



2013-2014 Boys and Girls Golf Series

Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2013-2014 IHSA Boys and Girls Golf Tournament Series.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Girls' Golf

Competition in the IHSA Girls' Golf Tournament Series will be determined on an enrollment basis.

A. The classification of a school shall be determined on the basis of its total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in its Fall Housing Report on September 30, of the preceding school year. Non-boundaried schools will have their total student enrollment multiplied by 1.65.

B. For classification purposes, the total student enrollments for one-year high schools, two-year high schools, three-year high schools and high schools which enroll boys only or girls only shall be calculated as follows:

1. For one-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be quadrupled.

2. For two-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

3. For three-year high schools, one-third of the total student enrollment figure shall be added to the total student enrollment figure reported.

4. For schools which enroll boys only or girls only, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

C. Schools participating in girls golf operating under the two-class system shall be classified as follows:

1. Schools with enrollments of 954 and below will be Class A.

2. Schools with enrollments 954.01 and above will be Class AA.

3. Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

Boys' Golf

Competition in the IHSA Boys' Golf Tournament Series will be determined on an enrollment basis.

A. The classification of a school shall be determined on the basis of its total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in its Fall Housing Report on September 30, of the preceding school year. Non-boundaried schools will have their total student enrollment multiplied by 1.65.

B. For classification purposes, the total student enrollments for one-year high schools, two-year high schools, three-year high schools and high schools which enroll boys only or girls only shall be calculated as follows:

1. For one-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be quadrupled.

2. For two-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

3. For three-year high schools, one-third of the total student enrollment figure shall be added to the total student enrollment figure reported.

4. For schools which enroll boys only or girls only, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

C. Schools participating in boys golf operating under the three-class system shall be classified as follows:

1. Schools with enrollments of 506 and below will be Class 1A.

2. Schools with enrollments of 506.01 - 1439 will be Class 2A.

3. Schools with enrollments of 1439.01 - above will be Class 3A.

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Regional and Sectionals: Boys' Class 1A, 2A and 3A regional tournaments will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at various locations around the state. Girls' Class A and AA regional tournaments will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at various locations around the state. Boys' and girls' sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday, October 12, Monday, October 14, or Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Preference will be given to schools that can host a sectional on a Saturday or Monday. The host schools will be announced on the IHSA boys' and girls' golf website (www.ihsa.org).

B. Boys' State Final Date: The State Final Tournaments will be held October 18-19, 2013. The boys' Class 1A tournament will be held at Prairie Vista Golf Course, Bloomington. The boys' Class 2A Tournament will be held at Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University, Normal. The boys' Class 3A Tournament will be held at The Den, Bloomington. An optional practice round will be available for competing schools on Thursday, October 17, 2013.

C. Girls' State Final Date: The State Final Tournament will be held October 18-19, 2013. The girls' Class A tournament will be held at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur. The girls' Class AA will be held at Hickory Point Golf Course in Decatur. An optional practice round will be available for competing schools on Thursday, October 17, 2013.

D. Tournament Date Changes: No Local Manager shall be permitted to change the date on which the tournaments are played unless given permission by the IHSA Office.

III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ON-LINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2013-14 Entry Policies and Procedures.

A. On-line Entries: All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA Website at www.ihsa.org. The deadline for entry is September 6. The 2013-14 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.

The IHSA Board of Directors eliminated the entry fees for all sports and activities starting with the 2005-06 school year.

B. Late Entries: Any attempt to enter a sport or activity on-line after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

C. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure): To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the seeding meeting date and/or the date the *List of Participants* is due for that sport.

If a school withdraws after the seeding meeting date/*List of Participants* due date and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

Note: This Breach of Contract charge affects those sports which have not been penalized the cost of officials or the cost of the host guarantee because those costs are not incurred or those cost are not based on a per game or per night allowance.

D. Eligibility: All member schools in good standing may enter an individual(s) or a team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.054.

E. Affirmative Action: Only boys shall be permitted to participate in the boys' state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy. Only girls shall be permitted to participate in the girls' state series.

