



BIG 9 GOLF
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
Revised 4-10-19



1. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

BOYS: Schools will travel with six (6) Varsity golfers.

GIRLS: Schools will travel with six (6) Varsity golfers.

2. SCORING – Teams will score the number of league pods scheduled.

Boys and GIRLS 4A: Scoring will be by stroke play.

A. The team score shall be the sum of the four (4) lowest gross 18-hole scores.

- Totals are scored at the pod/league matches using 4 of best 6 individual scores for the school. Team points are awarded as follows: **1 =7, 2 =6, 3=5, 7=1.** All ties added together and divided to determine fractional points
- Individual scoring will be done as follows: 1) Pod/League matches are scored giving the top **40** individuals and ties points in the following way: **See Big 9 scoring table page 3.** All ties are added together and divided to determine fractional points
- Those teams not fielding at least four (4) players in the POD's will score zero (0) points.

B. Boys 10xRule: After the 10th stroke, a player shall pick up her ball and discontinue play. His score will be recorded as a 10x. 10x is to be scored as an 11 on the final score. This rule is not in effect for post season.

Girls will use the Double Par X Rule: After double par, a player shall pick up her ball and discontinue play. Her score will be recorded as a DBLPar X. DBLPar X is to be scored as 1 more than double par on the final score, for example, 3=7 4= 9 5=11. This rule is not in effect for post season.

3. START TIMES– The golf courses will determine the times and dates of the match to be scheduled. This time should be listed on the master schedule and the host school should send it out to the other participating schools one week in advance.

4. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP- will be determined by the team with the greatest number points scored in league pods as stated under team scoring.

5. DISTRICT TOURNAMENT 4A

A. **Representation to the Boys and Girls District Tournament shall consist of the top four teams (consisting of FIVE players) and ties based on the league pod/league standings and any of the top 30 boys and girls golfers taken from pod /league play totals plus ties. Any district qualifier who cannot participate in district tournament will be replaced by the next highest pod /league player (4/19).**

~~**Representation to the Boys and Girls District Tournament shall consist of the top 30 boys and 30 girl golfers taken from pod /league play totals plus ties. Any district qualifier who cannot participate in district tournament will be replaced by the next highest pod /league player.**~~

B. BOYS - Tournament will be 36 holes. The format is to be as follows:

Two Day – 36 holes

1st Day – PM Round – 18-holes

No Cut

2nd Day – AM Round – 18-holes

It is recommended that Two sites be used for the tournament if possible.

GIRLS - Tournament will be 18 holes. The format is to be as follows

One Day – 18 holes.

C. **District team Champions:** shall be the team with the sum of the four lowest gross 18 hole score in girls and 36 holes in boys put on the Big 9 scoring table and adding up the 4 best scores for a team total. For boys it is the best four rounds per team in the morning and best four rounds in the afternoon. Teams that tie for 1st place will be Co-Champions. **Team tie for the State position(s) will playoff as follows: All 4 scoring players will play from the designated playoff hole determined before the round. Sudden death playoff. Four scores will count, 3 & 4 will play first followed by 1 & 2. Teams with more than 4 players do not have to designate scorers....they can use their 4 lowest.—Minimum of 2 players are needed for a team score.—(4/19).**

D. Those qualifying for state with tying scores will match scorecards using the #1 handicap hole from the final round, to decide placement. If necessary, take the next highest handicap hole(s), in order, to break the tie. If a playoff is needed to determine a berth to state, a sudden death playoff will be required. The tournament manager and local golf Pro will determine the starting hole.

6. LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY

A. USGA rules will govern play except where modified by local rules at each course. The course professional will serve as final arbitrator in all questions involving rules.

B. The league match manager or the tournament manager may provide an official scorer for each group. In the event there is no official scorer, contestants will keep each other's scores within the playing group. The league match official scorer or the tournament official will not accept scorecards unless both the individual player and his/her scorer sign them. Penalty for unsigned scorecards is automatic disqualification.

C. All putts must be holed out according to USGA rules. Failure to do so will disqualify the player.

D. Any student who uses tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or bets on the course shall be disqualified. All players MUST report violations of this provision to the league match manager or tournament manager at the first opportunity.

E. **USGA Standards of player conduct. Rule 1.2 Conduct expected of all players – All player are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:**

- Acting with integrity
- Showing considerations to others
- Taking good care of the course

There is no penalty under the Rules for failing to act in this way, except that the Committee (Coaches) may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the game if it finds that the player has committed serious misconduct. See Rule 1.2b Code of Conduct (4/19).

