in the state championship is an automatic qualifying team because it earned that label by placing 1st or 2nd in their regional championship; or is an individual qualifying team because it earned that label since 3 or 4 of its team members qualified through one of the 13 individual qualifiers in a regional championship. An automatic qualifying team may substitute for one its top three regional play members for any reason. The substitute may be any school team member from the automatic qualifying team. The 4th member of the automatic qualifying team became a member of the automatic qualifying team because he or she posted a regional score within ten strokes of the 13th individual qualifier in the regional championship and therefore may not be replaced/substituted. An individual qualifying team may not substitute for one of its qualifying team members. If an individual qualifying team member's spot becomes available, a substitute shall be the 1st or 2nd alternate or the individual with next best posted score from in the region.

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2018 Class 4A Boys Regions(64)/(676-1519) enrollment				
<u>Region 1 (16)</u>	<u>Region 2 (16)</u>	<u>Region 3 (16)</u>	<u>Region 4 (16)</u>	<u>Top 12 State Finishers</u>
				Discovery Canyon-Reg 1
				Niwot-Reg 3
				Lewis-Palmer-Reg 1
				Valor-Christian 5A
				Mullen-Reg 4
<u>CS Metro 4A – 5</u>	<u>Jeffco – 7</u>	<u>Northern-7</u>	<u>Southwestern – 3</u>	Green Mountain-Reg 2
Canon City-1076	Arvada-822	Gr. Central-1480	Central-GJ- 1514	Thompson Valley-Reg 3
Coronado- 1369	D'Evelyn-624	Longmont-1287	Durango-1132	Palmer Ridge-Reg 2
Mesa Ridge-1290	Golden-1313	Mtn. View-1245	Montrose-1316	Windsor-Reg 2
Sierra-810	Green Mtn-1106	Niwot-1204		Montrose-Reg 4
Widefield-1358	Littleton-1217	Northridge-1162	<u>Western Slope – 6</u>	Evergreen-Reg 3
	Standley Lake-1363	Silver Ck.-1359	Battle Mtn.-955	Steamboat Springs-Reg 4
<u>Pikes Peak – 5</u>	Wheat Ridge-1251	Thomp.Vy-1165	Eagle Valley-931	
D Canyon-1136			Palisade- 1051	
Falcon-1207	<u>Pikes Peak – 3</u>	<u>Tri Valley – 8</u>	Rifle-759	
Lewis Palmer-1065	Air Academy- 1354	Berthoudy-715	Steamboat-829	Course Selection Sites
Sand Creek-1207	C Mountain-1255	Erie-1154	Summit-978	<u>Region 1:</u>
Woodland Park-767	Palmer Ridge-1185	Frederick-1013		Pueblo/CO Spgs Metro
		Holy Family- 649	<u>Denver – 4</u>	<u>Region 2:</u>
<u>South Central – 6</u>		Mead- 1115	D. North-1117	Denver Metro/CO Spgs Metro
P Centennial-11194	<u>CS Metro 4A - 2</u>	Roosevelt-997	G.Washington-1230	<u>Region 3:</u>
P Central-790	Elizabeth-676	Skyline-1443	Kennedy-1072	F Collins/Denver Metro
P County-980	Mitchell-1329	Windsor-1485	T.Jefferson-1082	<u>Region 4:</u>
P East-1084				Glenwood/Metro Denver
P South-1071	<u>Continental – 1</u>	<u>Jeffco - 1</u>	<u>Colorado 7 - 1</u>	
P West-1391	Ponderosa-1349	Evergreen-1117	Conifer-870	
	<u>Independent- 1</u>		<u>Northern – 1</u>	
	Northfield- 788		<u>Centaurus-1234</u>	
	<u>EMAC- 1</u>		<u>Centennial-1</u>	
	Vista Peak- 1444		Mullen- 852	
	<u>Colorado 7- 1</u>			
	Ft. Morgan- 907			

Each 5A regional tournament will be made up of schools placed by their league finish. The deadline for the submission of league finishes is at least one week prior to the start of regional tournaments. Each region will have two (2) automatic team qualifiers and thirteen (13) individuals not on a team. A league or league school is responsible for hosting the regional tournament as noted on the regional template. It is recommended that an intra-league rotation of hosts schools be set-up and filed with the CHSAA Golf Commissioner.