F. List of Participants/Substitutions: Each school must enter the names of their 6 eligible starting players on the *List of Participants* form found in the Schools Center on the IHSA web site. No more than six (6) participants from a school may play in the regional, sectional or state final. No alternate names are required. Team substitutions are allowed with any eligible golfer up to the start of each regional, sectional or state final tournament. In addition, team substitutions may be made on Saturday's final round of the state tournament. Substitutions are not allowed for individuals who are not a part of a team and who advance in the state series. Coaches with teams or individuals must complete the *List of Participants* prior to September 30, 2013. The regional manager will be able to view the rosters of the teams competing in their tournament on-line after the 30th to set up tee times for the regional tournament. Sectional managers will be able to view their respective qualifiers through the online winner reports.

G. List of Participants Penalty: In order for a school to complete the entry process for boys' and girls' state golf series, they must enter their team or individual (s) and complete the *List of Participants* by the established deadline date. Schools who fail to complete both parts of the entry process will not be entered into the state series unless a late entry fee is paid.

H. Average Score: The *List of Participants* will ask for the player's average 18 hole score. That score is based on the following criteria.

1. The scores for each player will be from all varsity interscholastic golf tournaments played during the current school year.

2. If a player does not have any varsity interscholastic scores for the current year, then a coach can submit the player's scores from non-school golf tournaments.

3. If a player uses the non-school scores, then the Principal must certify those scores.

4. The scores will be based on 18 holes. If an 18-hole average is not available, then the 9-hole score for a player shall be doubled to reflect an 18-hole score.

5. "No Score" entries will not be accepted.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Greens Fees: Participating schools shall be responsible to pay for their own greens fees for the regional and sectional tournaments in addition to any practice round(s) they schedule including the State Final practice round. The IHSA pays for the Friday and Saturday state tournament greens fees.

B. Regional Host School Allowance: Host schools shall pay all local expenses and shall receive a guarantee of \$330.00

C. Sectional Host School Allowance: Host schools shall pay all local expenses and shall receive a guarantee of \$330.00.

D. Rights Fees for TV and Radio:

1. Television Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy.

2. Radio Fees, which shall be charged, are:

- a) Regional = No Charge
- b) Sectional = No Charge
- c) State Final = No Charge

3. Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in the current News Media Directory.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

A. Team and Individual Honors: In order for a school to compete for team honors, a school must have no less than 4 players, and the school must have participated in six (6) varsity contests prior to the state series. Individuals competing for individual honors only are not required to have competed in six contests. A school can enter no more than six (6) individuals for team or individual honors.

B. Class A/AA Girls & Class 1A/2A/3A Boys: All schools entered will be assigned by the IHSA to one of the sixteen (16) Regional and one of the four (4) Sectional tournaments. Assignments are made geographically.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

A. Tournament Play: All Regional and Sectional tournaments shall consist of one 18-hole round played on a regulation 18-hole golf course. The state tournament shall consist of two 18-hole rounds played on a regulation 18-hole golf course.

B. Tournament Format: Traditional tee times will be used for the state series. It is preferred that the regional and/or sectional tournament manager start competitors from the first and the tenth hole. However, if it is necessary, play may begin on the 1st hole only. All tee times should be nine (9) minutes apart. In extreme weather conditions or in the case of an oversized field, the regional, sectional or state

final tournament director has the authority to use a shotgun start.

C. Pairing Procedures:

1. During the entire state series, 'wave' groupings that pair competitors from teams into team groups and individual qualifiers into individual groups will be used. Foursomes will be used whenever possible, although threesomes can be used as necessary. No group shall have two or more players from the same school.

a) In regionals, tournament managers will determine the team pairings based on the top 4 scores for each team reported on the *List of Participants Form*. Individual competitors will also be paired with other individuals based on scores reported on the *List of Participants Form*.

b) In sectionals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective regional tournament.

c) For the first day of the state finals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective sectional tournament.

d) For the final day of the state finals, pairings will be made on scores shot during the first day of the state finals.

e) At all levels of the state series, groupings comprised of individual competitors shall be inserted between different sets of team groupings.

f) Any player disqualified from the first round of the State Final Competition for a Non-Player Code of Conduct violation will be allowed to play in the final round and paired with the highest scores for day one.

g) For Wave pairings at the regional level and the second day of the state finals, if two or more teams with the same scores are tied, the following criteria will be used by managers to put those tied schools into the correct Wave grouping:

- i) 5th person score
- ii) 6th person score
- iii) Random computer selection

2. Shotgun start: In the event weather causes a manager to use a shotgun start during the state series, 'wave' groupings shall still be used. Managers should keep the groupings together as originally planned, using the following guidelines:

a) For speed of play, par 3's should have the fewest groups on a tee.

b) For speed of play, par 5's should have the most groups on a tee.

