



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Division II – District Boys Golf Tournament Maumee Bay State Park Golf Course

LOCAL RULES

Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition

The Rules of the United States Golf Association, effective January, 2023 and any subsequent clarifications, govern play. The “Local Rules” and Conditions of Competition, as well as OHSAA rules and regulations, are in effect for this competition as noted below.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE IS TWO STROKES.

Format – 18 Holes Stroke play – All play will be from the **GOLD** Tees.

The Exceptions to Rule 5.3a are in effect:

The player must start at the time established by the **Committee**. This means if your tee time is 9:00 am you must be on the tee and ready to play at 9:00 am **NOT 9:00:01**.

Out of Bounds - Property line fencing (split rail/chain link) as determined by the inside edge of the posts at ground level, white stakes, and white stakes with bird houses. Driving Range is IN BOUNDS.

Pace of Play - for each round will be 4:30 hours. Pace of Play Policy: 15 minutes per hole; players out of position subject to: 1st offense - warning, 2nd offense - 1 stroke penalty, 3rd offense - 2 additional penalty strokes, 4th offense - Disqualification. There is a three (3) minute limit, once the Player begins to search for his ball, after which the ball is lost and stroke and distance relief must be taken.

Embedded Ball - rule is in effect through the green. Embedded ball rule does not apply in a penalty area.

Distance Measuring Devices - Range Finders are permitted as long as the slope feature is turned off.

Cell Phones - Cell phones and other electronic communication devices are permitted for live scoring ONLY. **These devices may not be used as distance measuring devices per OHSAA Rules.**

Abnormal Course Conditions - *Ground Under Repair* marked with white lines, *Immovable Obstructions* including cart paths, maintenance roads and extended cart paths, *Animal Holes* including severely damaged areas of the course caused by non-burrowing animals (geese/skunks) and areas around broken sprinkler heads are played as **Abnormal Course Conditions** with relief under Rule 16.1. Call a rules official for a determination or if one is not available, play two balls under Rule 20.1c(3).

Penalty Areas – All penalty areas on the course are Red Penalty Areas. All tall fescue grass areas throughout the course are to be treated as Red Penalty Areas (unless otherwise marked) defined where the primary cut rough meets the high fescue grass. If there is knowledge or virtual certainty that a player’s ball is in a fescue area he may proceed under Rule 17 with the option to play the ball as it lies (if

found), play under stroke and distance from where the previous stroke was made, take Back-on-the-Line relief keeping the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area and the hole and taking relief as far back on that line as desired, or taking lateral relief two club lengths from where the ball last crossed the penalty area, no closer to the hole. But if it is not known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in a penalty area and the ball is lost, the player must take stroke and distance relief under Rule 18.2. On Holes 4, 11 and 15, in addition to the options under Rule 17.1d, a player may use the area marked and identified as a **Dropping Zone**. Unplayable ball relief is not available in a penalty area.

If you are in doubt as to procedure or a rules situation, invoke rule 20.1c(3) and play out your original ball and a second ball taking your relief. The player should declare which ball he wishes to score with (if the rules permit) to his marker or another player before any action is taken. Record both scores and **before signing your card** report the facts of the situation to the **Committee** for final determination.

Spectators are not allowed any conversation with players and **MUST** stay on cart paths or in the rough. **EXCEPTION:** Rules permit two (2) school head coaches or school board approved coach/designee assigned to that event to speak with his/her players, without any delay of play at any time provided OHSAA regulation procedures are followed.

Participants may use pull carts to carry golf clubs. Automotive transportation is not permitted at any time unless authorized (a player using transportation to where the previous stroke was made is always authorized) or later approved by the Committee.

EXCEPTION: A medically authorized waiver is required for the use of a vehicle. A copy of the doctor's statement must be filed with the OHSAA and the OHSAA authorization shown to the referee.

Conduct - A two-stroke penalty shall be assessed for unsporting conduct. Unsporting conduct shall include but not be limited to club throwing, willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course, use of abusive language, profanity, obscenities, and other unsporting conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee. Penalties imposed may result in disqualification.

LIVE SCORING - Scoring will be completed live using OHSAA Golf App. EACH PLAYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOWNLOADING AND KEEPING SCORE ON THE APP, CONFIRMING ALL SCORES BEFORE TEEING OFF THE NEXT HOLE. Players should also keep a scorecard to attest scores at the end of the round at the scoring table. Coaches are not to collect scores prior to checking in at the scoring table.

There is NO STROKE LIMIT at the District and State Tournaments

Scoring Area is defined as: **Maumee Bay Golf Pro Shop**. Players only in the scoring area. NO Coaches! Each player and their marker must sign their scorecard reviewing their Hole-by-Hole Scores. Both the player and marker **MUST** be present when their scorecard is turned into the official scorer. **Be sure to tell the scorer if you have any issues that must be brought to the attention of the Committee!** Once you leave the scoring area all scores are final.

The team score shall be determined by totaling the scores of **the 4 players** with the fewest strokes for the round. The team with the fewest total number of strokes is the winner.

In the case of a tie, whether individual or team, there will be a playoff in which the player and the coach are required to be present.

***NOTE: MARSHALLS ON THE TEE AND ON THE COURSE ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE RULES COMMITTEE AND SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE RULES DECISIONS ON THE COURSE**

IF A PLAYER HAS ANY QUESTION ABOUT A RULING, HE SHOULD PLAY 2 BALLS AND CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE RULES COMMITTEE FOLLOWING HIS/HER ROUND.

All Rulings of the Rules Committee will be Final.

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Spectators:

- **Are permitted to WALK the course. They are permitted to use golf carts for OHSAA Sectional and District Tournaments. A limited number of golf carts are available and are first come first serve.**
- **Must stay on cart paths or in the rough and OFF all fairways.**
- **Turn Off Cell phones. People using cell phones will receive one warning, second violation phone will be taken!**
- **Spectators should stay 20-50 yards from players at all times, should be in front of players. • May help search for golf balls.**
- **Must have NO conversation with players. They may applaud and / or say good putt or shot.**
- **Must stay at least 20 yards from greens and tees**