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The **GOLF MANUAL** serves as a guide to participating schools and provides information for the administration of Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) competition. The Girls and Boys golf manual information is combined for the 2011-2012 school year. The regulations in this manual shall be considered official unless schools are notified of specific changes.

The Girls Golf District Assignments and Classifications will be available on the NSAA website after July 15.

The Boys District Assignments and Classifications will be available on the NSAA website after February 1.

Coaches and athletic directors are urged to read this manual on the NSAA website for future reference.

Bud Dahlstrom, Assistant Director, is the NSAA staff member assigned to this sport. If schools have questions regarding this activity, they should be directed to him.

IMPORTANT RULINGS

Most of these regulations were in force last year, as in previous years; however, school officials should study this manual entirely, paying close attention to these significant changes:

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INTERNET INFORMATION

The Nebraska School Activities Association's (NSAA's) home page is located at the following address:

<http://www.nsaahome.org>

This important means of communication includes a page for each of the NSAA's sponsored activities. Administrators, coaches and others involved in this activity should make themselves familiar with what is offered on the Internet because the NSAA office is continuing to use the Internet as a quick way to provide information. Here are some topics included on the website: Current year classifications, district assignments, district results, NSAA championship schedules, NSAA championship qualifiers and assignments, NSAA championship results and list of past champions.

NSAA Golf Championship qualifiers are posted on the website under the Girls and Boys Golf sections. This is how schools are notified that players have officially qualified for the championship. First and second-day tee times are also posted for the NSAA championships.

The NSAA office and its staff members all can be reached via the Internet e-mail address:

nsaa@nsaahome.org -- to the NSAA office in general.

bdahlstrom@nsaahome.org -- to Bud Dahlstrom for inquiries about Golf.

It is important to regularly check the NSAA homepage for the latest information about your activity.

GIRLS' KEY DATES

<u>Year</u>	<u>First Practice Monday, Week 6</u>	<u>First Contests Thursday, Week 7</u>	<u>District Dates</u>	<u>NSAA Championships</u>	<u>Locations</u>
2011-12	August 8	August 18	October 3-4	October 10-11	Class A-Norfolk, B-Grand Island, C-Columbus
2012-13	August 6	August 16	October 1-2	October 8-9	TBA
2013-14	August 12	August 22	October 7-8	October 14-15	TBA
2014-15	August 11	August 21	October 6-7	October 13-14	TBA

1. The Girls Golf season starts the first day of practice, August 8, 2011. On-line eligibility lists are due by August 18, 2011.
2. The season ends with the NSAA Girls Golf Championships, October 10-11, 2011 or when a school-unit's entire golf team is eliminated from further participation in the sport.

BOYS' KEY DATES

<u>Year</u>	<u>First Practice Mon., Week 35</u>	<u>First Contests Thurs., Week 37</u>	<u>District Dates</u>	<u>NSAA Championships</u>	<u>Locations</u>
2011-12	February 27	March 15	May 14-15	May 22-23	Class A-Lincoln B/C-Kearney D-North Platte
2012-13	February 25	March 14	May 13-14	May 21-22	TBA
2013-14	March 3	March 20	May 19-20	May 28-29	TBA
2014-15	March 2	March 19	May 18-19	May 27-28	TBA

1. The Boys Golf season starts the first day of practice, February 27, 2012. On-line eligibility lists are due by March 15, 2012.
2. The season ends with the NSAA Boys Golf Championships, May 22-23, 2012 or when a school-unit's entire golf team is eliminated from further participation in the sport.

NSAA ATHLETIC BYLAWS GOVERNING GOLF

Golf exists as a high school activity by authority of the constitution and bylaws of the Nebraska School Activities Association.

3.11.5 **GOLF**

3.11.5.1 Girls golf shall be conducted during the fall sports season.

3.11.5.2 Boys golf shall be conducted during the spring sports season.

3.11.5.3 The season for golf shall begin with the first day of practice as permitted by the NSAA rules and shall end with the state tournament.

NSAA BYLAWS GOVERNING ALL ACTIVITIES 2.11 PENALTIES

- 2.11.1 **School Violations.** For violation by a member school of any of the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, or rules adopted by the Representative Assembly or approved by the member schools or the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors or Executive Director may impose, but not be limited to, one or more of the following penalties:
- 2.11.1.2 Issue a private or public reprimand to the school.
- 2.11.1.3 Recommend that the responsible school official receive a private or public reprimand.
- 2.11.1.4 Enforce the forfeiture of one or more contests in team or individual sports.
- 2.11.1.5 Enforce the forfeiture of points scored by students in individual competition.
- 2.11.1.6 A student or staff member may be reprimanded, placed on probation, or suspended from participation for one or more contests.
- 2.11.1.7 Recommend that the school declare the guilty student ineligible for up to ninety school days or the remainder of the school year.
- 2.11.1.8 Place the school on probation for a period not to exceed one calendar year.
- 2.11.1.9 Suspend a school for part or all of the season of an activity.
- 2.11.1.10 Expel the school from Association membership for a period not to exceed one calendar year.
- 2.11.2 **Student Violations.** If a student violates any of the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, or Approved Rulings during the course of an Association-sponsored district contest, playoff, or state contest, the Board of Directors or Executive Director may suspend the student from further competition for any portion or all of the remainder of the sub district, district, playoff, or state contests.
- 2.11.3 **Participant Ejections from Athletic Contests.** Any participant ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next athletic contest at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to the other penalties the NSAA or the school may assess.
- 2.11.4 **Coach Ejections from Athletic Contests.** Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible to coach the next athletic contest at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to the other penalties the NSAA or the school may assess.
- 2.11.5 **Investigation.** Prior to the assessment of any penalty, the Executive Director will gather data in order to establish intent, fault, and the effect an ineligible participant had on any interschool contest. These factors shall be weighed in determining the severity of the penalty assessed. The Executive Director's decision may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
- 2.11.6 **Institution Control.** If the said violation is brought to the attention of the Board of Directors as a result of self-policing by the offending school, the Board of Directors shall issue the highest of commendations to the administration of the school for its efforts in enforcing the Constitution.

NSAA Approved Rulings and Interpretations for 2.11

In addition to the above penalties, other penalties may be enforced which are listed in the Bylaws and/or Approved Rulings accompanying activities elsewhere in this Yearbook.

The penalty for late submission of online eligibility lists shall be an administrative fee of \$50 per occurrence, plus other penalties as the Board of Directors shall assess.

The penalty for late submission of registration forms and payment shall be an administrative fee of \$50 per occurrence, plus other penalties as the Board of Directors shall assess.

The penalty for late submission of online contest schedules shall be an administrative fee of \$50 per occurrence, plus other penalties as the Board of Directors shall assess.

The penalty for exceeding the individual and team contest limitations shall be an administrative fee of \$500 per occurrence, plus other penalties as the Board of Directors shall assess.