D. Conditions of Competition: The IHSA requires that every effort be made to complete the tournaments on the designated schedule. Bad weather is not, by itself, a good reason for discontinuing play. If the rules committee determines that the course is not in a playable condition, or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may recommend to the tournament

director to discontinue and temporarily suspend play or cancel play. In the event that unplayable conditions become playable, the rules committee shall recommend to the tournament director to begin play.

E. Provisions to Discontinue Play: When the cup is filled with water and there is no relief on the putting green around the cup, conditions become unplayable.

F. Provisions to Suspend Play: Play can be suspended when it does not impact the equity of the tournament. Darkness and lightning that cause all the holes not to be completed in the round are reasons to suspend play. Play can resume from the point at which it was suspended on either the day of the competition or the next possible day, except on the final day of the state finals. If on the second day of the state finals, play can not be completed because of darkness, the state championship will be determined on the basis of the scores posted Friday.

G. Provisions to Cancel Play: Play can be cancelled when conditions impact the equity of the tournament. When play cannot begin, or when play graduates into bad weather with conditions that worsen throughout the day and reach the point of unplayable, play can be cancelled. When play is cancelled, no scores for the day will count and a new 18-hole round will be played on the next playable day (excluding Sunday). All penalties (except disqualification due to misconduct) incurred in that round are cancelled.

H. State Final Completion: If State Final play begins on Friday, but the opening round is cancelled (not suspended) that day because of weather, scores made on Friday will not be counted and Saturday's round will be the first and final round for the state tournament. If, on the other hand, the opening round is completed on Friday and play cannot occur or is cancelled on Saturday, the State Championship will be determined on the basis of the scores posted on Friday.

I. Start Play: In the event that unplayable conditions become playable, the rules committee shall recommend to the tournament director to begin play.

J. Coaches' State Final Meeting: A state final coaches' meeting will be conducted prior to the first round of the competition. A coach (or a school representative) from each school qualifying a team or individual(s) for the state final must attend that meeting. An assistant coach, athletic director and/or principal may attend in place of the head coach as the official school representative. The purpose of the meeting is to review policies, procedures and local rules governing the conduct of the state final. Coaches will be responsible for the information reviewed at that meeting regardless of their attendance or non-attendance at the meeting.

1. **Class 1A Boys' coaches meeting** will be held at the Prairie Vista Golf Course beginning at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2013.

2. **Class 2A Boys' coaches meeting** will be held at Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2013.

3. **Class 3A Boys' coaches meeting** will be held at The Den at Fox Creek Golf Course at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2013.

4. **Class A Girls' coaches meeting** will be held at Red Tail Run Golf Course beginning at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2013.

5. **Class AA Girls' coaches meeting** will be held at Hickory Point Golf Course beginning at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2013.

K. State Final Time Schedule: The tournament manager has the authority to alter the time schedule and tournament format based on local conditions. The planned time schedule for the Boys and Girls State Final Tournament shall be as follows:

1. **First Round** -- Friday, 8:30 a.m. traditional tee times -- First Round (18 holes) of State Final Tournament begins.

2. **Second Round** -- Saturday, 8:30 a.m. traditional tee times -- Final Round (18) holes of State Final Tournament begins.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

All players who participate in the Regional competition shall be eligible for individual honors. All players who compete in the Sectional tournament shall be eligible for individual honors. All players who advance to the state final shall be eligible for individual honors in the State Final tournament. If teams tie for the low score at the regional, sectional, or state finals tournaments, the tied teams will be deemed the winners of the respective tournament.