An independent scorer shall be provided by each school. This person may be a parent and is required to enter hole by hole scores on the CHSAA Golf App for its group of players.

*The league hosting rotation is shown below. Each League will develop an individual hosting school rotation.

- A. 2015-2016 (odd years), etc. – CSML, Continental, Front Range.
2016-2017 (even years), etc. – Centennial, Denver, EMAC
- B. 2016—2017, 2017-2018, etc. Jeffco (two years in succession)
2015-2016, 2018-2019, etc. Southwestern (every three years)

VI. POLICIES (Boys & Girls): underline below is new or an emphasis.

- A. No more than two CHSAA registered coaches may coach anytime during the players' round tee to green. When a player has reached the green to putt, he or she may not be coached. If a coach is not wearing a coach's tag, he or she is deemed a spectator and must not be coaching any player or walking in the fairway.
- B. Schools that qualify three golfers as individuals to the state tournament may compete as a team, but no substitutions can be made for these golfers because in actuality their status is that of individual qualifiers.

- D. All competitors must wear a golf-type shirt with a collar and sleeves (no sleeves required for girls). A mock-turtle neck shirt can be worn in lieu of a collared shirt. School identification must be on the shirt.
- E. Competitors may wear tailored shorts or slacks in all events, but they must be of the dress variety. Denim blue jeans, cutoffs, spandex, physical education or running-shorts, or short-shorts will not be allowed. During the regular and postseason, slacks, shorts, or skirts must have a hemline no shorter than the student's fingertips when their arms are down by their side. If the player is not in compliance when checking in for a tee time, the starter can have the player change the illegal attire or be disqualified. Coaches are responsible for their player's attire.
- F. Golfers may not use caddies or motorized carts. Noisemakers and radios are not allowed. A range finder device designed only for measuring distances may be used. Players may share a range finder device.
- G. Players will follow the CHSAA Code of Ethics as it relates to the non-use of chemicals, alcohol, tobacco and other mood-altering substances. They will also be expected to follow the highest standards of sporting behavior; gambling, club throwing, and the use of abusive language will not be tolerated.
- H. Any negative sporting behavior will be dealt with in the following manner during a meet:
First Offense - a warning will be given
Second Offense - disqualification from the event
NOTE: Any act deemed to be flagrant could result in an immediate disqualification.

- I. An observer, who may be a parent, is required to follow each playing group. The observer is charged with entering scores on the CHSAA Golf App.
- J. This is a team competition with a concurrent individual competition. Should a team member incur a penalty of disqualification for breach of the USGA Rules of Golf, the golfer is disqualified from the individual competition but may compete and as a team member.
- K. Coaching/Giving Advice is allowed on the course as per Item A only. It is the responsibility of players to know the rules and any breach of the rules of giving advice or giving information is subject to loss of stroke.
- L. Regional tournaments may use the team wave format as an alternative method of pairing golfers.
- M. The CHSAA supports and encourages team play in golf.
- N. The 4th qualifying golfer on a team within 10 strokes of the last qualifying individual golfer is part of team concept advocated by the CHSAA in all its sports and activities.
- O. Tournament directors are encouraged to contact the CGA to get advice on controlling pace of play. The CGA will help setup the course. Note that coaches are not to collect score cards.
- P. For regional tournaments the regional host must secure back up dates.
- Q. Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players. The use of an electronic device such as a mobile phone, hand-held computer, calculator, television or radio is not of itself a breach of USGA Rule 14-3 and can be used for: matters unrelated to golf (e.g., to call home); accessing information on advice-related matters produced prior to the start of the player's round (e.g., an electronic yardage book, swing tips); accessing (but not interpreting or processing) playing information from previous rounds (e.g., driving distances, individual club yardages, etc.); obtaining information related to the competition being played (e.g., the leaderboard or projected "cut"). During the stipulated round the penalty is: First offense – Warning; Subsequent Offense – Disqualification/Removal from the course.
- R. "Advice" is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke.
Information on the Rules, distance or matters of public information, such as the position of hazards or the flagstick on the putting green, is not advice.
Players on a team are not considered to be partners no matter if they are in a group together or not. So, they can share information but they cannot share advice. The only way to circumvent this is through the coach. Player A can give advice to a coach that can be relayed to Player B but the advice cannot be shared between A and B directly.

