

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. Date:**

The OFSAA Golf Festival shall be held over a period of two (2) days during the week after Thanksgiving unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

2. Location:

The location of the Festival shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Festival.

3. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

- a) The festival will operate as one division over 18 holes with a shot-gun start.
- b) **The first day of the festival will consist of a practice round for registered players only. Only designated coaches are allowed to accompany players, but they are not permitted to play.**
- c) Where possible, no one from the same school shall be paired together in a foursome.
- d) Provided the course permits, every foursome will be allocated a designated teacher supervisor to assist in keeping foursome on schedule with respect to play. Where possible, teacher-supervisors will not be grouped with athletes from their school.
- e) Coaching will not be permitted by anyone on the course.
- f) Power Carts and Caddies will not be permitted for participants.
- g) Association convenors should provide rankings for individuals.
- h) **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.**
- i) Convenor should provide and make available a pin position sheet for all participants.
- j) In cases where students do not fulfil their participation commitment at the OFSAA Golf Festival, a report will be forwarded by the Competitions Committee to the OFSAA Board of Reference – Sanctions.

4. Entry:

- a) Entries shall be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.
- b) Commitment of Associations must be received by the OFSAA Festival Convenor 5 business days before the festival. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and shall be subject to a penalty.
- c) **An Association may enter a maximum of seven (7) golfers with a score of 110 or less on a minimum par 70 course. Each Association may enter their top three (3) golfers regardless of their score. The host Association will be permitted to enter two (2) additional golfers.**

Additional Association entries will be added at the discretion of the convenor using a random draw. Field size is limited to a maximum of 128 golfers.

- d) 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 Competition Committee.
- e) For associations withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee. Further, if the withdrawal takes place at a time that impacts on the convenor, financially or logistically, a further fine may be issued. This fine may encompass costs incurred by the convenor for entry fee, banquet meals, banners, etc. as reviewed and approved by OFSAA. The association and/or school may also be brought forward to the Board of Reference sanctions.

5. Facilities

Convenors should attempt to secure the following.

- a) An 18 hole course with a minimum par 70 with a recommended yardage of 5000+ yards. Changes to the above must be approved by the golf Sport Advisory Committee.

6. Scoring:

As per RCGA rules, all strokes must be counted and all balls putted out.

Each playing group will be assigned a group marshall who will record the scores of the players in their group. Only the marshall's card will be attested by all the members of the group. The marshall's card will be submitted to the scoring table.

7. Expenses:

An Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover the operating costs of the Festival. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Festival will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

8. 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 her 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 she has not reached her 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 (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition;
- (viii) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated in a minimum of six (6) practices and or competitions with the school team as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

9. Rules and Officials:

The laws of the current version of the RCGA Rules shall govern play at the OFSAA Golf Festival. Local course rules will supersede RCGA rules. Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the OFSAA Golf Festival shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Representatives' Council prior to implementation at any Festival.

The convenor must designate a head official for the festival. The convenor should contact the Golf Association of Ontario office to assign this individual and consult with them on course set-up.

No electronic devices are permitted during the stipulated round by competitors; including but not limited to, MP3 players, cell phones and distance finders.

10. Tie Breakers:

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. If a sudden victory playoff cannot be completed, multiple winners will be declared. If a sudden victory playoff is not possible, RCGA tie breaker procedures will be implemented to determine the three (3) medal positions.”

11. Awards:

As a festival, OFSAA medals and banners are not provided.

However, the convenor is encouraged to present the following awards.

- Awards will be presented to the top 3 golfers.
- Awards will be presented to the top Association Team. The best 3 scores count toward the Association team Award (maximum of 7).”

12. Uniforms and Equipment:

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted (including golf bags and hats). A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship

recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h).

In order to be allowed to play, competitors must dress in proper golf attire.

Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate attire in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents on non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

13. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

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 team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- (b) 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).
- (c) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athletes(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.

14. Registration:

- a) All teachers/coaches shall be assigned a duty as designated by the convenor, including but not limited to, marshalling, scoring, and general supervision.
- b) **Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team upon receipt of all mandatory OFSAA forms.**

15. Deportment: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

- (a) **A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Festival event."**
- (b) 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."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.

- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (f)
 - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
 - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
 - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
 - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
 - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
- (g) All schools entering a Federation Championship 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.

16. Social:

Special events are arranged for team members and coaches. They are expected to attend.

Dress Code for Banquets:

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- girls shall wear dress pants or skirt with a dress top;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be an instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

17. Medical:

Provision MUST be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws). Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment must be readily available at the Festival site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, Band-Aids) for their athletes.

18. Jury of Appeal:

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Girls' Golf Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and the Head Official or designate. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee prior to the signing of the score card at the conclusion on the game (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the game in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

19. Competition Committee:

(a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Festival Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Golf Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:

- (i) Eligibility;
- (ii) Department;
- (iii) Supervision and registration;
- (iv) Social;
- (v) Medical personnel;
- (vi) Awards.

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

(b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***All Federation Championships/Festivals are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.***

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.