NSAA SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES AND EJECTIONS

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include the following: fighting, verbal abuse or dissent toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, inappropriate comments or actions that may be construed as sexual harassment, **profanity**, obscene gestures, flagrant and violent fouls, taunting, trash talk, baiting, cheating, **throwing or abusing equipment**, inappropriate posters, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of a team bench area.
2. As a part of the NSAA Sportsmanship regulations (Bylaws 2.11.2 through 2.11.6), any participant ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next athletic contest at that level of competition and any other athletic contest at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess. Likewise, any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct is subject to those same sit-out rules.
3. There is no appeal process for ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. The expectation for enforcement of these regulations falls on the school administration. If a coach or athlete is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike reasons, it is the school's responsibilities to assure that the coach or athlete not participate in the following contest at that level or any other contest at any other level during the interim.
5. Officials will be required to file reports with the NSAA when ejections occur.
6. School administrators are required to promptly notify the NSAA, as well, when high school athletes or coaches are ejected from contests, regardless of the level of play. The NSAA will actively monitor ejections and enforcement of the sit-out rules, but it is necessary for schools to take the prominent role in assuring that the sportsmanship rules are followed and enforced.
7. Athletes who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct may not suit up or participate in the "sit-out" contest, schools have the local prerogative of determining whether such disqualified athletes should ride the team bus to the contest and sit on the bench in street clothes.
8. Coaches who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct may not participate in any coaching activities during any of the contests during the "sit-out" period, nor may they be present at the contest site or facility for contests during the time of their "sit-out" suspension.
9. If the ejection takes place in the final game of the season, the suspension will not carry over to the following season; however, schools may wish to enact other local penalties of their choosing.
10. The NSAA Executive Director shall reserve the right to consider the length of suspensions when some levels of competition are scheduled on an irregular basis.
11. Participants must keep their uniforms on while in the competition area.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Violations within the rules of golf may be cause for penalty or disqualification. **Objectionable conduct** by a player, reported to the Rules Committee during or after a competitor's round may also be cause for action under USGA Rule 33-7. Objectionable conduct includes, but is not limited to, **foul language, equipment throwing, abuse of the golf course or officials, or any unbecoming conduct**. The NSAA may also suspend the player from future tournaments or events and/or expel them from the District Tournament or NSAA Golf Championship if the action warrants removal.

Review golf course etiquette with your players during the season and before postseason events. As an educational activity, high school players need to model the highest standards of acceptable golf course conduct. The NSAA should not receive complaints about unfixed ball marks on greens, divots not being replaced in fairways, sand traps not being raked, or clubs and balls being thrown in anger

during high school events. Instruct players to always display respect for the golf course, for the rules of the game, your competitors, the officials and themselves.

NSAA ATHLETIC BYLAWS

- 3.1.1.2 The division of sports seasons shall be as follows: No school shall register more than one varsity team per sport and no student shall participate simultaneously in more than one sport per season.
- 3.2 **Out-of-Season Programs.** A member school shall not provide support, hold an organized practice or enter students in any non-high school competition in NSAA sponsored sports outside of the defined NSAA season.
- 3.2.3 **Organized practice.** No organized practice in any sport shall be held during the school year between the close of a season of a sport and the opening day of practice for that sport the following school year. An organized practice shall be defined as:
- (c) Track, Wrestling, Swimming, **Golf**, Tennis and Cross Country. An organized practice shall mean **more than three players** under direct supervision of a sponsor. If more than one such group is practicing at the same time, it shall be called an organized practice.
- 3.12.4 **Protests.**
- 3.12.4.1 Protests based upon the eligibility of players will be considered by the Executive Director and Board of Directors.
- 3.12.4.2 Protests based upon play situations and situations which involve judgment on the part of game officials will not be considered.
- 3.2.8 **Summer Activities.** From the Tuesday following Memorial Day to July 31, a member school may not sponsor a team or individual, provide uniforms, individual player equipment (except football, baseball and softball protective equipment for commercial camps), or otherwise be responsible for a student in summer competition. Attendance at summer activities shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend summer activities as a condition for membership on a high school team or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.
- NSAA Approved Rulings and Interpretations for 3.2.8:***
The 'school year, out-of-season' period begins on the date of the official start of fall practices. Summer activities are regulated between the Tuesday following Memorial Day (or for Boys Golf this may be extended to the day following the NSAA Boys State Golf Championship) and July 31. Between the end of the summer activities period and the start of the school year, out-of-season period (August 1 through the official start of fall practices), the following shall apply: (1) The organized practice rule shall be in effect; (2) Conditioning programs may be held; (3) Attendance at commercial camps and clinics is permissible, but the organized practice rules shall be in effect for such camps and clinics; and (4) No school-sponsored clinics or camps may be held.
- 3.2.8.1 **Allowable Summer Activities.** During the summer a member school may organize the following:
- 3.2.8.2 **Summertime School-Sponsored Camps/Clinics:** A school may organize a camp or clinic in any sport from the Tuesday following Memorial Day (or for Boys Golf this may be extended to the day following the NSAA Boys State Golf Championship) through July 31. The camp shall be limited to no more than ten days over a period of 21 consecutive calendar days starting with the first date of the camp/clinic.

- a. Summertime school-sponsored camps/clinics include planned physical activities that are instructional and competitive in nature where actual games can be played or simulated by camp attendees.
- b. Summertime school-sponsored camps/clinics shall be voluntary and open to all interested students from grades 9-12.
- c. The use of school facilities and equipment is permitted in accordance with local school board policy.

3.2.8.3

Summertime Conditioning Program: A member school may organize and supervise a summer conditioning program to include weight lifting, running, and exercising for its students in accordance with the following provision:

- a. Such a conditioning program shall be general in nature and may include only exercises designed to promote physical fitness.
- b. Sport specific drills are not allowed, and sport specific equipment may not be used.
- c. Conditioning session shall be no longer than 60 minutes in length, and no member shall participate in more than one such session per day.

NSAA Approved Rulings and Interpretations for 3.2.4 and 3.2.8.1:

Conditioning sessions organized and run by members of the school's coaching staff are subject to the 60-minute limitation. Students, for example, who work out on their own at the school facility in weight lifting, general calisthenics, running, or agility-type exercises shall not be considered to be involved in an organized conditioning program.

3.2.8.8

Summertime Use of School Facilities. Member schools may permit the use of their facilities in accordance with the local school board rental policy. Examples of acceptable use of school facilities for activities are:

- a. Summer Leagues. There must be evidence that the organization or individual conducting the league has rented or leased the school facility to prove the school is not involved in its sponsorship or funding.
- b. Commercial Sport Camps/Clinics. A school may rent its facility for use by individuals, including its own school coaches or other organizations for commercial camps/clinics or schools. Camps conducted by high school coaches shall be publicized as open to all area individuals wishing to attend and not limited to students from the coach's high school.
- c. All-Star competition that involves graduated seniors.
- d. Competitive meets and contests sponsored by non-school groups.
- e. Facilities approved under the above stipulations include: gymnasiums, tracks, swimming pools, tennis courts, athletic playing fields, and baseball and softball diamonds.

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Summertime College/Professional/Commercial Team Sport (or) Summertime Individual Commercial Camps/Clinics. High school coaches are permitted to accompany students from their school to college, professional, or commercial sports specialized team camps/clinics during the summer. Students may attend any individual skill/technique camps or clinics during the summer.

- a. The purpose of these sports camps/clinics/schools is to give team members or individual students an opportunity to improve skills in a particular activity.
- b. The athlete and/or his/her parents shall pay the fees and expenses for attendance to such camps or schools. The school, booster clubs, individuals and/or other organizations shall not provide expenses, or support for individuals participating in camps, schools, and non-school competition.
- c. Team fundraisers may be used to finance summer league and camp/clinic activities. The AD/coach can hold money collected from fundraising in a school account until the money is needed to pay for summer league or camp activities. Any athlete receiving money for summer leagues/camps/clinics must participate in the fundraising activity.

- d. The school shall not provide uniforms but may provide transportation for individuals participating in such camps/clinics, or schools with prior approval from the districts' Board of Education.