VII. 2018-2019 RECOMMENDATIONS/POINTS OF EMPHASIS (Boys & Girls):

- A. In the continued interest of growing girls' golf, school districts should make every effort to form separate school golf programs.
- B. Regional and state tournament directors must have adequate forecaddies and other volunteers.
- C. During both the regular and playoff season, golf coaches should coach and supervise his or her golf team while on the course. Tournament directors should create duties for coaches during the event who are not coaching their golfers. The golf committee strongly recommends against coaches playing a round of golf at high school matches and tournaments, unless it is a coaching exercise with his or her players.
- D. Regional directors should rank order teams by the total score of three of the four golfers received prior to the regional tournament and then set tee times using the wave format.

- E. Regional tournament directors must list two alternates when reporting the results of the tournament to CHSAA. Alternate Ties must be played off.
- F. Standards of integrity and the rules of game will be addressed at all levels for all tournament play during both the regular and playoff season. Because golf etiquette is second nature to the sport of golf, a “care of the course” effort should be the concluding activity of every tournament. A hole should be assigned to each team and all divots replaced or filled in with sand and all pitch marks on the green repaired.
- G. Coach should ask the PGA professional at the site of where the team practices and plays so he or she can conduct an etiquette seminar and rules seminar for the golf team(s).
- H. State course set-up changes and updates must be shared with coaches by the Sunday coaches’ meeting.
- I. Courses selected for a state championship must work diligently to make the event the best possible and should include a dinner with a notable keynote speaker who can provide inspiration and congratulations to the participants and coaches.
- J. At all mandatory rules meetings, the CGA/CWGA will provide all golf coaches with enough rules books for their teams. All golfers should have a rule book. The Golf Committee strongly recommends that all golf coaches and players take the USGA online rules test prior to the start of the season.
- K. All regions should have a written plan of the rotation of schools hosting the regional tournament.
- L. Hosts of championship events should plan a dinner to attract all coaches to the rules meeting. The dinners engender good will and camaraderie.
- M. State tournament sites should have adequate banquet facilities to service golfers making the turn without significant delays.
- N. An alternate will be allowed to play in the state championship only if to replace a scratched state qualifier from that alternate’s regional tournament. A second alternate will be allowed to play only if the first alternate agreed to scratch or was already placed in the tournament.
- O. Media coverage of the sport of golf is essential. Those persons in charge of league statistics and tournament scoring results should be in constant contact with newspapers in their area.
- P. It is highly recommended that 5A league play be completed at least one week before the Monday of the start of regional tournaments.
- Q. If a regional or state tournament is held at a private course it must first guarantee that practice rounds be made available both the Saturday and Sunday before the tournament. It is recommended that a practice round be offered prior to the weekend of the tournament.

VIII. Committee Members:

Northridge	Cline, Chris	Golf	2018	Northern
Fruita Monument	Cox, Tj	Golf	2019	Southwestern
Cherry Creek	Smith, Randy	Golf	2020	Centennial
Pagosa Springs	Faber, Mark	Golf	2020	Intermountain
Eagle Valley	Payne, Tami	Golf	2020	Western
Pueblo West	Clason, Faith	Golf	2020	SCL
Advisers	Heisler, Doyle	Golf		