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POLICY AND PROCEDURES

FOR

GOLF



NHIAA GOLF COMMITTEE

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POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Please note the points of emphasis do not include all changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual. Please review the manual carefully. New policies or changes will be shaded.

➤ **Corresponding Dates:**

<u>First Practice</u>	<u>First Date to Play</u>	<u>Last Date to Schedule</u>	<u>Last Date to Play</u>	<u>Minimum # of Games/Events</u>	<u>Maximum # of Games/Events</u>
8-14	8-23	10-4	10-4	12	30

➤ **Tournament Dates:**

Girls Individual/Qualifier: Saturday August 30, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. – Campbell’s Scottish Highlands Golf Course

Division I: Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Canterbury Woods Country Club

Division II: Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast Hill Golf Club

Division III: Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. –Sagamore Hampton Golf Course

Division IV: Thursday October 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – North Conway Country Club

Individuals: Saturday, October 14, 2023 at TBD – Beaver Meadow Golf Club (All Divisions)

➤ **Tournament Entries**

- **Entries for NHIAA state tournaments shall be submitted through the NHGA BlueGolf portal. Additional information can be found on the AD Forms page of the NHIAA website under your coaches/administrator’s login.**

- **All schools MUST submit an entry indicating if athletes are competing or not.**

1. 2023 Girls Individual Tournament Entry Form – DUE Friday, September 22, 2023 by 2:30 p.m.
2. 2023 Team Tournament Entry Form – DUE Monday, October 2, 2023 by noon.

- The tournament course will be closed to all NHIAA tournament players the day preceding and the day of the team and individual tournaments. Any participant who plays or walks any or the entire course is in violation of this rule and will be disqualified from the tournament.
- All coaches should review proper scoring procedure using the USGA guidelines before, during and after the season. It is an expectation that host coaches reinforce this at regular season matches.
- **For the 2023-24 season, scoring formats for the regular season will be as follows:**
- **Division I and II** – Stroke Play Scoring, with a stroke limit of Double Par
 - **Division III and IV** – Stableford Scoring
- **For the 2023-24 season, scoring formats for the tournament will be as follows:**
- **All Divisions** - Stroke Play Scoring, with a stroke limit of Double Par as recommended by the USGA
 - **Individual** - Stroke Play Scoring, with a stroke limit of Double Par as recommended by the USGA
- All schools must play a minimum of twelve (12) opponents in their own Division and a **maximum of 30 opponents** to qualify for team tournament consideration. No team will play more than ten (10) MATCH DATES during the regular season.
- **Boys Individual:** The *lowest sixteen (16) boy’s individual scores in each Division, shall qualify for the individual championship. *The maximum qualifying score in ALL divisions will be a score of 90.

- All disqualifications **must** be self-reported to the NHIAA. See Section IV, Code of Conduct/Sportsmanship/Disqualification - Regular Season and Tournament on page 9 of this manual.
- Unintentional breaking of the USGA rules of golf may result in a no card as opposed to a DQ based on the disqualification process.
- “No Cards” will be tracked throughout the regular season. If a “No Card” is issued at one of your home matches, please complete the bottom half of the form at the end of the manual and submit it to Nate Chaput; nchaput@nhiaa.org (See form at end).
- **POSTPONED Events:** When a match is cancelled or postponed due to rain or unsuitable playing conditions, the teams will be allowed to reschedule the match. It is expected that schools will make every effort to participate in the “rescheduled match.” In the event any one of the schools scheduled in the original match is unable to participate, the match may be played.”
 - Note: If the school is unable to schedule or to play in a rescheduled match a letter must be submitted by the athletic director within 24 hours to the NHIAA Golf Committee through the Executive Director explaining the circumstances. The Executive Director will award a forfeit loss to the school if it is determined that the match should have or could have been made up. The decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the Golf Committee within three days of making the original decision. The Golf Committee's review and ruling, because of seasonal limitations and seeding requirements, is final and cannot be appealed under any circumstances.
- **NFHS Guidelines for Management of Concussions:** The NHIAA mandates the following of the NFHS guidelines for management of Concussions.

Concussions: Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.

Please visit www.nhiaa.org; “What’s New” to view the NFHS Guidelines for Management of Concussions and the New Hampshire SB402 and its language as written.

- **IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING SPECTATOR/COACHING BEHAVIOR:**
 - Spectators are there to spectate and should not bring any equipment that might interfere with play.
 - A designated coach may give advice, of short duration, from the tee to the green and during the walk between holes. Once finished, coaches must return immediately to the cart path or rough.
 - Coaches are permitted on the teeing grounds and on the green(s).
 - Prior to any stroke, the coach must step back away from the player.
 - Any violation of the coaching rule will result in the coach losing their privilege to communicate with players for the remainder of the event. Any subsequent violation of this rule will result in a two stroke penalty to the player receiving advice.
 - All other school representatives, other coaches, parents, and guardians are considered spectators and are not allowed to give advice and must limit conversations to words of encouragement. Any other types of conversations could be considered advice, which could result in a two stroke penalty.

