



# 2014 OSAA Golf Plan



## GENERAL GOLF INFORMATION

### 1. SEASON DATES

March 3..... Practice Starts  
 March 17..... First Contest Date  
 May 13 ..... Cutoff Date  
 May 19-20..... State Championships

### 2. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

- a. **Athletic Directors, Coaches and Spectators** – Detailed information regarding the 2014 Golf State Championships will be posted on the OSAA website ([www.osaa.org](http://www.osaa.org)) by April 28. It is essential that participating teams and individuals access this information prior to the state championships. Included will be information regarding tee times, course rules, parking, maps, coaches meetings, souvenir merchandise, etc.
- b. **District Meet Directors** – Detailed information regarding District Meet Director responsibilities, including the state championship entry form, will be posted on the OSAA website ([www.osaa.org](http://www.osaa.org)) by April 28. Each District Meet Director must submit all state championship entries electronically.

### 3. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS LOCATIONS

#### **6A Boys and 5A Boys**

Quail Valley Golf Course  
 12565 NW Aerts Road  
 Banks, OR 97106

#### **6A Girls and 5A Girls**

Emerald Valley Golf Course  
 83301 Dale Kuni Road  
 Creswell, OR 97426

#### **4A Boys**

Eagle Crest Resort - Ridge Course  
 1522 Cline Falls Road  
 Redmond, OR 97756

#### **4A/3A/2A/1A Girls and 3A/2A/1A Boys**

Trysting Tree Golf Club  
 34028 NE Electric Road  
 Corvallis, OR 97333

#### 4. QUALIFICATION FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. **6A Boys and Girls:**

- 1) Qualifiers – The top 2 teams plus the top 3 individuals not members of qualifying teams in each league/district.
- 2) Ties – Any ties for final team or individual qualification spots shall be broken by the district prior to submitting the official state championship entry to the OSAA.
- 3) Leagues/Districts – The leagues/districts will be formed using the approved 2010-14 regular league alignments with the following exceptions:
  - a) Lincoln will be added to the Metro League
  - b) Grant will be added to the Three Rivers League
  - c) Combination of the 6A Midwestern Hybrid and 6A Southern Oregon Hybrid schools (Special District 1)

b. **5A Boys and Girls:**

- 1) Qualifiers – The top 2 teams and top 5 individuals from each league/district. If any of the top 5 individual qualifiers are members of qualifying teams, no additional individuals will qualify.
- 2) Ties – Any ties for final team or individual qualification spots shall be broken by the district prior to submitting the official state championship entry to the OSAA.
- 3) Leagues/Districts – The leagues/districts will be formed using the approved 2010-14 regular league alignments with the following exceptions:
  - a) Combination of the 5A Central Oregon Hybrid and 5A Southern Oregon Hybrid schools (Special District 1)

c. **4A Boys:**

- 1) Qualifiers – The top 2 teams and top 5 individuals from each league/district. If any of the top 5 individual qualifiers are members of qualifying teams, no additional individuals will qualify.
- 2) Ties – Any ties for final team or individual qualification spots shall be broken by the district prior to submitting the official state championship entry to the OSAA.
- 3) Leagues/Districts – The leagues/districts will be formed using the approved 2010-14 regular league alignments with the following exceptions:
  - a) Crook County and Ridgeview will be added to the Greater Oregon League

d. **4A/3A/2A/1A Girls:**

- 1) Qualifiers – The top 2 teams and top 5 individuals from each league/district. If any of the top 5 individual qualifiers are members of qualifying teams, no additional individuals will qualify.
- 2) Ties – Any ties for final team or individual qualification spots shall be broken by the district prior to submitting the official state championship entry to the OSAA.

e. **3A/2A/1A Boys:**

- 1) Qualifiers – The top 2 teams and top 5 individuals from each league/district. If any of the top 5 individual qualifiers are members of qualifying teams, no additional individuals will qualify.