NSAA APPROVED RULINGS

- 1. All scheduled and postponed regular season varsity contests must be played prior to the start of District or State competition. Once District or State competition begins, no regular season varsity contests shall be permitted.**
- 2. During the season of a sport, a student is permitted to take individualized instruction from a person other than the high school coach. Group instruction, practices with outside teams, and tryouts for outside teams other than as a part of a college or university-recruiting visit, however, are not permitted.**
- 3. Scrimmages: Intra-squad scrimmages are permissible during the season of the sport involved and are not restricted by the scrimmage characteristics listed in Bylaw 3.3.2.**
- 4. To be a participant in any NSAA activity at either the varsity or non-varsity levels of competition, an individual must be a bona fide student of a member high school. Exempt-school or home-school students, unless enrolled in a minimum of twenty credit hours of schoolwork in the member high school, are not eligible to represent a member school in NSAA activities, regardless of the level of participation or competition.**
- 5. Students who complete transfer requirements on or before March 15 and whose names are submitted to the NSAA by March 15 as transfer students shall be immediately eligible in the fall at the school to which they transfer. If the student were to later change his/her mind and not transfer, that student would be ineligible for 90 school days at the school in which he/she attends. If such student were to transfer to the new school, but later decides to return to his/her former district before 90 school days have elapsed, such student will be ineligible in the former district for 90 school days, with the ineligibility period commencing at the start of the fall semester. Or, in the case of the student who transfers and attends the new school before the start of the semester but whose name is submitted on the March 15 transfer list, such student would be ineligible for 90 school days commencing at the time the student began attending the transfer school.**
- 6. A season begins on the first day of allowable practices for that sport. The season officially ends with the conclusion of the State Championship in that sport. Students may not participate in outside group instruction or competition once the season officially begins, and outside group instruction or competition may not commence until the school team has been completely eliminated from further participation in the sport.**

CLINICS

During the season of a sport, student participation in a golf clinic, camp, or school shall not be permitted if the student is a member of a school team. The term "participation" shall mean physically taking part in the sport activity sponsored by the clinic, camp, or school. This does not prohibit a student's attendance as a spectator or an observer.

NSAA AND NFHS POLICY STATEMENT ON STERIODS

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), strongly oppose the abuse of anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances by high school student-athletes. Such use violates legal, ethical and competitive equity standards, and imposes unreasonable long-term health risks.

The NSAA and the NFHS support prohibitions by educational institutions, amateur and professional organizations and governmental regulators on the use of anabolic steroids and other controlled substances, except as specifically prescribed by physicians for therapeutic purposes.

PLAY

The current edition of the United States Golf Association Rules of Golf, combined with local course ground rules, will govern play. **Each school has the responsibility to instruct its players on the rules of golf and to see that these rules are followed during competition.** 2011-2012 NSAA rules and regulations shall govern all golf competitions.

RULES OFFICIALS

The NSAA does not register rules officials in the sport of golf. **Each host school shall be responsible for securing rules officials for the matches or tournaments for which it hosts, and for negotiating with those rules officials for their compensation.**

AMATEUR GUIDELINES

1. The NSAA does not make pro-amateur determinations. Anyone declared a pro (in violation of amateur codes) by the United States Golf Association (USGA) cannot participate in high school golf. The Association encourages all schools to remind their golfers of the USGA amateur code. High school players should never receive cash instead of merchandise from any amateur events. To do so, even when other "amateur" players take the cash, is a violation of the code. They would risk having someone who knew report the matter to the USGA. A policy of accepting only merchandise (up to \$750 worth per tournament) is highly recommended.
2. To play high school golf, a student must have amateur status by United States Golf Association standards. The key sections of these standards are:
 - A. **Professionalism makes a student ineligible:**
 1. Receiving payment of compensation for serving as a professional golfer or identifying oneself as a professional golfer.
 2. Taking any action for the purpose of becoming a professional golfer.
 - B. **Prize Money:**

Playing for prize money or its equivalent is not allowed in a match, tournament or exhibition. Note: A player may participate in an event in which prize money or its equivalent is offered, provided that prior to participation the player irrevocably waives the right to accept prize money in that event.
 - C. **USGA Merchandise Limit:**

USGA Rule 3-2a permits for an amateur golfer to accept a prize in the form of merchandise or a prize voucher up to a retail value of \$750. USGA defines a "prize voucher" as a voucher or gift certificate issued by the Committee in charge of competition for the purchase of goods from a professionals' shop or other retail source. (Examples of prize vouchers that are acceptable under the Rules of Amateur Status include a gift certificate to a golf shop, department store, on-line store, etc. Also, gift cards, such as a VISA or American Express gift card, are permissible provided the recipient redeems the full amount for merchandise and does not exchange any portion of the card for cash.)

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING

Schools should plan their golf events with the idea of minimizing lost class time.

- 3.11.5.4.1 Participation in interschool golf competition by any school student shall be limited to **12 meets**. No more than 9 of the 12 meets allowed can involve more than four teams. This does not include district or state competition.

NSAA CLASSIFICATION

Girls' golf schools are divided into three classes for district and state competition. Based on the total enrollment figures used for the classification of schools in all NSAA activities, **Class A** consists of the 32 largest schools playing girls' golf during the current classification period. The next 32 schools will be placed in **Class B**. The remaining schools registered for girls' golf are placed in **Class C**.

Boys' golf schools are divided into four classes for district and state competition. Based on the total enrollment figures used for the classification of schools in all NSAA activities, **Class A** consists of the 32 largest schools playing boys' golf during the current classification period. The next 48 schools will be placed in **Class B**. The remaining schools registered for boys' golf will be divided equally into **Class C** and **Class D**.

SMOKELESS TOBACCO BAN

The NSAA Board of Directors has approved the following regulation: During district or state competition in activities sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association, the use of smokeless tobacco by any participant is prohibited. If a participant or substitute is detected using smokeless tobacco during competition, that individual shall be disqualified from participation in further competition in that contest.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1. Golfers are not allowed to use a cell phone or any other type of electronic device during competition.
2. Non-competitors carrying cell phones or pagers on the golf course must turn off the ringer. Those who do not will be asked to turn off the phone or pager and risk being removed from the golf course by tournament or meet officials.
3. **The penalty for Breach of USGA Rule 8 – Advice:**
 - a. **Match Play – Loss of Hole**
 - b. **Stroke Play – Two Strokes**

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

1. The use of electronic Distance Measuring Devices will not be permitted during District and NSAA Championship play.
2. For regular season competition, if the Local Committee elects to permit electronic Distance Measuring Devices, rules concerning such uses must be included in pre-meet communications and be in compliance with United States Golf Association rules.

SCHOOL TEAM

1. Member schools are encouraged to sponsor golf teams for both boys and girls. If a school sponsors a team in golf in the spring for members of one sex but sponsors no such team for members of the other sex, and athletic opportunities for the members of that sex have previously been limited, members of the excluded sex must be allowed to try out for the team offered.
2. Girls can be on the school's team during the spring season if the school does not sponsor a girl's team in the fall. If a school sponsors girls' golf, girls cannot participate in the boys' golf program at the school in the spring. Boys must play only in the spring season.
3. Schools are to be registered for girls' golf by the time fall practice begins on August 9. Schools are to be registered for boys' golf by January 1, the last day for spring sports registration. However, permission has been granted to anyone wishing to register and participate after those dates. District assignments will not be adjusted for late entries. Late schools will be added to districts.

NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION BY STUDENTS

- 3.5.1 Any student who participates in any athletic contest other than as a representative of his/her school during the season of the sport involved becomes ineligible to represent his/her school in that sport for one or more contests or the remainder of the season.

NSAA Approved Rulings and Interpretations for 3.5.1

Eligibility for District/State Competition *To be eligible to participate in a district and/or state contest a student shall have been a member of the school's team and shall have been available to participate in at least eighty percent (80%) of the school's scheduled interschool contests and not have missed more than twenty percent (20%) of the school's scheduled contests because of participating in non-high school competition.*

(a) The term “available to participate” means that the student was a bona fide member of the team, eligible to participate for the school at some level of competition in the sport, and not involved in outside participation activities (exception: Olympic Development Program or national team activities as approved by the NSAA.

