

## OFSAA GIRLS' GOLF FESTIVAL

*The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.*

### PLAYING REGULATIONS

#### **1. Events and/or Classification:**

- a. The Girls' Golf Festival shall be an open competition in individual stroke play.
- b. There shall be a "high school" and "open" division.
- c. A student-athlete who has competed in a championship governed by a provincial, state or national body within the past twelve (12) months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an "open" participant within the individual division. For clarification purposes, please refer to the list of championships provided by the OFSAA Golf SAC to the association convenors and linked on the OFSAA Golf websites at the beginning of each school year.

#### **2. Festival Structure and Procedures:**

- a. The tournament shall take place over two (2) days with eighteen (18) holes being played each day.
- b. No one from the same school shall be paired together in a foursome on either day.
- c. Pairings on day two will be based upon the previous day's scores and follow the format outlined in the Sport Specific Directives.
- d. Registration materials will only be given to the teacher-supervisor accompanying the athlete(s), upon receipt of all entry materials as outlined in the coaches section of the OFSAA Girls' Golf Website.
- e. The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches' meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, then both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend.

#### **3. Entry:**

- a. Entries shall be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.
- b. Association convenors shall provide ranking for all Association entries. Entries must be received by the convenor by the date indicated in the coaches' information section of the OFSAA Girls' Golf Website.

- c. Each Association may enter their top six (6) golfers regardless of score with a maximum of three (3) entries in the Open division. The host Association will be permitted to enter one (1) additional golfer in each division.

Each Association may enter their top three (3) golfers in each the Open and High School Division regardless of score. The host Association will be permitted to enter one (1) additional golfer in each division.

- d. An Association may enter additional golfers to fill the field at the discretion of the convenor with a maximum score of 110.
- e. An Association qualifying course must be a minimum of 5000 yards.
- f. Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA Festival competition. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form. Any disciplinary action is subject to appeal to the Protest Committee.

**4. Expenses:**

- a. Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own entry fee, travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- b. All schools entering a Federation Festival shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.

**5. Eligibility:**

**a. School/Team Eligibility:**

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a school/team must:

- i. Have a 'bona fide' school program consisting of a minimum of six (6) practices and/or competitions during a one (1) month period in the current school year, under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.
- ii. Have competed in the Association championship or qualifying event.

**b. Individual Student Eligibility:**

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student must:

- i. Be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his school belongs.
- ii. Be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school.
- iii. Meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- iv. Be in Grades 9-12.
- v. Be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy.

- vi. Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9.
- vii. Have signed the Rules of Behaviour Policy signature form for the competition. Have participated in a 'bona fide school program as outlined in (a) above and attended the majority of practices.
- viii. Have participated in the Association Championship or qualifying event.
- ix. Not participate in both the OFSAA Championship and any other event in that same sport on the same day.

**6. Rules and Officials:**

- a. Rules of Golf Canada shall govern play at the OFSAA Golf tournaments.
- b. Any coaching/communication with the players will not be permitted on the course. (Communication includes, but is not limited to coaches, parents, and spectators. Cell phone use of any kind is not permitted).
- c. Caddies will not be permitted for the participants. Motorized carts may be used by participants with prior medical exemption.
- d. As per the Rules of Golf Canada, all strokes must be counted and all balls putted out.
- e. Every foursome will be allocated a designated teacher-supervisor whose purpose is to assist in keeping the foursome on schedule with respect to pace of play and keep the foursome's score. It is not the expectation of the teacher supervisor to make on course rulings. Teacher-supervisors are permitted to use motorized carts at their own expense. The availability and use of motorized carts will be at the discretion of the Golf Course.
- f. Teacher-supervisors are required to complete assigned responsibilities (i.e. marshalling, fore caddying, scoring, or other duties as assigned). Teacher-supervisors who fail to complete their requirements will be referred to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee following the event.
- g. Prior to the scorecards being submitted, the student-athletes are encouraged to check with the teacher-supervisor of their group to ensure accuracy of the score.
- h. All competitors must adhere to the Pace of Play Guidelines as determined by the festival organizing committee.
- i. Spectators are only permitted in designated spectator areas, as assigned by the convenors in consultation with the course staff. Spectators found outside the designated areas may be removed from the course.
- j. **Scoring:**  
An individual's total score from day 1 and day 2 will count toward their overall individual score.