- 2) Ties – Any ties for final team or individual qualification spots shall be broken by the district prior to submitting the official state championship entry to the OSAA.

## 5. AWARDS

- a. Trophies – Champion through fourth place trophies will be awarded in each classification.
- b. Medals – Medals will be presented to the champion and second place teams in each classification. Medals will also be presented to the top ten individuals at each state championship who will be recognized as members of the U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires All-Tournament Team.

## UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION RULES OF GOLF

Order a 2013-2014 USGA Golf Rules Book at <http://www.osaa.org/docs/forms/13-14RulesBookOrderForm.pdf> or contact OSAA at 503.682.6722 for more information.

For more information about USGA rules, visit [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)

## OSAA GOLF POLICIES

### 1. OSAA ADOPTED RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS

The 2013-2014 USGA Rules of Golf shall prevail except as modified by local rules.

### 2. PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS – (OSAA Handbook, Participation Limitations)

- a. **Team** – A school team shall not play in more than 20 nine-hole rounds at each level of competition, exclusive of the varsity district tournament and state championships. There is no limitation on the number of schools that may participate in a golf match. ***Any time a student participates representing his/her school, it shall count toward the school's team limitation. (Revised Fall 2007)***
- b. **Individual** – A student shall not compete in more than 20 nine-hole rounds, exclusive of the varsity district tournament and state championships.
- c. **Clarifications**
  - 1) **Q.** May a JV team from one classification participate against a varsity team from a lower classification?  
**A.** Yes. Each team counts the participation as one contest at the level, i.e. JV or varsity, of that team. For example, if a 3A school is sponsoring a varsity tournament, JV teams from 4A schools could attend and compete as part of their JV schedule.
  - 2) **Q.** May a JV team participate against a varsity team from the same classification?  
**A.** Yes, but the contest would count as a varsity contest for both schools. Any contest between two teams in the same classification shall be considered to have taken place at the level, i.e. JV or varsity, of the higher-level team unless written permission is received from the Executive Director prior to the contest. The Executive Director will consider granting an exception only in emergency situations and with league approval.
  - 3) **Q.** May a school enter two teams in a tournament designating one as Varsity (Team A) and the other as JV (Team B)?

A. Yes, but the tournament will count as two varsity matches for that school when calculating participation limitations.

### **3. INTERRUPTED CONTESTS** – (OSAA Handbook, Interrupted Contests)

Contest shall be continued from point of interruption. In accordance with the game rules, it should, if feasible, be discontinued after completion of play on a hole. If not feasible, each player shall lift his/her ball after marking the spot on which it lies. Play will resume from that spot unless teams mutually agree otherwise or there are athletic district rules that apply.

### **4. CONTESTS – SPORTSMANSHIP – CROWD CONTROL** – (OSAA Handbook, Rules)

- a. **Sportsmanship Responsibility** – The high school principal, coach and other responsible officials of each member school shall take all reasonable measures to insure that the school's students and supporters maintain a sportsmanlike attitude toward all events so that events may be conducted without unreasonable danger or disorder. All cheers, comments and actions shall be in direct support of one's team. No cheers, comments or actions shall be directed at one's opponent or at contest officials. Derogatory and/or unsportsmanlike language is not allowed. No player may be singled out by number, name or position with negative comments of any kind. When a petition is filed alleging violation of this Rule 3-2, the Executive Director may, at his/her discretion and with concurrence of any two Executive Board members, postpone any pending event which the Executive Director has reason to believe cannot be conducted without an unreasonable danger of disorder. All such protests shall be referred to the Executive Board, which shall proceed as provided in Rule 4. In addition to any other action the Executive Board may take regarding a protest alleging a violation of this Rule 3-2, the Executive Board shall have the power to cancel or re-schedule the event involved, or to impose conditions on conducting it.
- b. **Sportsmanship Violations / Penalties** – When the students, staff or supporters of any member school engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, disorder or infliction of damage to persons or property in connection with any festival, meet, contest or tournament sponsored by this Association, the Executive Board may treat such acts as a violation by the school of the Rules of the Association. Any school whose students, supporters, rooters or partisans take part in riots, fights, pilfering, painting or any other unsportsmanlike conduct shall be subject to penalty.