(b)The term, "school's scheduled interschool contests," is defined as those contests which appear on the school's varsity schedule at the beginning of the season. An exception to this requirement will be considered if a student was unable to participate because of injury, illness, or had transferred from another high school.

Outside Participation At no time during the high school sport season can a student who is a member of the school squad in that sport compete in non-school organized competition in any skill of the sport. A person may be considered to be a participant without being an official entry in the competition. The phrase “compete in non-school organized competition in any skill of the sport” is interpreted to mean to take part in any skill of the sport of season. For example, a student out for cross country or track would become ineligible to represent the high school if he/she participates in a road race or a marathon. A student on the high school basketball team would become ineligible if he/she participates in a free throw contest, 1 on 1, 2 on 2, 3 on 3, 4 on 4 basketball contest, or other similar contest. A student out for high school football will become ineligible if he competes in a punt, pass and kick contest. A wrestler shall not participate in a non-school takedown tournament during the wrestling season.

The exception to this rule would be for activities that are school-sponsored such as half-time basketball shooting or volleyball serving contests, parent-child golf outings at the local course, or fun runs/ walks in support of a designated charity. Schools may call the Executive Director if there are questions about whether an activity would qualify under this exception.

If prizes or awards are provided for such participation, such awards need to be in compliance with NSAA guidelines. Awards to individuals for activity participation in the form of cash, merchandise certificates, or any negotiable instrument are not allowed.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR NSAA GOLF PARTICIPATION

1. To be eligible to compete for a high school team, a student shall not become involved in any golf competition other than that which is scheduled by their school during the NSAA golf season.
2. Outside golf competition that is illegal during the high school season includes: open tournaments, local club tournaments, league play, exhibitions, parent-youth competition and any other competitive events.
3. It should be noted that this rule begins on the first allowed day of practice (girls-August 9, 2010, boys-February 28, 2011). Even if a team's official practice does not begin until August 12 or March 4 for example, its students must avoid any outside competition beginning on the first allowed practice day, if they wish to be eligible for the high school team.
4. What about situations where students want to be involved in golf during the season in competition/participation not sponsored by the school?
 - a. The high school principal and the coach of the sport involved must prepare a request for a waiver of Article 3, Section 3.5.1. The school then may request a waiver from the Nebraska School Activities Association. If the student(s) has not qualified for the competition through actual competition in a meet or series of meets which were designated in advance by the sponsoring organization as qualifying meets, or the competition is not a part of the United States Olympic Development Program, a waiver may be granted provided the student(s) does not represent his/her school in varsity competition of the sport involved for the same number of days in which he/she participated in the non-school competition.
 - b. If a school has violations of this rule, the administration should contact the NSAA office immediately. The penalty, to be set by the NSAA Executive Director, may involve loss of playing privileges from one match to the entire season.

SPECTATORS AND COACHES -- DURING SEASON

1. Spectators may be on the course observing the golfers, but they must remain a distance from all golfers. Spectators must avoid being on greens, tee boxes, and fairways.
2. Spectators can applaud a player or group of players and they may offer encouragement to one player, as long as it is not distracting to other players in the tournament.
3. Spectators may not walk side-by-side with participants. They may not sit with them during a waiting period on the course.
4. A distance of 50 feet would be an acceptable separation.
5. Violation of this section during a tournament or meet may result in a two-stroke penalty after a warning by tournament or meet officials. Failure to abide by the separation rule after a two-stroke penalty is applied could result in disqualification.
6. Schools are expected to communicate with their own golfers and spectators and enforce this policy themselves.
7. **Head Coaches may coach their golfers between the greens and tees. (See section – “Coaching and Advice During Competition” for coaching criteria).**
8. Coaches, other than the Head Coach, may be out on the course during competition if not part of the work force. If so, they fall under the category of spectator and must follow the above rules.
9. The clubhouse area between the ninth green and tenth tee is a time when players and spectators would not be required to maintain the above-mentioned distances. Coaches could, at this time, meet with their players and discuss any aspect of golf. Coaches may offer tournament or golf advice at this time.
10. Non-competitors carrying cell phones or pagers on the golf course must turn off the ringer. Those who do not will be asked to turn off the phone or pager and risk being removed from the golf course by tournament or meet officials.

COACHING AND ADVICE DURING COMPETITION

1. Only the Head Coach will be allowed to coach and to give advice under the following provisions:
 - a. Only one (1) designated team Head Coach may coach and give advice.
 - b. USGA Rule 8 entitled “Definition of Advice” must be used.
 - c. Coaching and advice may be given only when all of the golf balls of the players in a group are no longer in play after each hole.
2. Head Coaches who elect to coach and advise their players during matches must not make rulings on matters of play that are the responsibility of the meet director, tournament committee, or rules officials.
3. Players must proceed immediately to the next hole without delay. A player in violation of USGA Rule 6-7, “Undue Delay,” will be assessed a two-stroke penalty for the first offense and disqualified from competition for the second offense.
4. No players, assistant coaches, parents or spectators shall be allowed to coach or give advice while out on the golf course, to any player who is competing during regular season matches or matches in the NSAA Districts or NSAA State Championships.
5. The clubhouse area between the ninth green and tenth tee is a time when players and spectators would not be required to maintain the 50-foot distance rule. Coaches could, at this time, meet with their players and discuss any aspect of golf. Coaches may offer tournament or golf advice at this time.

SUPERVISION

1. Teams and/or individual participants in regular season contests shall not be permitted to compete unless accompanied by the head coach (as defined by NSAA), a school administrator, or a certificated faculty member.
2. Directors of all tournaments will follow these regulations. **Unsupervised golfers will not be permitted to compete.**
3. Proper supervision needs to remain a priority during regular season events and during practice rounds on district and state championship golf courses. Coaches who elect to play during practice rounds for NSAA post-season events are subject to regular course fees and must maintain the role of supervisor for the team while students are representing their school as golf team members.
4. Coaches who elect to play during regular season events must maintain their supervisory role and in no way impede or interfere with student competitors on the golf course.

2011-2012 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TEAM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

3.3.7 **State Contests.** The Board of Directors shall have charge of all state interscholastic contests in activities sponsored by the Association. The Executive Director shall be the director of all such contests. He/she may delegate the details to someone else and have such other help as he/she deems necessary.

NSAA Approved Rulings and Interpretations for 3.3.7

1. In all athletic activities, teams wishing to enter a subdistrict, district, or state contest shall have participated in a minimum of five interschool varsity contests prior to the subdistrict, district, or state contest.

Exceptions to the requirements for a team that has not participated in at least five interschool varsity contests would be considered if the team was unable to participate if weather conditions forced a cancellation of scheduled contests. Other extenuating circumstances would be considered by the Executive Director on a case-by-case basis.

2. In order to participate in a district or state tournament, a student is required to have been a member of the school's team for at least twenty school days prior to the first day of the subdistrict, district, or state tournament.

Exceptions to the requirements for a student who is not a member of the school team for twenty school days would be considered if an individual was unable to participate because of illness, injury, or transfer from another high school. School, team, or game suspensions, regardless of the underlying cause, shall not be considered as exceptions to this participation rule.

3. In all athletic activities, students wishing to enter a subdistrict, district, or state contest shall have been available to participate in at least 30% of the school's varsity interschool contests prior to the subdistrict, district, or state contest.

(a) Exceptions to the requirements for a student who has not been available to participate in at least 30% of the school's varsity interschool contests would be considered if an individual was unable to participate because of illness, injury, transfer from another high school, or if weather conditions forced a cancellation of scheduled contests. School, team, or game suspensions, regardless of the underlying cause, shall not be considered as exceptions to this participation rule.