Club throwing, abusive language, or other act of unsportsmanship shall result in a two-stroke penalty of the first offense. A single unsportsmanlike act may result in disqualification from the match, i.e., “miss and bury” slamming the putter into the green. Should a second offense occur, the individual would automatically be disqualified from the league match or that session of tournament play.

F. No caddies will be permitted. It is permissible for a player to pull his/her own cart.

G. On the day of a league match or tournament, practice is restricted to the putting green and the practice range area only. The tournament manager or league match manager may furnish practice balls.

H. During league play and tournament play, coaches and spectators will be allowed to observe teams or individual players from certain vantage points on the course. The league or tournament manager shall specify where the vantage points are on the golf course. This information shall be made available to the coaches and spectators. If courses permit, galleries may be allowed. **Spectators must remain a minimum of 30 yards from the players and may not walk on the fairway or green, assist in carrying equipment or talk to contestants during the competition.**

- I. The course marshals will be responsible for seeing that all spectators adhere to the course rules. Disqualification will occur on the first offense. (Example: Mrs. Smith is following her daughter and begins to coach and walk with her. The daughter is automatically disqualified.)
 - J. UNIFORMS: All players will wear proper golfing attire such as:
Boys – Collared shirts, slacks or nice shorts. Mock turtlenecks will be permitted. No blue denim pants or denim or gym shorts will be allowed.
Girls – Nice shirts, slacks, and nice shorts. No blue denim shorts /pants will be allowed. No Yoga pants. No tank tops or halter tops. No mid- thigh shorts and no mid -drift.
Some courses may have more stringent rules regarding dress. Additionally, some courses require spectators to conform to their dress codes. Please observe local course regulations. (5/99)
 - K. The host school must turn in all match results to the Athletic Director in charge of golf and the league scorer for that classification within 4 days after the match.
 - L. ~~Counseling by coaches is to be allowed between the previous green and the subsequent tee box so long as the speed of play is not impeded and no ball is in play.~~ Coaching Rule: Coaches may give advice to their players from the tee to the green and after a player has completed a hole and the player has left the putting green. Coaches may not go on to the green or in any hazards on the course. Coaches may not carry clubs or push player's carts. The coach must not cause a player to delay play.
 - M. Injury/disability: A player with a permanent disability will be allowed to use a motorized golf cart. A physician must document the permanent disability. Any other injury or temporary disability will not be given special consideration. (7/98)
 - N. Range Finders will be allowed for use during the practice round and both rounds of tournament play with the following stipulations: Devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are not permitted. Use of devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. will result in disqualification of any player that utilized the device or information. GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification. In each pairing if any player or coach uses a measuring device then all players in the pairing will have access to the information. Failure to share information, if requested, or providing inaccurate information constitutes a sportsmanship violation.
1st offense – Warning 2nd offense – Two-Stroke penalty 3rd offense – Disqualification
Electronic device use is prohibited during the golf round. Cell Phones must be put on silent mode and used only to contact the golfer's coach or emergency services. Penalty would be the same as 7E (club throwing)
 - O. **Players do not keep their own score card. Exchange score cards with a player in your group other than the player that is scoring you. If there are two players from the same school in a group, they cannot score each other.**
7. ALL CONFERENCE TEAM AND COACH OF THE YEAR
- A. **The All-Conference team will be discussed and confirmed after the last pod. If there are any adjustments they will be made before the final draft is released by the golf chair.**
 - B. LEAGUE MVP AND ALL CONFERENCE - Top individual that accumulates the most points in the pod matches will be declared LEAGUE MVP. The next 5 will join him/her on First Team All-League, the next 5 will be Second Team All-League, and next 5 will be Honorable Mention.
 - C. **Coach of the Year: A girl's coach of the year and a boy's coach of the year will be selected by the golf chairperson e-mailing the coaches for their vote for coach of the year. The coach with the highest vote total will be the coach of the year.**

BOYS/GIRLS GOLF TEAM SCORING FOR BIG 9

PLACE	PTS	NAME	SCHOOL	PLACE	PTS	NAME	SCHOOL
1	50			21	20		
2	45			22	19		
3	41			23	18		
4	38			24	17		
5	36			25	16		
6	35			26	15		
7	34			27	14		
8	33			28	13		
9	32			29	12		
10	31			30	11		
11	30			31	10		
12	29			32	9		
13	28			33	8		
14	27			34	7		
15	26			35	6		
16	25			36	5		
17	24			37	4		
18	23			38	3		
19	22			39	2		
20	21			40	1		

EXAMPLE: If School “A” had three entries who finished 2nd, 15th, and 24th, their team score would be 88 (45+26+17). If school “B” had two entries who finished 1st, and 10th, their team score would be 81 (50+31).