



Standing Regulations
For
Golf

2024-2025

Tentative

Golf Dates

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Start Practice Date	School Decision
Coaches Meeting	Tuesday September 10, 2024 via Teams 6:00pm
Eligibility Sheets Due	Monday, September 16, 2024
First Week of Meets	Monday, September 16, 2024
Last Day for Drop/Adds	Friday, October 11, 2024
Golf Championship	Monday, October 21, 2024 Coral Springs Country Club Fee: \$45 per player

***All match dates are subject to change based on weather conditions**

REPORTING SCORES: <https://rb.gy/w00hs>

MSAA Golf

1. The **typed** eligibility roster form including name, grade, birth date, uniform number, conduct grades, and the unweighted GPA, **MUST** be submitted to the County Athletic Department by noon on **September 16, 2024**. Conduct grades and the GPA must be taken from the fourth marking period of the 2023-2024 school year. **Any additions or deletions to the team roster must be submitted to the County Athletic Office by Noon on October 11, 2024**. An athlete not listed on the roster is ineligible to participate. A forfeit of any points scored by an ineligible athlete will result if an ineligible athlete participates in any meet.
2. Parental permission and insurance forms must be on file for each student and copies brought to **each** competition in case of injury.
3. **The principal of each school must sign the contract for each match and send to the County Office.**
4. The MSAA requires the home team to provide administrative supervision at an athletic contest. If your principal decides that an administrator is necessary for an away contest that is a school-based decision.
5. Each school shall compete in TWO regular season golf matches and is required to enter athletes for their championship match scheduled. Any athlete that qualifies for the Golf Finals is expected to attend unless serving a school suspension.
6. Each school must exchange a list of contestants' names prior to the match. The format of the exchanged list should show a list of athletes participating.

THE FOLLOWING RULES OF CONDUCT SHALL BE OBSERVED AT ALL MEETS:

1. A coach and/or other responsible person must accompany all teams at matches.
2. Contestants should remain in a designated area until time of golf.
3. All attendants, coaches, and team members should be instructed prior to the match that once competition begins there can be **NO COACHING OR STANDING ALONG THE SIDE OF THE COURSE DURING COMPETITION.**
4. **NO** food is allowed on the course. The MSAA encourages the use of water or sports drinks for proper hydration but the drinks should be stored in the athlete's backpack or golf bag for use when they are not participating.
5. All contestants must wear a collared shirt and shirt tails must be tucked in with waistband of shorts above hips.

6. The only headgear permissible is a commercially manufactured cap or visor, unless warranted by a religion or medical condition.
7. **JEWELRY IS PERMITTED unless it is determined that it may be a safety hazard, especially in events such as high jump and long jump.**
8. Unsportsmanlike gestures exhibited while participating in any event is subject to
 - a. disqualification.
9. An athlete must participate in a minimum of one (1) regular season match in order to be eligible for entry to the Regional Match.
10. Any **athlete** ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct must sit out the next match. The athlete is not permitted to ride the bus, suit up, or sit on in the team area. If the ejection occurs during the last match of the season, the athlete must sit out the first game of the next season for which he/she participates. In addition, the athlete must complete the Unsportsmanlike Learning Packet. Parent or guardian, coach, and the school principal must sign the packet. The school athletic director must submit the packet to the County Athletic Department prior to the athlete returning to interscholastic competition.
11. Advancement to the Championship Golf Meet, athletes must qualify.
12. **AGE REQUIREMENT:** A student who turns 15 on or before August 31, 2024 is ineligible to participate in any MSAA athletic contest. A student who turns 15 on or after September 1, 2024 is eligible for the entire school year depending on grades and conduct.

REGIONAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP MEET REGULATIONS

- 1) Only qualifying members are allowed to participate in the MSAA Golf Championship. **All entries must be submitted by Friday, October 11, 2024.**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
RULES OF PLAY**

**This “Hard Card” states the Rules of Play that are in effect
for all MSAA tournaments.**

All play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf & Decisions, and where applicable, by Local Rules as stated on the Notice to Competitors.