(b) When determining whether a student has been available for 30% of the school's varsity interschool contests, one would divide the number of varsity interschool contests for which the student was available by the school's total number of varsity interschool contests; all decimals .1 or above would be rounded up to the next higher whole number.

(c) The term "available to participate" means that the student was a bona fide member of the team, eligible to participate for the school at some level of competition in the sport, not suspended from Participation in activities for violation of school, team, or NSAA rules, and not involved in outside participation activities (exception: Olympic Development Program or national team activities as approved by the NSAA).

4. For situations pertaining to eligibility to participate in district or state contests that are not specifically addressed by these guidelines, the Executive Director shall have the authority to waive membership and participation requirements on a case-by-case basis.

DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS

District host sites are determined by the NSAA office based on interest shown from member schools indicating a desire to host.

Girls

The Girls' District Golf Tournaments will be held on **October 3 and 4, 2011**. All participating schools will be informed once Girls' District sites and dates are finalized. The schools participating and the sites of the district tournaments are shown in the "2011-2012 Girls' Golf Classifications and District Assignments" supplemental section included separately during the summer months with this manual.

Boys

The Boys' District Golf Tournaments will be held on **May 14 and 15, 2012**. All participating schools will be informed once Boys' District sites and dates are finalized. The sites of the boys' district tournaments are shown in the "2011-2012 Boys' Golf Classifications and District Assignments" supplemental section included separately during the winter months with this manual.

GIRLS

Class A:

1. Class A schools are the 32 largest schools playing girls' golf and are assigned to four districts.
2. All 32 Class A schools were assigned to four Districts using a modified serpentine method with enrollment as the main means of assignment. The largest school was placed in District 1, the next largest in District 2, the next largest in District 3, the next largest in District 4, the next largest back in District 1, etc., until all 32 schools were assigned.
3. The listed enrollments for Class A were used except that the Ralston-Omaha Mercy cooperative resulted in their enrollments being combined.
4. All four Class A Districts have eight teams in each district.

Class B:

1. Class B schools are the next 32 largest schools playing girls' golf.
2. Class B schools were assigned to four districts on a geographic basis, varying from a west-to-east pattern only to reduce travel. North and South distances were also considered.
3. The listed enrollments for Class B were used except for schools in a cooperative, which resulted in their enrollments being combined.

Class C:

1. Class C is made up of the remaining schools playing girls' golf.
2. Class C schools were assigned to five districts on a geographic basis, varying from a west-to-east pattern only to reduce travel. North and South distances were also considered.
3. The listed enrollments for Class C were used except for schools in a cooperative, which resulted in their enrollments being combined.

BOYS

Class A:

1. Class A schools are the 32 largest schools playing boys' golf and are assigned to four districts.
2. All 32 Class A schools are assigned to four districts using a modified serpentine method with enrollment as the main means of assignment. The largest school is placed in District 1, the next largest in District 2, the third largest in District 3, the fourth largest in District 4, the fifth largest back in District 1, the sixth in District 2, etc., until all 32 schools were assigned.
3. The listed enrollments for Class A were used except for schools in a cooperative, which resulted in their enrollments being combined.
4. All four Class A Districts have eight teams in each district.

Class B:

1. Class B schools are the next 48 largest schools playing boys golf.
2. Class B schools are assigned to four districts on a geographic basis, varying from a west-to-east pattern only to reduce travel. North and South distances are also considered.
3. The listed enrollments for Class B are used except for schools that are in a cooperative, which results in their enrollments being combined.

Class C and D:

1. Classes C and D are made up of the remaining schools playing boys' golf equally divided between C and D.
2. Class C and D schools are assigned to five districts each on a geographic basis, varying from a west-to-east pattern only to reduce travel. North and South distances are also considered.
3. The listed enrollments for Classes C and D are used except for schools that are in a cooperative, which results in their enrollments being combined.

DISTRICT SITES

1. The NSAA office requested member schools to indicate who would serve as district hosts. Sites are chosen from that group.
2. It is the Association's goal that district sites will provide practice round time for schools involved, if desired. Practice rounds are to be pre-arranged with host golf courses and according to their operational policies.
3. It is permissible for participants to walk the district course the day of the tournament and observe pin placements prior to actual play.
4. The director of the tournament must assure that reasonable accommodations are made for handicapped or special needs individuals.

DISTRICT ENTRIES AND DEADLINE DATES

- NSAA Entry Forms are now accessed and submitted on-line.**
The Athletic/Activities Director will give the certified coach the login to this activity. Go to the NSAA web site (www.nsaahome.org). Move the cursor over "**LOGIN**" located in the upper left hand corner of the homepage and click on "**AD's/ COACHES/COLLEGES**". Choose your school from the drop down list and enter your passcode. On your Coaches login page, go to "**Entry Form**" and click on "**View/Edit your Form**". If you are accessing the Entry Form on the AD's login page, go to "**Activity Select**" and pick "**(Girls/Boys) Golf**" and "**Go**". Then click on "**(Girls/Boys) Golf District Entry Form**" and complete your entry form.

To view all your school's eligible students participating in "Boys" Golf, click on the link: "View male and female participants."
- After submitting, e-mail the Entry Form to your District Director by clicking on the "**Printer/Email Friendly Version**" link and completing the information for submitting the entry form. You do **NOT** need to fax to the NSAA. You may make changes to this form up until the due date. After that, you will need to contact the host director of your district tournament.
- Girls District Golf entries are due **September 26, 2011**.
- Boys District Golf entries are due **May 7, 2012**.
- Each school may enter five or fewer competitors. The scores of four from each school shall be used in determining team championships.
- Schools must have four players' scores to be eligible for team honors.
- Eligible students may substitute for students entered previously up until the district tournament pre-round check-in is completed by each head coach on the day of the event.**

ONE-DAY DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

- The District Golf Tournament is a one-day tournament covering 18 holes.
- A team's five players who begin the tournament are the players who will provide the team scores.
- Final team standings will be based on the four best totals from any of the team's players who competed.
- If the full 18 holes of the District Tournament are not completed, 9 holes will constitute a complete tournament. (All golfers must have played the same 9 holes.)

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

- Persons appointed District Directors by the NSAA shall be responsible for the administration of the meet to include: greens fees **and all costs**, publicity, tee-off times, securing adult scoring monitors and tournament workers, special instructions if necessary, score recording, prompt completion of NSAA report, and pre-tournament communication with schools about the District meet.
- District Directors will use the information available on the NSAA website and provided to them by participating coaches to match players in tournament playing groups (girls-threesomes; boys-foursomes or threesomes) according to similar ability.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

The District Tournament Director shall attempt to conduct a meeting prior to the start directed at coaches and tournament participants to go over rules, regulations, and directions, which will govern play during the tournament.

SUPERVISION

1. Teams and/or individual participants in district contests shall not be permitted to compete unless accompanied by the head coach (as defined by NSAA), a school administrator, or a certificated faculty member.
2. Directors of all district tournaments will follow these regulations. **Unsupervised golfers will not be permitted to compete.**
3. Proper supervision needs to remain a priority during regular season events and during practice rounds on district and state championship golf courses. Coaches who elect to play during practice rounds for NSAA post-season events are subject to regular course fees and must maintain the role of supervisor for the team while students are representing their school as golf team members.

COACHES NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY ON DAY OF DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Due to concerns about proper supervision of golfers at the District Tournament site and concerns about assuring uninterrupted play on the District Tournament course, coaches will not be permitted to play golf on the District Tournament course on the day of the District Golf Tournament.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1. Golfers are not allowed to use a cell phone or any other type of electronic device during competition.
2. Non-competitors carrying cell phones or pagers on the golf course must turn off the ringer. Those who do not will be asked to turn off the phone or pager and risk being removed from the golf course by tournament or meet officials.
3. **The penalty for Breach of USGA Rule 8 – Advice:**
 - a. **Match Play – Loss of Hole**
 - b. **Stroke Play – Two Strokes**

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

1. The use of electronic Distance Measuring Devices will not be permitted during District and NSAA Championship play.
2. For regular season competition, if the Local Committee elects to permit electronic Distance Measuring Devices, rules concerning such uses must be included in pre-meet communications and be in compliance with United States Golf Association rules.