A. Team Scoring: Any school, which enters four, five or six players in the Regional tournament and has competed in six (6) varsity contests, will be considered for team honors and team advancement to the regional, sectional or state final tournament. The four lowest scores of individuals on teams that compete for team honors at the regional, sectional, or state finals will be counted as a team score for any round during the state series.

B. Regional to Sectional Advancement - Class 1A/2A/3A Boys and Class A/AA Girls: Members of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams shall advance. In addition, the 10 best scoring individuals that are not members of a qualifying team shall advance from the regional to the sectional tournament. Ties for the last individual qualifying spot will be broken with an on-course play-off.

C. Sectional to State Final Advancement - Class 1A/2A/3A Boys and Class A/AA Girls: Members of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams shall advance. In addition, the 10 best scoring individuals that are not members of a qualifying team shall advance from the regional to the sectional tournament. Ties for the last individual qualifying spot will be broken with an on-course play-off.

D. Regional and Sectional Team Tie Breakers:

1. In the case of a team tie for the last qualifying spot, the 5th best scoring competitor's score shall be used to break the tie.

2. If a tie exists after the 5th best competitor's scores are used, then the 6th competitor's score shall be used to break the tie.

3. A team which has not entered a 5th competitor shall lose to a team which has entered a 5th competitor.

4. A team which has not entered a 6th competitor shall lose to a team which has entered a 6th competitor.

5. If a tie still exists after using the scores of the 5th best and 6th best competitors, the tied teams shall advance.

E. Regional and Sectional Individual Ties:

1. The sudden death playoff for the medalist position shall be started on a hole determined by the host school manager which may include the first available hole.

a. For awards purposes, ties for first (1st) place shall be broken by a sudden death playoff. All players tied for 1st place will compete in the sudden death until all but one player is eliminated.

b. Players in the sudden death who do not win will be awarded second place medallions.

c. Following a playoff, medals will be awarded to the next actual place. Therefore, following a 4 player playoff for 1st place, medals would be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 2nd, and then 5th place.

2. Ties for the last qualifying individual spot will be broken with an on course play-off so that only 10 individuals advance to the next level tournament.

a. The sudden death playoff for the final advancing position shall be started on a hole determined by the host school manager which may include the first available hole.

b. In the event of darkness or weather that prevents completion of play-off on the day of competition, managers will contact the IHSA office.

3. Ties shall not be broken for any other individual places.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. USGA Rules: The state series will be conducted under the United States Golf Association's Rules of Golf, state series adoptions as noted in the Terms and Conditions, and the IHSA school manual.

B. Coaching: For the entire state series the head coach and one assistant coach will be allowed to coach between the green and tee. Coaches must however wait until the last player on the green puts out before the communication takes place. Coaches may not delay teeing off on the next hole. Verbal or non-verbal communication at any other time of the round is prohibited. Both the head coach and the assistant coach must meet the IHSA coaching by-laws and be listed on the school's list of participants.

C. Competitor and Coaches Dress Code: For the entire state tournament series, slacks, skirts or skorts designed for golf that are no more than 5 inches above the knee, sport shirts with collar, mock turtlenecks designed for golf, and shoes appropriate for golf and socks define the dress code. Tank tops, short shorts, denim blue jeans, cutoffs or T-shirts will not be allowed for players or coaches. Any coach who does not conform with the dress code should be reported to the IHSA through a Special Report. Any player who does not meet the requirements of the dress code will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. However, a player's dress code violation must be caught prior to teeing off. Any player who begins the tournament in compliance with the dress code and then goes out of compliance, must get back into compliance in order to continue to play.

D. Playing Conditions:

1. During all state series tournaments, players shall play the ball as it lies unless otherwise provided in the USGA's Rules of Golf.

2. **Preferred Lies:** In case of bad weather or unsatisfactory playing conditions, the local rules committee shall have the authority to determine if their tournament shall be played under the "preferred lie" rule.

E. Observers:

1. Schools are required to provide an observer at regional and sectional tournaments. Preference shall be given to assigning observers from among the representatives from schools with individual competitors for the Regional and Sectional tournaments. If a sufficient number of golf coaches are not available to serve as observers, the local manager may appoint adults as observers.

