

BOYS GOLF

1. The South Carolina High School League will sponsor a state championship in each classification that has at least twelve of its schools participating. If this requirement is not met, schools may enter the tournament of the next higher classification
2. The Rules of Golf, as approved by the United States Golf Association, shall govern golf competition. Regular season matches shall be limited to nine holes of play.
3. The varsity head coach must attend a South Carolina High School League sponsored rules clinic.
4. All head coaches must be CPR & AED certified. All coaches must verify with their principal completion of the online courses "Concussion in Sports", "Heat Illness Prevention", "Sudden Cardiac Arrest" and "Protecting Students from Abuse" found at NFHSLearn.com.
5. Varsity golf teams are allowed 16 play dates including invitationals, two scrimmages and one jamboree. **(Teams may trade out the jamboree for a third scrimmage.)** Sub-varsity teams are allowed 12 play dates including invitationals, one scrimmage, and one jamboree. **(Sub-Varsity teams may trade out the jamboree for a second scrimmage).** One invitational may be preseason. Any invitational entered (regardless of the number of days) counts as one playdate.
6. If a school is participating in a preseason tournament more than seven days prior to its first regular season game, the certificate of eligibility must be submitted before participation in this tournament.
7. Range finders and GPS devices will be allowed in match and tournament play with the following stipulations:
 - In each pairing if any player uses a range finder/GPS device then all players in the pairing will have access to the device.
 - Any player using a device but does not allow other members of the pairing to utilize it when asked will be disqualified for a serious breach of etiquette (USGA rule 33-7) by the tournament committee.
 - GPS devices on cell phones are not permitted. Use of GPS devices on cell phones will result in disqualification.
 - Rangefinders that calculate slope in addition to yardage are not permitted. Use of rangefinders that calculate slope will result in disqualification of any player that utilized the device.
8. Cell phones and devices that allow texting are not to be used during the course of play. Use of cell phone or texting device for calling or texting during a stipulated round will result in disqualification. Exceptions: If a player or players encounter a dangerous situation (Ex. weather, animal or person) or if there is a medical emergency players may use the cell phone to call a coach, the clubhouse or the proper authorities (911).
9. One coach is **permitted to coach their golfers anywhere on the course.** Any player that receives coaching from anyone other than their designated coach is subject to the following penalties:
1st offense – 2 stroke penalty 2nd offense – disqualification

SCORING:

- a. Regular Season - A total of the four (4) low players' scores will comprise the team score
- b. Tournament - For each eighteen holes or part (see #12-c) played, the total of the four (4) low players' scores will comprise the team score for that round. The team's score for a tournament will be the sum of all rounds or parts played.
- c. Scorecards must be totaled, signed, and attested. Each player is responsible for his hole-by-hole score. If he gives a score over what he made on the hole, the score will stand as recorded. If he gives a score lower than he made, he will be disqualified. Under no circumstances should a

player keep his own card. The player (competitor) is solely responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole.

10. **BREAKING TIES:**

- a. Teams tied for a position (champion or runner - up) will be resolved by a sudden death stroke play-off by the four (4) low players on the previous eighteen holes. This will begin on the first tee or on the tee as designated by the committee with all four players teeing in the same group, beginning with the number four (4) players and progressing in order to the number one (1) players.
- b. Individuals tied for a position will be resolved in the same manner.

11. **POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION:**

Match - In the event a match cannot be completed (nine holes), it must be replayed in its entirety or canceled.

Tournament - In the event play has to be stopped, all players will mark their ball in an appropriate manner where play is suspended. If play cannot continue the same day, the round will begin from the beginning the next day. If play cannot begin again, the score will revert to the one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) round that has been completed by all players. All tournaments will be at least eighteen (18) hole

12. **TOURNAMENT RULES - BOYS:**

- a. Players from the same school should not be paired together.
- b. Pairings will be determined by player position as designated by the coach when application is submitted to the Tournament Committee.
- c. Unlimited substitutions may be made between rounds. (A round is defined as eighteen (18) holes.) A team may continue to compete as long as it has four (4) players. If a team has fewer than four (4) players, the team will be ineligible for team honors, but the remaining individual team players may compete for individual honors.
- d. Caddies, ride on carts, and electric pull carts will not be permitted, but manual hand carts may be used. (A request to waive this regulation must be approved by the principals prior to a tournament.)
- e. Practice on the competition course between rounds is prohibited. (USGA - Rule 7-1-B disqualification.)
- f. Practice between holes is prohibited. (Two (2) stroke penalty.)
- g. Club throwing on the competition course is prohibited. (Two (2) stroke penalty.)
- h. If a questionable situation occurs, a player must play a second ball (provisional) and request a ruling from the Committee at the end of the round.

REGION TOURNAMENTS: Each region will determine their tournament format.
UPPER/LOWER STATE will be 18 holes events.
STATE TOURNAMENT will be 36 holes events.

13. The South Carolina High School League will furnish trophies and medals to the State Champion and Runner-up in each classification. Medals will be awarded to the medalist, second and third place finishers in each classification.

14. Refer to pages 1-25 for additional regulations.