QUALIFYING FOR NSAA CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The first three teams and the first ten individual places plus ties in each district will qualify for the NSAA Championship, using medal play.
2. Playoffs will be used in case of ties for the team NSAA Championship spots.
3. Schools that do not finish as one of the top three teams in the District cannot qualify for team honors at the NSAA Championship, even though that school may have qualified at least four individual golfers through individual placement at Districts.
4. A school with its team qualified for the NSAA Championship may play any five eligible players at the championship. They do not have to be the same people who played at the district tournament. If a school immediately knows district player(s) will be replaced, the NSAA should be notified so that scorecards, scoreboards and tee times will be accurate. Any substituted player will be assigned the same tee-time of the player being replaced.

DISTRICT AWARDS/TIES

1. Medals will be awarded at each district to individuals finishing first through tenth. Plaques will be awarded to the district team champions and runners-up.
2. In case of a tie in the district team championship for first, second or third places, the four golfers who comprise the team score for the tied teams will play an additional hole (or holes) until the tie is broken, using the sudden-death system.
3. The competitor having the lowest score after eighteen holes will be named the individual champion. Ten individuals will be awarded medals at districts.
4. In case of a tie for first place, those involved in the tie will play an additional hole (or holes) until the tie is broken, using the sudden-death method, to determine a first place district champion. All other individual ties will be broken using a scorecard playoff sudden death method beginning with the number 1 handicap hole and continuing in handicap hole order until the tie is broken.
5. The scorecard playoffs are to determine medal winners, not state qualifying positions. The state qualifiers include the top 10 individuals, plus ties, if there are ties involved. More than 10 people can qualify for state. Only 10 medals will be presented. Therefore, any scorecard playoffs are for the medals only.

SCORING MONITORS AND SCORING

1. At district tournaments, adults will be assigned to accompany each group to assist with speed of play and monitor scoring. If golf carts are necessary, the costs are the responsibility of the teams competing in the district.
2. Each player and the person keeping that player's score shall be required to confirm the player's score immediately after each hole is completed and prior to tee-off on the next hole.
3. The District Director is responsible for securing the scoring monitors and the work force for the tournament. They are allowed to assign coaches these duties (or a person a school might send to take the coach's place) in the work force. Coaches will not be assigned to groups involving their own golfers. If schools are to bring someone, they should receive ample notification that this will be necessary.

SCORECARD SIGNING

1. In district tournament play, at the completion of eighteen holes, the Head Coach should review the scorecard with each player on his/her team. Each scorecard needs to be signed by the scorekeeper and the competitor.
 - a. A scorecard should not be presented to tournament officials until the player and scorer agree to its hole-by-hole accuracy.
 - b. Tournament officials shall not accept a scorecard without both signatures.
 - c. Once accepted, the card becomes official.
2. One of the basic premises of golf is that a player's actual strokes taken on a hole are recorded accurately on the scorecard.
3. Coaches must instruct their players on their responsibilities as a marker or scorer. The United States Golf Association provided the NSAA with a ruling which stated that a scorer who signs a scorecard knowing one or more scores on the card are not accurate, shall be disqualified.

CADDIES AND CARTS

1. Caddies are not permitted at district tournaments.
2. Competitors may not use motor-driven golf carts.
3. Players may use pull carts.
4. **NSAA Cart Rental Policy:**

The NSAA limits the use of motorized carts during the District Golf Tournament. Only Rules Officials, Scoring Monitors and Media Personnel are allowed to have a cart on the course. Spectators are not allowed to rent carts to follow the golfers. Only those people meeting the criteria of the Americans with Disabilities Act will be allowed to rent a cart during the District Tournament. People meeting these criteria must be approved by the Tournament Director.

SPECTATORS AND COACHES -- AT DISTRICTS

1. Spectators may be on the course observing the golfers, but they must remain a distance from all golfers.
2. Spectators must remain off tee boxes, fairways and greens.
3. Spectators can applaud a player or group of players and they may offer encouragement to one player, as long as it is not distracting to other players in the tournament.
4. Spectators may not walk side-by-side with participants. They may not sit with them during a waiting period on the course.
5. A distance of 50 feet would be an acceptable separation.
6. Violation of this section at the district tournament may result in a two-stroke penalty after a warning by tournament officials. Failure to abide by the separation rule after a two-stroke penalty is applied could result in disqualification.
7. Schools are expected to communicate with their own golfers and spectators and enforce this policy themselves.
8. **Head Coaches may coach their golfers between the greens and tees. (See section – “Coaching and Advice During Competition” for coaching criteria).**
9. Coaches, other than the Head Coach, may be out on the course during competition if not part of the work force. If so, they fall under the category of spectator and must follow the above rules.
10. The clubhouse area between the ninth green and tenth tee is a time when players and spectators would not be required to maintain the above-mentioned distances. Coaches could, at this time, meet with their players and discuss any aspect of golf. Coaches may offer tournament or golf advice at this time.
11. Non-competitors carrying cell phones or pagers on the golf course, must turn off the ringer. Those who do not will be asked to turn off the phone or pager and risk being removed from the golf course by tournament officials.

COACHING AND ADVICE DURING COMPETITION

1. Only the Head Coach will be allowed to coach and to give advice under the following provisions:
 - a. Only one (1) designated team Head Coach may coach and give advice.
 - b. USGA Rule 8 entitled “Definition of Advice” must be used.
 - c. Coaching and advice may be given only when all of the golf balls of the players in a group are no longer in play after each hole.
2. Head Coaches who elect to coach and advise their players during matches must not make rulings on matters of play that are the responsibility of the meet director, tournament committee, or rules officials.
3. Players must proceed immediately to the next hole without delay. A player in violation of USGA Rule 6-7, “Undue Delay,” will be assessed a two-stroke penalty for the first offense and disqualified from competition for the second offense.
4. No players, assistant coaches, parents or spectators shall be allowed to coach or give advice while out on the golf course, to any player who is competing during regular season matches or matches in the NSAA Districts or State Championships.
5. The clubhouse area between the ninth green and tenth tee is a time when players and spectators would not be required to maintain the 50-foot distance rule. Coaches could, at this time, meet with their players and discuss any aspect of golf. Coaches may offer tournament or golf advice at this time.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. Snowstorms or other inclement weather conditions may force the postponement or shortening of a district contest.
2. If the full 18 holes of the district tournament cannot be completed, nine holes will constitute a complete tournament (all competitors must have played the same nine holes).
3. In determining whether to postpone or to hold the contest(s) as scheduled, the director should consider the following factors:
 - A. The weather and road conditions at the site of the contest.
 - B. Existing weather and road conditions at the location of the schools which are to compete that day.
 - C. Road conditions between tournament site and the competing schools.
 - D. The weather conditions immediately prior to, during, and following the contest, as reported by the weather bureau.
 - E. The conditions of the golf course.
3. If after considering the various factors, the tournament director determines that competition is to go on as scheduled; all schools are to be notified early enough so as to allow each team sufficient time to travel to the contest site.
4. Once the decision has been made to hold the event as scheduled and any team has begun to travel, the contest(s) shall be played.
5. **If the tournament director feels a postponement is necessary, he/she shall get permission from the NSAA Executive Director before postponing the day's activities.**
6. Once the tournament has been postponed, the director shall be responsible for setting the new time, date, and site, if necessary, for the continuation of the tournament.
7. The previously agreed upon schedule may have to be changed to allow the contest(s) to be completed by the required dates.
8. Neither tournament receipts nor funds from the NSAA are to be used to reimburse any school for additional expenses incurred because of a postponed contest.