### **5. LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES** – (Excerpts from NFHS Sports Rules Books)

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning.

#### Proactive Planning:

- 1) Assign a staff member to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
- 2) Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
- 3) Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
  - a) **Recognition**. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. **Suspend play and take shelter immediately.**
  - b) **Thirty-minute Rule**. Once play has been suspended, wait at least thirty minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
  - c) Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count should **reset the clock and another thirty minute count should begin.**
- 4) Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Guidelines for Lightning Safety" contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook. (Revised Fall 2009)

## **6. CADDIES**

Competitors are not allowed to use caddies.

## **7. ATTIRE**

All participants must be properly dressed.

- a. **Boys** – No jeans, denim slacks, gym sweats, or T-shirts. Walking shorts must be mid-thigh length. Sport caps must be worn bill forward. Shirts with collars, turtleneck or mock turtleneck only. Soft spikes may be required on some courses.
- b. **Girls** – No jeans, denim slacks, gym sweats, or T-shirts. Walking shorts must be mid-thigh length. Sport caps must be worn bill forward. Halter tops, tanks tops, bare mid-drift, tube tops or shirts with spaghetti straps are prohibited. Soft spikes may be required on some courses.

## **8. CARTS**

- a. Motorized Carts – Except as required by applicable law, participants may not use motorized golf carts in OSAA-sanctioned competitions. The OSAA will evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, any request to use a motorized golf cart in OSAA-sanctioned competitions due to a claimed disability. This request must be made in writing prior to the competition. See OSAA Cart Policy for more information (<http://www.osaa.org/docs/bgf/cartpolicy.pdf>).
- b. Pull Carts – Participants are allowed to use a pull cart in OSAA-sanctioned competitions.

## **9. ELECTRONIC DEVICES / CELL PHONES / BEEPERS**

Players, coaches and spectators should not take any electronic device onto the course, including cell phones and/or beepers, which may make an audible noise. Please make sure that any such device does not distract other players. If a player uses such a device to give or ask for advice in breach of Rule 8-1, then he/she is considered to be in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.

## **10. RANGEFINDERS and other ELECTRONIC DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

Per Rule 14-3, the OSAA prohibits the use of any artificial device or unusual equipment during a competitive round for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions. These devices are allowed during practice rounds.

## **11. COACHING POLICY**

Based on the results of a statewide golf coaches survey in the Winter of 2006, the OSAA changed its golf coaching policy effective with the Spring 2007 season. One of the biggest concerns expressed by those who voted against changing the policy was the impact this new policy would have on pace of play. Please remember that advice given under this policy should be done in a private manner and may not unduly delay play. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this regard.

Advice – In addition to the provisions of Rule 8-1, the Note under Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf will be in effect. Thus, each school may appoint one person (head coach, assistant coach, etc.) to give advice to, or ask for advice from, participants representing that school each day of the competition provided that:

- 1) Only one person is appointed to give advice to, or ask for advice from, participants representing that school each day of the competition;

- 2) The person is identified to the games committee before the start of the competition each day;
- 3) The person does not give advice to, or ask for advice from, another school's participants or coaches;
- 4) The advice not be given during the playing of a hole but rather from the time a participant holes out on a hole until they tee off on the next hole (or during a suspension of play); and
- 5) The advice is given in a private manner and does not unduly delay play.

Penalty for breach of condition

By a participant – two strokes

By a coach – two strokes will be added to the coach's school's score

## **12. SPECTATOR POLICY**

Spectators must stay on cart paths or in rough and at least 30 yards from any competitor during play.

Spectators may not communicate with participants from the time a player begins his/her round until his/her scorecard is handed in. Spectators may provide a participant with food, towels, umbrellas, rain suits, etc., during a round.