

# Golf (Boys)

## TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

### 1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN THREE DIVISIONS

- From the largest 138 schools, those sponsoring boys golf are in Division 1. Of the remainder, 50% are in each of Divisions 2 and 3. (2026 - 132 schools in Division 1, 120 in Divisions 2, 121 in Division 3).
- If there are an uneven number of schools for Divisions 2 and 3, Division 3 will include one more school than Division 2.
- Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to July 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

**Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.**

### 2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 28) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

Schools are assigned to:

- Division 1  
One of 16 regionals on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 26 or 27 (or earlier by mutual consent) with the first four teams and top four individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, qualifying for one of eight sectionals (eight teams plus eight individuals) on Tuesday or Wednesday, June 2 or 3.
- Division 2 and Division 3  
One of 12 regionals on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 26 or 27 (or earlier by mutual consent) with the first four teams and top four individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, qualifying for one of four sectionals (twelve teams plus twelve individuals) on Tuesday or Wednesday, June 2 or 3.
- State Tournament  
The first two teams and top three individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, in each sectional (Divisions 1, 2, and 3) will participate in the State Tournament on Monday and Tuesday, June 8-9 at University Ridge, Madison.

Note: Assignment of teams to tournaments and host schools for these tournaments can be found on the WIAA website < wiaawi.org > shortly after the season gets under way.

### 3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 12 and 13) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

#### EXCEPTIONS

15. a. under adaptations to USGA rules does not apply.

#### ADDITIONS

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 15 meets (including practices on sites of future competition) or in less than four meets during the regular season.
- A player shall not have anyone caddy for them during the State practice round.
- A tournament team consists of four or five individuals but only the scores of the top four are used to determine the total team score. The scores of the top four golfers on each day (18 holes) are added to determine total score (36 holes) in the State Tournament.

Note: A school may enter less than a regular team for purposes of individual competition.

- Competition will be medal play.
  - Regional and sectional play is 18 holes unless conditions exist that reduce the number of holes as determined by the Games Committee, not just the tournament manager.
  - State play is 36 holes unless conditions exist that reduce the number of holes as determined by the Games Committee.
- Playoff Procedures (Regional and Sectional)

Note: A player disqualified from regular competition will not be allowed to participate in a playoff.

(1) When conditions allow, a playoff should be held to break individual or team ties that determine who advances to the next level. Playoffs are on a sudden victory (hole-by-hole) basis.

(2) When conditions do not allow play to be held to break individual or team ties, the scorecard will be used to break the tie using the following procedure:

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| 1st Step | Score(s) from Holes 10-18.  |
| 2nd Step | Score(s) from Holes 13-18.  |
| 3rd Step | Score(s) from Holes 16-18.  |
| 4th Step | Score(s) from Hole 18.  |
| 5th Step | Score(s) from Holes 1-9. (First step when only nine holes are completed.) |
| 6th Step | Score(s) from Holes 4-9.  |
| 7th Step | Score(s) from Holes 7-9.  |
| 8th Step | Score(s) from Hole 9.   |

(To break team ties, best four out of five scores would be used for all steps. The fifth player's score would not be used to break a tie.)

Playoffs are on a sudden victory (hole-by-hole) basis.

- (3) Team – Playoffs are necessary to determine the first and second place teams at the sectional level. At the regional level, playoffs are necessary to determine the first place team and the fourth place team. All five individuals of the team will participate in the playoff with the scores of the top four counted. The score of each individual is not cumulative. The fifth player's score is not used to break a team tie.
- (4) Individual – Playoffs are necessary to determine the first place individual at the sectional meet and the four individual qualifiers from regional-to-sectional and the three individual qualifiers from sectional-to-State.

Note: The individuals advancing are from schools whose team did not qualify. Players of schools which have qualified a team for advancement are not counted in determination of individual qualifiers.

#### Playoff at State Meet

Playoffs will be conducted to determine the first place team and the first place individual. Duplicate medals will be awarded for ties in individual places two through six with a maximum of five medals being awarded unless there is a tie for sixth place. Duplicate awards will be awarded to teams tying for second place. The designated playoff holes at the State Golf Championships will be hole one and hole nine. Players will continue to play the two holes in succession until the tie is broken.