RADIO AND TELEVISION

1. Telecasting of a district tournament, on a live basis, is prohibited.
2. Radio broadcasts of district meets shall be permitted provided ample space is available for the broadcast crew(s).
3. It is the decision of the teams in the tournament if a broadcast fee is to be charged. The practice of charging a broadcast fee is discouraged; however, if a fee is charged, the competing schools shall set the amount of the fee, not to exceed \$50 per tournament.
4. Videotaping for delayed telecasting is permitted if the host school approves and cable stations agree to follow the NSAA delayed telecast policy.
5. Broadcasting, recording, photographing, videotaping, or televising of NSAA-sponsored events shall not be permitted for commercial purposes, or for other than personal use, except with the expressed permission of the Nebraska School Activities Association.

2011-2012 NSAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SITE INFORMATION

GIRLS

Class A Site: Norfolk Country Club, Norfolk
Address: 1700 N. Riverside
Phone: (402) 379-1188
Fax: (402) 379-4341
Dates: Monday, October 10--Championship first round (18 holes). Starting about 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 11--Championship second round (18 holes). Times to be announced.

Class B Site: Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island
Address: 2820 Riverside Drive
Phone: (308) 382-2648
Fax: (308) 382-4417
Dates: Monday, October 10--Championship first round (18 holes). Starting about 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 11--Championship second round (18 holes). Times to be announced.

Class C Site: Quail Run Golf Course, Columbus
Address: 327 S. 5th Street
Phone: (402) 564-1313
Fax: (402) 563-3360
Dates: Monday, October 10--Championship first round (18 holes). Starting about 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 11--Championship second round (18 holes). Times to be announced.

All schools will receive additional NSAA Golf Championship information in September. At the championship sites, each school will receive a packet including tournament rules, two programs and other event information.

BOYS

Class A Site: Highlands Golf Course, Lincoln
Address: 5501 NW. 12th Street
Phone: (402) 441-6081
Fax: (402) 441-6083
Dates: Tuesday, May 22--Championship first round (18 holes), starting about 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 23--Championship second round (18 holes). Times to be announced.

Class B Site: Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, Kearney
Address: 3300 30th Avenue
Phone: (308) 233-3265 or (888) 818-3265
Fax: (308) 233-3296
Dates: Tuesday, May 22--Championship first round (18 holes), starting about 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 23--Championship second round (18 holes). Times to be announced.

Class C Site: Kearney Country Club, Kearney
Address: 2800 19th Avenue
Phone: (308) 237-2553
Fax: (308) 234-4141
Dates: Tuesday, May 22--Championship first round (18 holes), starting about 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 23--Championship second round (18 holes). Times to be announced.

Class D Site: Rivers Edge Golf Club
Address: 1008 W. 18th Street, North Platte
Phone: (308) 532-7550
Fax: (308) 532-1770
Dates: Tuesday, May 22--Championship first round (18 holes), starting about 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 23--Championship second round (18 holes). Times to be announced.

All Schools will receive additional NSAA Golf Championship information in April. At the championship sites, each school will receive a packet including tournament rules, two programs and other event information.

NO PRACTICE BAN

Prior to the NSAA Championship, students can play or practice at any time courses are available. Tee times should be arranged with the course and regular fees may apply.

TWO-DAY EVENT

1. The NSAA Golf Championship is intended to be a two-day event covering 18 holes each day.
2. A team's five players who begin the championship are the players who will provide the team's scores.
3. There will be no second-round substituting.
4. Players not a part of a qualified team and not having an official score from the first day cannot play on the second day.
5. Final team standings will be based on the four best first-day totals from each team's players, added to the four best second-day scores from any of the team's five players.
6. If 36 holes of the event cannot be completed, 18 holes will constitute a complete championship.
7. If Day One is not completed because of inclement weather, darkness, etc., Day One will be completed on Day Two. There is the possibility that the pairings may not be changed from Round One to Round Two if the beginning of a second round is attempted.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. The NSAA Golf Championship is intended to be a two-day event covering 18 holes each day.
2. If 36 holes of the event cannot be completed, 18 holes will constitute a complete championship.
3. Weather conditions that may impact play include severe meteorological conditions (i.e. thunderstorms, snow, hail, ice pellets, freezing temperatures, high winds and heavy rain) which may endanger competitors & event staff and/or make the golf venue unplayable. The tournament committee is the responsible authority for all decisions required due to inclement weather regarding suspension, resumption, postponement or cancellation of play due to adverse weather conditions, golf course conditions, or the resulting unavailability of necessary event personnel.
4. If weather or golf course conditions impact the beginning or continuation of the event, the following policy will be employed:
 - A. The Day 1 round will be started if possible and if started and at least 50% of the field completes 18-holes, the remainder of the Day 1 round will be completed on Day 2 before the final 18-holes is attempted. Time will be allotted to change hole locations on the golf course between 18-hole rounds on Day 2.
 - B. If the Day 1 round cannot be started or if started, at least 50% of the field does not complete 18-holes, Day 2 will be used for Round 1's completion with the following options possible:
 - 1) The starting time of any delayed round may be altered.
 - 2) If further delays occur or play is suspended due to darkness before the Day 2 Round is completed by all competitors, the event will be shortened to 18-holes because of weather conditions, golf course conditions or the resulting unavailability of championship workforce personnel.

SCORING MONITORS

1. At the NSAA Championships, adults will be assigned to accompany each group to assist with speed of play and monitor scoring.
2. Each player and the person keeping that player's score shall be required to confirm the player's score immediately after each hole is completed and prior to tee-off on the next hole.
3. The role of the scoring monitor shall be to confirm and record scores and to maintain appropriate speed of play. The scoring monitors are not to issue rules interpretations.

SUPERVISION

1. Teams and/or individual participants in district contests shall not be permitted to compete unless accompanied by the head coach (as defined by NSAA), a school administrator, or a certificated faculty member.

2. Directors of all district tournaments will follow these regulations. **Unsupervised golfers will not be permitted to compete.**
3. Proper supervision needs to remain a priority during regular season events and during practice rounds on district and state championship golf courses. Coaches who elect to play during practice rounds for NSAA post-season events are subject to regular course fees and must maintain the role of supervisor for the team while students are representing their school as golf team members.

AWARDS

1. Medals will be awarded to individuals and ties finishing in the top 15.
2. Golfers from schools that did not qualify as one of the teams coming out of Districts may only compete at State as an individual, even though there may be a sufficient number of individual qualifiers from a school to otherwise be considered a team.
3. Trophies will be awarded to state champion and runner-up teams. Championship coaches will receive an award at the state championship.
4. Any participant in the state championship is eligible to win individual medals, whether qualified as a member of a team or as an individual finishing in a qualifying spot in the districts.

TEAM TIES

1. In case of a tie for **first place** in the team championships, all players on the teams tied will play an additional hole (or holes) until the tie is broken, using the sudden-death system of the best four scores from each team.
2. Ties for the runner-up position will not be broken.
3. Duplicate runner-up trophies and medals will be provided.
4. **The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff.**

NSAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM PLAYOFF FORMAT

The following tie-breaking procedure should be used for first place ties involving teams.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Team ties shall be broken by a sudden death playoff counting the four low scores relative to par on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The committee will determine the starting holes. If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used. 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, D) set forth below.

Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)

#5A, #5B, #4A, #4B, #3A playoff hole 1

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

SHOTGUN FORMAT

Three Teams

A #5 B #5 C #5 playoff hole 5
 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 #5 B #5 C #5 D #5 playoff hole 5
 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 #5 B #5 C #5 D #5 E #5 playoff hole 5
 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 championship. The format in pairings for a playoff of six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the Committee.

