

## TOURNAMENT DAY PROCEDURE for THE ATHLETE

Athletes should be aware that the tournament may last beyond the finish time due to many factors such as playoffs, weather, etc. They should clear their schedules so as to remain to the conclusion of the tournament.

1. The U.S.G.A. rules will govern play in this tournament. The stroke and distance penalty should be followed for all lost balls and all balls hit out of bounds. **\*\* 3 MINUTE LIMIT SEARCH FOR LOST GOLF BALLS.\*\*** Players are encouraged to hit provisional balls.
2. **Rangers are on the course** for assistance and to speed up play. Go over **Rule 3-3 Doubt as to Procedure** with your coach.
3. We will be following guidelines of the Ohio Golf Association and allow spike marks on the greens to be tapped down.
4. The white tees should be used on all 18 holes. The driving range and putting green will be open
5. Summer rules will be in effect. In case of poor weather, the Tournament Rules Committee may change this rule on tournament day.
6. **Scoring** Each competitor will keep official score for one other player in the group. After each hole the player shall verbalize the score so all in the group can hear. If there is a discrepancy between the score marked and the score announced the scorer shall ask the player to review his/her strokes in the presence of the other players. Settle all questions on number of strokes before starting play on the next hole. The score must be verified before the first tee shot is made.  
**You must protect the score card you are keeping.**
7. All putts must be holed out - No conceding. Should a player reach 12 strokes on a hole, the player shall stop play on that hole and record their score as a 12.  
**\*\* Players will not come to the picnic shelter or pro shop between nines to post their scores (or eat). This is an 18 hole tournament and the players should proceed to the next tee. Your coach is responsible for reporting the first 9-hole scores (unofficial) for each golfer on your team to officials at the scoreboard for posting.**

**AT THE END OF 18 HOLES IMMEDIATELY BRING YOUR CHECKED AND SIGNED SCORE Card TO THE SCORER IN THE PRO SHOP. WAIT UNTIL THE SCORER RELEASES YOU. Delay in posting scores may be grounds for disqualification. RULE (6-6B p31)**

**Make sure that scorecards are readable, correct, signed and attested before they are turned in.**

A team's best four 18-hole scores will count and be added together to determine a team total.

Ties in team scoring at qualifying positions that affect the number of qualifiers shall be resolved by comparing the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest scores and the team with the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest score shall be declared the winner. If one team does not have a 5<sup>th</sup> score the team with the 5<sup>th</sup> score shall be declared the winner. If teams remain tied after comparing the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest scores, a playoff to determine the winner shall be held using the four (4) players whose scores resulted in the team tie. Individual ties at qualifying positions that affect the number of qualifiers shall be resolved by playing an additional hole or holes between the individuals who tied to determine a winner.

8. Participants in the Sectional/District will be disqualified if they drive or ride in a cart or if any person assists them by caddying or pulling a golf cart. **(EXCEPTON See #16 below) Receiving coaching instruction from spectators will result in a two-stroke penalty for the first infraction, (Rule 8). Disqualification will result for the second infraction.**
9. Spectators must stay ½ hole ahead or behind any of any individual or group they are watching. Spectators who negatively affect play in any way shall be asked to leave the course. **CARTS MUST STAY ON CART PATH**
10. No participants are permitted to use any form of tobacco on the golf course or building during the tournament. Penalty for violation of this rule will be disqualification. Cell phone use and use of electronic device rules from the **OHSAA** will be enforced.
11. **ATHLETES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE GOLF CARTS WHILE AT THE TOURNAMENT**
12. Slow play, unsporting conduct, use of profanity or obscenities, abusing the course or throwing clubs may result in **penalty strokes and/ or disqualification**. Report any infractions to **Rangers/Rules Interpreters on the Course**.
13. **INTERRUPTED TOURNAMENT ANY OHSAA TOURNAMENT INTERRUPTED DUE TO EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY SHALL BE RESUMED FROM THE POINT OF INTERRUPTION SHOULD MARK THE LIE OF THEIR BALL ON THE COURSE AND HAVE IT VERIFIED BY THEIR PARTNER. IN THE EVENT OF A DANGEROUS SITUATION SUCH AS THUNDER OR LIGHTENING PLAYERS SHALL DISCONTINUE PLAY IMMEDIATELY, SEEK SHELTER AND NOT RESUME PLAY UNTIL A RESUMPTION OF PLAY HAS BEEN ORDERED. A PLAYER FAILING TO DISCONTINUE PLAY IMMEDIATELY WILL BE DIS QUALIFIED. (RULES 6-8, 33-2D)**

**SHELTER SITES** Course Shelters, Cart Barns, Restaurant, Pro Shop, Rest Rooms, Team Bus, Van, Car  
**Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren or Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated**  
**Resume Play: Two short notes of siren repeated**