◆ **CELL PHONES, IPODS, MP3’S, ETC:** Use of these types of items are not allowed except a cell phone may be used as a distance measuring device or to contact the Tournament Director, call 911, or check weather conditions.

◆ **GOLF BALLS:** The ball the player uses must conform to the requirements specified in Appendix III.; Rule 5. The ONE BALL RULE *does not* apply. Penalty for breach of rule: *Disqualification*

◆ **EQUIPMENT:** Player’s clubs shall conform to Rule 4, and to the provisions, specification, and interpretation set forth in Appendix II of the Rules of Golf. Penalty for breach of rule: *Disqualification*

◆ **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** Must measure distance only. A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance-measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions where doing so would be a breach of Rule 14-3.

◆ **STARTING TIME:** All players in the assigned tee time group must be on the teeing ground at the assigned time. Any player not on the teeing ground at the announced tee time will be allowed to play if his/her division has not completed teeing off. Penalty for being late but arriving before the division is finished teeing off is: *Two Strokes*. Penalty for arriving at the teeing ground after the division has completed teeing off is: *Disqualification*

◆ **PACE OF PLAY:** Player must play without undue delay, Rule 6-7 and MSAA Pace of Play guidelines. (Groups have approximately 15 minutes per hole, including time to walk between green and tee for a round of 2 hours and 15 minutes per 9 holes) The player who is the first to play on a hole will be allowed 50 seconds to play his/her shot. All other players in the group are allowed a maximum of **40 seconds to play a shot**. Additional time may be allowed for difficult shots. Time begins when the players reach the teeing ground and it is safe for them to play. Time for others in the group begins when the previous player strikes their ball. Penalty for exceeding time: *1st One Stroke; 2nd Two-Strokes; 3rd Disqualification*

◆ **OUT OF POSITION:** The first group to begin play is considered to be out of position when they exceed the allotted time to play at any place on the course. Any subsequent group is considered out of position when they are more than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them and/or have exceeded their allotted time to play. Penalty for each player in the group exceeding allotted time or out of position at each check point: *One Stroke. Groups that continue to be out of position: Disqualification*

Timing of individuals and group will be discontinued once the group is back in position.

◆ **PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES:** Practice of any type is forbidden between holes once the player has begun play. Penalty for breach of rule is: *Disqualification*

◆ **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO LIGHTNING: ONE LONG HORN BLAST** will sound the suspension of play. **Players must immediately stop play**, mark the position of their ball, and seek safe shelter. Practice areas are closed. Violation of this rule is: *Disqualification*

NOTE: Rule 6-8 a. ii

◆ **COURSE EVACUATION:** The tournament Director will determine if circumstances require a course evacuation. Directors, Volunteers, and Spectators with carts will assist with a full course evacuation.

◆ **RESUME PLAY: TWO SHORT HORN BLAST** will indicate players to resume play.

◆ **EMBEDDED BALL:** The embedded ball rule is in effect at all times and applies to a ball “through the green”.

- ◆ **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Ground that is defined by closed white lines or unmarked areas such as: French Drains, Fire Ant Mounds, Unusual damage to the course caused by wet conditions and vehicular traffic.
- ◆ **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by white stakes, lines, fences, posts, railings.
- ◆ **WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS:** All water hazards will be considered to be “lateral water hazards”.
- ◆ **ROADS AND CART PATHS:** Roads and cart paths that are artificially surfaced are considered an obstruction. All other roads or paths are considered “through the green”.
- ◆ **STONES IN BUNKERS:** Are considered a removable obstruction if they present a danger to player.
- ◆ **GOLF CARS:** Junior golfers are not allowed to sit or ride in a golf car unless authorized by an Official. Penalty: 2 Strokes
- ◆ **SCORECARDS:** An official scorecard will be issued to each player in all divisions. The Starter will assign a Marker to keep each competitor’s official card. **NOTE: There are to be no symbols or marks placed in the score blocks of the competitor’s Official Scorecard. Only their score for each hole is to be recorded in each block. The scores are NOT to have circles, squares, rectangles, or any other graphic around them.** Coaches may speak to a player between the green and tee of the next hole.