2. Head coaches who elect to coach on the golf course must provide a school approved substitute adult observer. The name of the school approved substitute adult observer should be listed on the *List of Participants*.

F. Substitutions: Not more than six (6) competitors per school may participate on each day of the tournament series. Substitutions may be made under the following circumstances:

1. All substitutions must be made no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of competition for that day.

2. Team substitutions shall be made on a player for player basis, and no adjustments in pairings shall be made to accommodate such team substitutions.

3. If an individual tournament competitor is replaced for team competition, the individual competitor shall be withdrawn from the Individual Tournament.

4. Substitutions may only be made after completion of an 18 hole round.

G. Spectator Code of Conduct: All spectators are expected to adhere to the *Spectator Code of Conduct*. (See *Spectator Code of Conduct* posted in the Forms section of the IHSA Boys' and/or Girls' Golf web site.)

H. Player Code of Conduct: All players are expected to adhere to the *Player Code of Conduct*. (See *Player Code of Conduct* posted in the Forms section of the IHSA Boys' and/or Girls' Golf web site.)

I. Reporting a Code Violation: It is the responsibility of all coaches of participating schools and IHSA administrative officials to monitor player conduct. Any coach or IHSA administrative official who personally observes a Code of Conduct violation may invoke a Code of Conduct penalty. The individual reporting the violation will give notice to the offending player, assess the Code of Conduct penalty and follow up with a written report of the incident to the games committee. The games committee will notify the player's coach of the penalty.

J. Code of Conduct Appeals: Players and coaches will not have the right to appeal to the games committee for the first penalty levied. Players and coaches will be allowed to appeal the second offense by submitting in writing an inquiry concerning the penalty. The inquiry must be submitted by the end of the same day of the incident. The coach and player appealing the second penalty will provide an explanation of the incident to the games committee. The decision of the committee is final.

K. Galleries: Galleries will be encouraged and permitted. However, all spectators must remain a reasonable distance from the competitors. Spectators and competitors must also understand that competitors may be penalized when spectators violate USGA or IHSA rules. The *Spectator Code of Conduct* defines those expectations.

L. Pace of Play/Monitoring: During the IHSA state series, players' pace of play will be monitored by the Rules Committee. Players who fail to meet the predetermined pace of play

times for the regionals, sectional, and state finals courses may be subject to penalty for slow play. Tournament managers will establish the pace of play times for each tournament and provide them in advance to competitors. The Rules Committee will be responsible for player warnings and observing groups as needed to determine which players will be penalized. The IHSA Pace of Play Policy, located in the School's and Manager's Manuals, shall be used in implementing this initiative.

M. Artificial Devices: Players are prohibited from playing music with/without headphones, cell phones, artificial devices, or any unusual equipment that might assist a player in making a stroke.

N. Circle 10 Scoring: The Circle 10 rule may be invoked by a coach during Regional play only. If the Circle 10 rule is invoked, a player picks up their ball after 10 shots or more on any applicable hole. That player is no longer eligible to advance to the Sectional round and their score will not be used for advancing team scores.

O. Measuring Devices: Players may use USGA approved measuring devices during state series competition. Players may share distance information with competitors if they wish to do so.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. Player Withdrawals: Regardless of first-day scores or weather conditions, all competitors in the state final tournament should consider it their obligation to complete play on all 36 holes, except in case of illness, injury, or other emergency. Failure to complete assigned rounds is a violation of IHSA By-law 6.040, and the school will be penalized for this breach of contract.

B. School Representative/Coach: In accordance with IHSA By-laws 2.020 and 2.070, if a school does not have a qualified coach or faculty representative present at the tournament site at all times during tournament play, that school's competitor(s) shall not be permitted to participate. Coaches will serve as observers as required by the tournament manager. Only coaches who meet By-law 2.020 and 2.070 may coach or be involved with their players during practice or play.

C. Disabled Spectator Golf Cart Policy: No golf carts are available at the state finals for fans. Shuttles will be available to transport spectators to designated locations at the state final venues.

