

OFSAA BOYS' 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 Boys' 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. Events:

The events to be conducted are:

Boys' Golf Festival

- (i) There shall be a team division and individual division and both shall be played over 36 holes.

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 one week before the festival. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and shall be subject to a penalty.
- c) No application of entry rules below shall provide for more than two(2) entries from any one Association. However, additional entries may be awarded to the host Association provided that the additional entries to the previous Association medallists have been exhausted
- d)
 - (i) The maximum number of participants is set at 120
 - (ii) Each participating association may enter a school team comprised of four (4) members and two (2) individual golfers, who are not on the team entry
 - (iii) The host Association may have an additional entry as determined by the Association, comprised of a team entry of four (4) members and two (2) individuals
 - (iv) The previous year's team gold medalist association will receive an additional entry as determined by the Association, comprised of a team entry of four (4) members
 - (v) The previous year's individual gold medallist association will receive an additional entry as determined by the Association, comprised of two (2) individuals
 - (i) To facilitate draws in iv) and v) additional entries in the Championship shall be

selected from:

- (i) The gold medal Association of the previous year;
- (ii) the silver medals Association of the previous year;
- (iii) the bronze medals Association of the previous year;
- (iv) the antique bronze medal Association of the previous year;
- (v) additional entries to complete the field may be added, if necessary, at the discretion of the convenor

To further facilitate the draws, entries may be awarded to the Association medalists from two years prior, provided that the additional entries to the previous year's Association medalists have been exhausted. Additional entries in the Championships shall be selected from:

- (i) the gold medal Association of two years prior;
 - (ii) the silver medal Association of two years prior;
 - (iii) the bronze medal Association of two years prior;
 - (iv) the antique bronze medal Association of two years prior;
- e) All golfers are eligible for the individual championship. If the student-athlete is registered as an individual, they are not eligible for the team championship.
- 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 Competition Committee.
- g) **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 a course with a minimum slope rating ranging between 110-115 or a minimum of 6300 yards. Changes to the above must be approved by the golf Sport Advisory Committee.

6. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

- a) no one from the same school shall be paired together in a foursome.
- b) 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.
- c) Any coaching/communication with the players will not be permitted on the course. (Communication includes but is not limited to coaches, parents, spectators, cell phone/text messaging/blackberry use).
- d) Caddies will not be permitted for the participants. Motorized carts may be used by

- participants with prior medical exemption.
- e) Association convenors shall provide handicaps for all association entries.
 - f) Spectators will need to abide by course rules & OFSAA playing regulations.
 - g) Convenor should provide and make available a pin position sheet for all participants.
 - h) 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.

7. Scoring:

Team Score – in the team category, the three (3) low scores from each team on each day will count toward the team total

Individual Score – an individual's total score from day 1 and day 2 will count toward their individual score.

The top three (3) scores will be used to calculate the team score.

8. 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.

9. 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 (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) have executed the Federation's "Release of Liability" form.
- (ix) 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.

10. 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 use of range finders not be allowed and wherever possible yardage booklets be made available from the convenor to all golfers.

All competitors must adhere to the Pace of Play Guidelines (Appendix 1)

11. Tie Breakers:**Tiebreaking Procedures**

- Team ties shall be broken by a sudden-death playoff counting the low three scores relative to par on each hole.
- Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The competition committee will determine the holes to be used.
- If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used counting all four team members.
- The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff.
- Once the shotgun sudden-death format is started, that format shall be used until a winner is determined.

Sudden Death Playoff Procedures

Teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth below. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below.

Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)

#4A, #4B, #3A, #3B playoff hole #1
#2A, #2B, #1A, #1B playoff hole #1

SHOTGUN FORMAT**Three teams**

A #4 B #4 C #4 playoff hole 4
A #3 B #3 C #3 playoff hole 3
A #2 B #2 C #2 playoff hole 2
A #1 B #1 C #1 playoff hole 1

Four teams

A #4 B #4 C #4 D #4 playoff hole 4
A #3 B #3 C #3 D #3 playoff hole 3
A #2 B #2 C #2 D #2 playoff hole 2
A #1 B #1 C #1 D #1 playoff hole 1

Five teams

A #4 B #4 C #4 D #4 E #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 D #3 E #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 D #2 E #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 D #1 E #1 playoff hole 1

Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament.

The format in pairings for a playoff of six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the games committee.

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 hats, golf clubs and golf bag). 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) with the exception of manufactures name/logo on hats and golf bags, which may exceed these guidelines.

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.

First offence: one stroke penalty

Second offence: will result in a disqualification

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:

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team, upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form and signed "Release of Liability" forms.

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

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship 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:

If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must 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 Golf Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Festival Convenor. 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.

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Appendix 1

OFSAA Boys Golf Slow Play Guidelines

ADHERENCE TO THE PACE OF PLAY IS THE PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

WARNINGS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO SLOW GROUPS

ADVISE YOUR GROUP SUPERVISOR OF A SLOW PLAYER IN YOUR GROUP

The following Pace of Play Policy is in effect at all OFSAA Boys Golf Festivals (shotgun starts excluded):

RCGA Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play states: "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play."

Summary

There will be four checkpoints selected by the organizing committee during each 18 hole round. When a group is out of position at any check-point, the players in the group are liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties pending final determination of whether a breach or breaches of these guidelines have occurred:

1st potential breach (during the round) - liable to a warning.

2nd potential breach (during the round) - liable to a one-stroke penalty

3rd potential breach (during the round) – liable to a two-stroke penalty.

4th potential breach (during the round) – liable to a two-stroke penalty.

Allotted Time

Each group is allotted a specified time to complete 18 holes at a pace in accordance with the time chart provided in the Local Rules at the group's first hole. When a group falls behind - regardless of the reason - it must regain its position. Time for ball searches, rulings, and walking time between holes is included in the allotted time.

Definition "Out of Position" - Stroke Play

First group: The first group is out of position if it takes more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole.

Following groups:

A following group is out of position if it:

takes more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole and

completes play of a check-point hole more than 14 minutes after the preceding group completed play of that hole.

Group Out of Position

When a group is out of position at a check-point, it will be given a warning by a Check-Point Official that the group is in breach of the pace of play guidelines. When a group has been notified of its first potential breach, that group is expected to regain its position before reaching the next check-point. If that group reaches the next check-point out of position, each player in the group may incur the applicable penalty for a breach of these guidelines.

Any group that is out of position is subject to being monitored.

A player concerned about a non-responsive fellow-competitor in his group should request the group supervisor to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.

Final Determination Regarding Breach/ Review Process

Before returning his score card, a player who was out of position during his round may consult with the Jury of Appeal to determine if he has incurred a penalty under these guidelines. The Jury of Appeal will determine that a player who has been found to be out of position is not in breach of these guidelines only if:
the player was delayed by the Committee; or
the player was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player or the group; or
the player was delayed by another player in the group

A player who was out of position during his round and who elects not to consult with the Jury of Appeal to determine whether he was in breach of these guidelines is considered to have been in breach of these guidelines and to have incurred a penalty or penalties according to the Local Rule schedule of penalties. If a group is liable to penalty, all penalties will be applied to the check-point hole where the breach occurred.

Appeals

Slow Play penalties may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal. The appeal must be in writing and must be based on facts relevant to the reason Pace of Play was not maintained. The decision of the Jury of Appeal will be final.

Example scenarios how penalties apply:

If a group fails to complete the 1st checkpoint in the allotted time, all players in the group are liable to a warning (1st potential breach). If thereafter the same group fails to complete any of the following checkpoints in the allotted time, all players would be liable to the penalties according to the OFSAA Slow Play Guidelines to a maximum of 5 strokes.