- f. An Individual Entry Form provided all participating schools must be completed by participating schools and submitted on-line by the date indicated. Changes in the line-up of five competitors may be made until one hour before the start of competition or until a reasonable time as determined by the host school manager. A school whose team qualifies from one tournament level to another may make changes in its five competitors at each tournament level, but schools which qualify only an individual (or more than one individual) may not make changes.
- g. In the event weather prevents completion of a tournament, the winning teams and individuals will be determined on the basis of the last complete nine holes of competition. The Games Committee shall make decisions regarding suspension or continuation of play due to weather.
- h. Galleries are permitted where allowed by course rules; however, galleries must stay on cart paths or in the rough. Galleries at the state tournament will be restricted to the cart paths.
- i. No nonvarsity competition or practice is allowed in conjunction with a WIAA tournament.
- j. Practice putting on a previous green is not allowed during the regular season and WIAA tournament series.
- k. Carts will not be allowed at any WIAA tournament event for spectators, except spectators who have been issued a disability parking certificate or disability license plate by the state of Wisconsin or that are physically disabled under the Americans with Disability Act will be allowed to rent carts. One electric cart will be allowed for use during the Meet. Expenses for this cart need to be handled by the coach/school making the request. Coaches choosing to use an electric cart will be required to remain on the cart paths. In addition: players, parents, and spectators may NOT be given rides. This one cart is only for the coaching staff. Coaches are allowed to carry players' clothing, food, umbrellas, water, allowed energy drinks (see the WIAA Banned and Discouraged list), etc. Carts can be purchased at the golf course. A card will be provided to be placed in the tee times display of the cart. This allows State Meet Managers to regulate coaches' carts.
- l. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy  
The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament Series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.
- m. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

#### 4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
  - (1) The host school determines the date and time of competition at the regional level within the dates specified under Section 2, and participating schools will learn this information via the WIAA website.  
Note: The date of a WIAA golf tournament may not be moved ahead of the scheduled days without prior WIAA approval and approval of all schools involved.
- b. Awards
  - (1) Plaque to championship team.
- c. Finances
  - (1) Host School Allowances
    - (a) The school will receive **\$110**.
    - (b) The tournament manager will receive **\$90**.  
Note: Greens fees and balls will be the obligation of each participating school.
  - (2) Participating Schools Allowance
    - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

#### 5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
  - (1) The host school determines the date and time of competition at the sectional level within the dates specified under Section 2, and participating schools will learn this information via the WIAA website.  
Note: The date of a WIAA golf tournament may not be moved ahead of the scheduled days without prior WIAA approval and approval of all schools involved.
- b. Awards
  - (1) Plaque to championship team.
  - (2) Medals to members (6) of championship and runner-up teams and first five individuals.
  - (3) The individual qualifiers (3), who are not members of a team, will receive a medal even if they do not place in the top five.

- c. Finances
  - (1) Host School Allowances
    - (a) The school will receive **\$110**.
    - (b) The tournament manager will receive **\$90**.
  - Note: Greens fees and balls will be the obligation of each participating school.
  - (2) Participating Schools Allowance
    - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

**6. STATE TOURNAMENT**

a. Scheduling of Competition

The following time schedule will be followed:

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|-----------------------|--------|--|
| <b>Friday, June 5</b> | TBD    | Coaches Meeting - All Divisions via Zoom |
| Monday, June 8        | 7 a.m. | Tee off - Divisions 1, 2 and 3           |
| Tuesday, June 9       | 7 a.m. | Tee off - Divisions 1, 2 and 3           |

b. Awards

- (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (6) of the championship and runner-up teams.
- (3) Medals to the top six individuals.

c. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for their State Tournament expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city at the rate of **70¢** per mile.  
 Note: No allowance will be paid to school located in State Tournament city.
- (b) An allowance of **\$60** for each actual participant plus one other person.

(2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket

State Meet..... \$9 \*

\*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Admission Policies

Free admission will be provided only for:

- (a) Six members of qualified team.
- (b) Individual qualifiers.
- (c) Two additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
- (d) There is no provision for free admissions for school administrators, bands or cheerleaders.