D. Media Requirements:

1. **Radio and TV Originators:** It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payments (where required) and make cancellation

refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play originations, according to the IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy.

a) Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b) Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for any level of competition in this series (except state final). Local Managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition.

c) Television and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of competition in each respective level in this state series, shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSA Television and Broadcast policies.

E. Tobacco Products: No coach, player or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.

F. Use of Inhalers: A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures for self administration in the Illinois school code.

G. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series: The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

H. Prayer at State Series Contests: Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

IX. AWARDS

A. Regional Individual Awards: Medals shall be awarded to the 1st – 5th place individuals at the Regional tournaments. In the event there are more than 2 players involved in the sudden death playoff for first place medalist honors, duplicate 2nd place medals will be awarded those competitors. In addition, duplicate medals shall be presented to all competitors tied for 2nd -5th place.

B. Regional Team Awards: Plaques shall be awarded to the first place team at the Regional tournament. If teams tie for the low score, the tied teams will be deemed the winners of the regional tournament.

C. Sectional Individual Awards: Medals will be awarded to the 1st- 7th place individuals at the Sectional tournaments. In the event there are more than 2 players involved in the sudden death playoff for first place medalist honors, duplicate 2nd place medals will be awarded those competitors. In addition, duplicate medals shall be presented to all competitors tied for 2nd -7th place.

D. Sectional Team Awards: Plaques shall be awarded to the first place team at the Sectional tournament. If teams tie for the low score, the tied teams will be deemed the winners of the sectional tournament.

E. State Final Individual Awards: Medallions shall be awarded to the 1st-10th place individuals and the members of the first, second and third placing teams. In the event there are more than two players involved in the sudden death playoff, duplicate 2nd place medals will be awarded those competitors. In addition, duplicate medallions shall be presented to all competitors tied for 2nd -10th place.

F. State Final Team Awards: Trophies shall be awarded to the first, second and third placing teams at the State Final tournament. In the event schools tie for a team award at the state finals, the tie shall be broken in the following manner:

a. The fifth best score from the tied teams for both Friday and Saturday will be added together to create a total score.

b. These total 'fifth person' scores will be compared, and the school with the lowest score will beat the other tied school(s).

c. A school that can't produce a two-day 'fifth person' score will lose to a school that can.

d. If the tied schools are still tied after comparing these 'fifth person' scores, the same process will be followed using the sixth best score from each school for both Friday and Saturday.

e. A school that can't produce a two-day 'sixth person' score will lose to a school that can.

f. If the tied schools are still tied after comparing the 'sixth person' scores, the tied schools will remain tied, and each shall receive the appropriate award.

G. Administrative Awards: Medallions will be awarded to the superintendent, principal, athletic director, and certified athletic trainer if one is listed on the school's Team Data Form, of the first through third place teams at the state final.

X. OFFICIALS

A. Tournament Rules Committee: Each regional and sectional manager shall appoint (in addition to him/herself) a tournament committee of at least three (3) participating coaches. The decision(s) of the tournament committee shall be final in matters pertaining to the USGA Rules of Golf. Neither the IHSA Office nor the Board of Directors will review tournament committee decisions whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

B. Observers: All schools will be required to have an individual present and available at the site of the regional and sectional tournaments to act as observers as described earlier in these Terms and Conditions.

C. Rules Committee:

1. At least three (3) coaches who are familiar with the Rules of Golf should be selected to serve on the committee for a tournament and should be identified to the competitors. The committee members must be available at all times during the tournament.

2. Rulings may only be made by a majority of committee members. However, in complex cases, the committee as a whole should be consulted.

3. It is often advisable for members of the committee to be on the golf course during the tournament in order to be more available to the contestants.

4. At least one member of the committee should be stationed at the scorer table.

5. The State Final rules committee shall be comprised of PGA/LPGA/USGA bona fide rules officials.

D. Games Committee: A games committee will be appointed to oversee the Code of Conduct for spectators and players. Coaches will file a written report of the code violations to the games committee. Sectional representatives selected by the coaches from the sectional complex will make up the games committee. If no coach is selected from the sectional complex, the IHSA will appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.