

GOLF

1. RULES:

Golf Canada Association Rules will apply throughout the competition and the local rules of the host clubs will also be in effect.

- 1.1. The SHSAA will hold a championship played on a grass green course.
- 1.2. Tournaments will consist of **thirty-six (36)** holes of medal play, with eighteen (18) of those holes being played on Saturday (competition **will** begin no earlier than 11:00am, Friday).
- 1.3. The SHSAA office, in consultation with the provincial host and the golf course manager, will create a list of local rules that will be made available to coaches and athletes prior to the championship.
- 1.4. Handicaps will not be in effect.
- 1.5. Practicing on the competitive course is not allowed on the day of the competition.
- 1.6. Caddying and/or coaching are not allowed during the course of play.
- 1.7. A local rule will be implemented allowing the use of distance measuring devices.
- 1.8. The recommended dress code for SHSAA golf events will be as follows: tailored slacks, tailored shorts, collared or mock neck golf shirts, leggings, skorts, or school athletic suits. Cut-offs, muscle shirts, or any clothing with offensive slogans will not be allowed.

2. ENTRIES:

- 2.1. Each provincial tournament will consist of district representatives in individual competitions for both boys and girls, and a district team competition.
- 2.2. The boys' team may be made up of three members to a maximum of four; the girls team may be made up of two members to a maximum of four.
- 2.3. Team Scoring:
 - 2.3.1. The total of the three best scores recorded by the team on each hole of the competition will determine team scoring for the boys; the total of the two best scores recorded by the team on each hole of the competition will determine team scoring for the girls category.
 - 2.3.2. In addition to the 4 district qualifying golfers in each gender from the district, the host school for the Provincial championship is allowed to enter additional golfers such that no more than 4 golfers of each gender are representing the host school.
- 2.4. Eliminations will be held at the school, division, and district levels when necessary. There will be no sectional playdowns.

3. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES AND SUGGESTIONS:

- 3.1. Green fees or course rental at the provincial finals will be paid by the SHSAA.
- 3.2. All golfers must supply their own equipment.
- 3.3. The first and tenth tees will be used for a simultaneous start whenever the local course permits this to happen.
- 3.4. The final 18 holes to be played Saturday will be "flighted" according to scores achieved in Friday's round. A golfer from any flight may win the championship. Tee times will be arranged with the highest scores teeing off first and the lowest scores last to tee off.
- 3.5. Fees for an optional practice round are the responsibility of the golfers.
- 3.6. Each district will be required to provide two facilitators on the golf course at the tournament unless the host has extra.

4. COACHES AND SPECTATORS:
 - 4.1. All coaches/teacher supervisors must be present at the golf course while their athlete(s) golf.
 - 4.2. Coaches and spectators may follow a group of golfers around the course, but must observe the following rules:
 - 4.2.1. Stay at least 20 yards behind the last golfer.
 - 4.2.2. Follow your group by walking and staying in the rough.
 - 4.2.3. When the players are putting, stay well back of the green and out of the line of sight of the person putting.
 - 4.2.4. Be quiet prior to and immediately following the athlete hitting the ball.
 - 4.2.5. No conversations may take place with the golfers and/or officials during the round.
5. AWARDS:
 - 5.1. INDIVIDUAL: Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded
 - 5.2. DISTRICT TEAM
Champions: 4 individual gold medals for members of each team.
Runners-up: 4 individual silver medals for members of each team.
Third Place: 4 individual bronze medals for members of each team.
6. TIE-BREAK PROCEDURES:
 - 6.1. In the event two or more golfers **or teams** are tied for first place at the end of competition, the following procedure will be followed:
 - 6.1.1. A sudden victory playoff will occur, with the hole(s) to be played determined by the SHSAA and Host. **Individual golfers will play together. Teams will play separately with each team being accompanied by an observer. Order of play determined by the SHSAA and host.**
 - 6.2. In the event of ties for second place, a playoff will not be held. Individuals or teams will be awarded silver medals and no bronze medal would be awarded.
 - 6.3. In the event of ties for third place in the individual and/or team standings, no playoff will be held. All those tied for third shall be presented with bronze medals.
7. PROVINCIAL SITES:

Provincial sites will be determined by a bid procedure at least two years in advance. Please refer to the bidding criteria found in the Handbook.