**k. Tiebreaking Procedure:**

- i. Where possible, a sudden victory playoff will occur for three (3) medal positions on a hole(s) predetermined by the convenor and announced in advance.
- ii. If a playoff is not possible, the winner will be determined on the basis of the best score over the low nine (9) handicap holes. If still tied, the winner will be determined by the low six (6) handicap holes. If still tied, the low three (3) handicap holes and finally the low first handicap hole.

**l. Golf Slow Play Guidelines:**

The Pace of Play Policy is in effect at all OFSAA Golf tournaments:

- i. Adherence to the pace of play is the player's responsibility.
- ii. Warnings will be issued to slow groups.
- iii. Advise your group supervisor of a slow player in your group.

**7. Uniforms and Equipment:**

All requirements outlined in the OFSAA General Uniform Policy must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.

**Sport Specific:**

Competitors must dress in appropriate golf attire. If the host club has additional rules for dress code, they will be communicated in the coaches' package.

**8. Awards:**

OFSAA gold, silver and bronze medallions shall be presented to the top three (3) golfers in both the Open and High School Division.

**9. Supervision:**

*A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.*

- a. For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).
- b. For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

**10. Deportment:**

a. **Definitions:**

- i. A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Festival event".
- ii. A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."

b. **Codes of Behaviour:**

- i. All participants are expected to abide by the Rules of Behaviour Policy for Participants to OFSAA Championships.
- ii. Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- iii. Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the Rules of Behaviour Policy.
- iv. All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics Policy for Coaches to OFSAA Championships.
- v. School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Recruitment Policy.
- vi. Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour Policy for Spectators. Spectators must also abide by course rules.
- vii. All coaches are expected to adhere to the Return to Play Policy.
- viii. School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements.

- c. No **artificial noisemakers** are permitted at OFSAA festival events.

**11. Social:**

- a. If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must attend.
- b. Participants are expected to wear "dress casual" attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops or hats are permitted.
- c. Should there be an instance of improper attire, the Protest Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee.

**12. Medical:**

Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, Band-Aids, ice packs) for their athletes.

**13. Protest Committee:**

All disputes during an OFSAA Championship/Festival shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- a. The Protest Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals; the chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member, and one other member appointed by the Championship convenor. The Head official in some cases, may

serve as a member of the Protest Committee. Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest.

- b. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Championship convenor or designate, shall fully outline the incident under protest, and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee (refundable if protest is upheld).
- c. A protest must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the incident under protest occurred, or within thirty minutes of the occurrence if protesting an incident outside the field of play.
- d. The following areas may not be protested at a Championship
  - i. Officials' decisions
  - ii. Eligibility of transfer students
- e. Any disputes or protests re: tournament structure and procedure must be addressed no later than the coaches' meeting.
- f. The Protest Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/modify/cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather conditions) at the site(s).
- g. Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.
- h. A report of all appeals and decisions shall be forwarded to the OFSAA Sanctions Committee, who may determine that additional sanctions are necessary.

## **SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES**

### **1. Festival Structure and Procedure:**

- a. Convenor should provide and make available a pin position sheet for all participants.
- b. Local course rules will supersede Golf Canada rules.
- c. Convenors will provide a local rules sheet for all coaches and supervisors.
- d. The festival will operate as a two-day competition over thirty-six (36) holes.
- e. On day 1, all competitors will play as one division over 18 holes with a shot-gun start on day 1. On day 2, competitors will play eighteen (18) holes with a shot gun start. Day 2 groups will be split up into the “open” and “high school” divisions. Day 2 groups will be determined by scores from day 1.

### **2. Entry:**

The maximum number of entries is 128.

### **3. Officials:**

- a. The convenor must designate a head official for the championship/festival.
- b. The head official must attend the coaches’ meeting, and is encouraged to hold an officials’ meeting prior to the start of the competition, when possible. Otherwise the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating.

### **4. Facilities and Equipment:**

- a. Convenors must secure the following: an 18-hole course with a minimum par 70 with a minimum yardage of 5000+.
- b. Changes to the above must be approved by the golf Sport Advisory Committee.

### **5. Medical:**

- a. Provision must be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate policy on hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases
- b. Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment must be readily available at the Festival site(s).

**All Federation Championships/Festivals are non-smoking and non-vaping events.**

**This includes the use of all tobacco and vaping related products.**

**Participants must obey the Ministry of Education’s Code of Conduct.**

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