INDIVIDUAL PLACES

1. In case of a tie for first place only in a class, the tied players will play additional holes until the tie is broken.
2. Ties will remain below first place in the individual standings and all players finishing in the top 15, including ties, will receive medals.
3. The top 15 places will include all ties. The following is an example of the medals policy, if the scores listed below were the top scores in the NSAA Championship:

Example:

Score—Place

- 156—First Place
158—Tie for Second, Third. Both get second-place medals.
158—
160—Fourth place, gets fourth-place medal
161—Three-way tie for fifth, sixth and seventh. All get fifth-place medals.
161—
161—
162—Eighth place, gets eighth-place medal.
165—Three way tie for ninth, tenth and eleventh. All get ninth-place medals.
165—
165—
166—Five way tie for twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth. All get twelfth-place medals.
166—
166—
166—
166—
167—Seventeenth place. Not among the top 15 places. No medal awarded.

NO NSAA CHAMPIONSHIP SNACK/LUNCH PROVIDED FOR TEAMS

The NSAA will not provide the snack/lunch tickets for NSAA Golf Championship participants and coaches. Schools will be responsible for purchasing meals/snacks at the respective courses.

CADDIES AND CARTS

1. Caddies are not permitted at state championships.
2. Competitors may not use motor-driven golf carts.
3. Players may use pull carts.
4. **NSAA Cart Rental Policy:**
The NSAA limits the use of motorized carts during the NSAA Golf Championship. Only Rules Officials, Scoring Monitors and Media Personnel are allowed to have a cart on the course. Spectators are not allowed to rent carts to follow the golfers. Only those people meeting the criteria of the Americans with Disabilities Act will be allowed to rent a cart during the event. People meeting these criteria must be approved by the NSAA staff member at each course.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1. Golfers are not allowed to use a cell phone or any other type of electronic device during competition.
2. Non-competitors carrying cell phones or pagers on the golf course must turn off the ringer. Those who do not will be asked to turn off the phone or pager and risk being removed from the golf course by tournament or meet officials.
3. **The penalty for Breach of USGA Rule 8 – Advice:**
 - a. **Match Play – Loss of Hole**
 - b. **Stroke Play – Two Strokes**

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

1. The use of electronic Distance Measuring Devices will not be permitted during District Tournament and NSAA Championship play.
2. For regular season competition, if the Local Committee elects to permit electronic Distance Measuring Devices, rules concerning such uses must be included in pre-meet communications and be in compliance with United States Golf Association rules.

SPECTATORS AND COACHES -- AT STATE

1. Spectators may be on the course observing the golfers, but they must remain a distance from all golfers.
2. Spectators should remain off tee boxes, fairways and greens.
3. Spectators can applaud a player or group of players and they may offer encouragement to one player, as long as it is not distracting to other players in the championship.
4. Spectators may not walk side-by-side with participants. They may not sit with them during a waiting period on the course.
5. A distance of 50 feet would be an acceptable separation.
6. Violation of the separation rule may result in a two-stroke penalty after a warning by tournament officials. Failure to abide by the separation rule after a two-stroke penalty is applied could result in disqualification.
7. Schools are expected to communicate with their own golfers and spectators and enforce this policy themselves.
8. **Head Coaches may coach their golfers between the greens and tees. (See section – “Coaching and Advice During Competition” for coaching criteria).**
9. Coaches, other than the Head Coach, may be out on the course during competition if not part of the work force. If so, they fall under the category of spectator and must follow the above rules.
10. The clubhouse area between the ninth green and tenth tee is a time when players and spectators would not be required to maintain the above-mentioned distances. Coaches could, at this time, meet with their players and discuss any aspect of golf. Coaches may offer tournament or golf advice at this time.
11. Non-competitors carrying cell phones or pagers on the golf course, must turn off the ringer. Those who do not will be asked to turn off the phone or pager and risk being removed from the golf course by tournament officials.

NSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES

NSAA State Participation Certificates are accessible and printed by each member school having students who have qualified for the NSAA State Championship in that activity program.

The NSAA State Participation Certificates link can be found at the bottom of your school AD's page identified as: **[NSAA State Participation Certificates](#)**.

COACHING AND ADVICE DURING COMPETITION

1. Only the Head Coach will be allowed to coach and to give advice under the following provisions:
 - a. Only one (1) designated team Head Coach may coach and give advice.
 - b. USGA Rule 8 entitled "Definition of Advice" must be used.
 - c. Coaching and advice may be given only when all of the golf balls of the players in a group are no longer in play after each hole.
2. Head Coaches who elect to coach and advise their players during matches must not make rulings on matters of play that are the responsibility of the meet director, tournament committee, or rules officials.
3. Players must proceed immediately to the next hole without delay. A player in violation of USGA Rule 6-7, "Undue Delay," will be assessed a two-stroke penalty for the first offense and disqualified from competition for the second offense.
4. No players, assistant coaches, parents or spectators shall be allowed to coach or give advice while out on the golf course, to any player who is competing during regular season matches or matches in the NSAA Districts or Championships.
5. The clubhouse area between the ninth green and tenth tee is a time when players and spectators would not be required to maintain the 50-foot distance rule. Coaches could, at this time, meet with their players and discuss any aspect of golf. Coaches may offer tournament or golf advice at this time.

SPECIAL NSAA SCORECARDS AND USGA RULES BOOKS

1. The NSAA has developed and printed some golf scorecards for use at contests, which are designed to reduce the chance for a scorekeeping error.
2. The cards have an area where the marker can keep their own score. The area is perforated. At the end of the round, the perforated area may be torn from the card and the marker can lay it on the official card to compare the hole-by-hole recordings. These cards can be used at any golf competition. The hole length and par areas are blank.
3. When used at NSAA Championships, the NSAA prints par and distance on each hole.
4. Scorecards are available in packages of 50 cards for \$8.00 (including postage). United States Golf Association "The Rules of Golf" rules books are available for \$3.00 each (including postage). Both are listed on the "Order Form for Rules Books" under the "Administration Forms" section of the NSAA website at <http://www.nsaahome.org>.

Fan/Spectator Support Items

In the Chart below, ONLY those items marked "Yes" will be allowed as fan/spectator support items at all NSAA Sub-District, District, State Playoffs and State Championships.

Sportsmanlike vocal cheering and support from the team bench area are encouraged. The items indicated on this page are for use by all fans/spectators.

Regulations listed are subject to facility restrictions.

SPORT	BA	BB	CC	FB	GO	SO	SB	SW	TE	TR	VB	WR
Balloons	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Banners on wall except welcome or corporate sponsor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Confetti/shredded paper	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hand held signs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laser light/pointer/flashing objects	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Miniature sports balls, objects or candy thrown into crowd	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Megaphones (elected cheerleaders only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Artificial noise makers, (included but not limited to horns, cow bells, bells, buzzers, clickers, thunder sticks, rattles, instruments not part of a band)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Whistles	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Shirts on fans (required)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Team Introduction Run-throughs or Break Away Banners	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pompoms, shakers, spirit towels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prerecorded music that has been approved by the Host Administration may be played during pre-contest warm ups provided that a high school band is not available to play during that time.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
School bands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes
Air horns/sirens	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cannons/muskets/guns/fireworks	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Carried school flags (Running/taunting prohibited)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Live animals	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

Key: BA-Baseball, BB-Basketball, CC-Cross Country, FB-Football, GO-Golf, SO-Soccer, SB-Softball, SW-Swimming & Diving, TE-Tennis, TR-Track & Field, VB-Volleyball, WR-Wrestling, NA-Not Apply