SECTION II
SCHEDULING/MATCH CANCELLATION

1. Visiting teams in Divisions I and II may only bring eight (8) players to "AWAY" matches unless the host team has granted **prior** approval. Visiting Teams in Division III may only bring seven (7) players to "AWAY" matches unless the host team has granted **prior** approval. Visiting teams in Division IV may only bring six (6) players to "AWAY" matches unless the host team has granted **prior** approval. **During all regular season matches, only those teams on the Divisional schedule are permitted to play. No tag-along team or individual golfers are allowed to play.**
 - In the event of cross divisional play, the host school's division will dictate how many players are allowed to attend the match.
2. Golf matches in Divisions I and II shall **not** start before **3:30 p.m.** unless all teams are present and agree and shall not start after **3:45 p.m.** Golf matches in Division III and IV shall start at **4:00 p.m.** unless all teams are present and agree and shall not start after **4:15 p.m.**
3. All changes to schedules shall be made according to the NHIAA By-Law Article I, Sect. 13 Schedule Regulations. The NHIAA must be notified in writing by the Athletic Director of any changes from all schools involved in the change after the master schedules have been mailed from the NHIAA.
 - If all schools cannot find a common reschedule date, another school involved in that match can host the meet if all schools agree.
4. The HOST School is responsible for **notifying the NHIAA in writing** of cancellations during the regular season. Schools may e-mail a change or cancellation to the NHIAA as soon as possible.
5. Seasonal postponements due to inclement weather may be rescheduled. In the case of suspension of play during a seasonal match, the match will not count unless at least four (4) golfers in Division III and IV or five (5) golfers in Division I and II from each participating school have completed their nine holes of play. Unless these four (4) golfers in Division III and IV or five (5) golfer in Division I and II minimum is reached, by all teams, the match is canceled and may be rescheduled.
 - If a match is canceled **DO NOT** ENTER A SCORE on the web.
6. All schools must play a minimum of twelve (12) opponents in their own Division and a **maximum of 30 opponents** to qualify for team tournament consideration. No team will play more than ten (10) MATCH DATES during the regular season.
7. The last date for seasonal matches to count will be **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**. FINAL RECORD results **MUST be verified** via email on or before **Thursday, October 5, 2023 by 8:00 a.m.** If you have a match that was rained out or not played you will be unable to verify your record on-line. Please submit your verification via e-mail to the NHIAA by the due date and time.

SECTION III
SEASONAL PLAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Rosters and Participation

- a) A maximum of seven (7) and no fewer than four (4) players in Division III, and a maximum of six (6) and no fewer than four (4) players in Division IV will be designated by the coach to compete (Stableford Scoring Format) in seasonal matches. The total points of the highest four (4) in Divisions III and IV will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the highest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second highest, second place and two wins - one loss; third highest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth highest score, fourth place and no wins – three losses.
 - b) Eight (8) players in Division I and II will be designated by the coach to compete (Stroke Play) in seasonal and post season matches. The lowest five (5) in Division I and II will determine the winner. For example, in a quadrangular match, the lowest team total is the winner, three wins - no losses; second lowest, second place and two wins - one loss; third lowest, third place and one win - two losses; fourth lowest score, fourth place and no wins – three losses.
- If a team begins the season with the minimum number of golfers to score in their division, and for any reason drop below the minimum number of golfers to score in their division during the season, the remaining golfers for that team should be allowed to continue to compete; all matches will be forfeit losses. Should the athletes create distractions for other teams, a warning will be given. Should they continue to distract opponents, they will not be allowed to attend any more matches.
 - In the event of cross divisional play, the host school's division will dictate how many players are allowed to attend the match.

2. Scheduling

- Final schedules shall be completed by the schedule assignor and turned in to the NHIAA Office by May 1st.
- a) Matches during the regular season must be nine (9) holes only.
 - b) The golf schedules will be pushed out to the schools via League Central. Schools do not enter their own matches.
 - c) No match dates can be added after this date unless given permission by the Golf Committee through the Executive Director.

3. General Match Procedures

- a) All competitors and coaches must dress in a manner suitable for golf (i.e. collared shirts/designated team uniform and no blue jeans) at all regular season matches and post-season tournaments.
- b) All players equipment for regular and post season play shall conform with standards set forth by the USGA or host club.
- c) Tee markers are solely the responsibility of the home team coach through communication with the hosting club's golf professional and course superintendent.
- d) Designated and assistant coaches shall be considered a Rules Committee member and may assist any player with procedural questions regarding rules or policy. If a coach is found in violation of the advice rule a two-stroke penalty against the team score will be assessed for each breach. In the event this violation takes place during the final round of the tournament, the individual player shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty.
- e) **Golf Cart transportation by coaches:**
 - i. During regular and post season matches, if permitted/available by the host club, coaches are encouraged to utilize a golf cart to better facilitate player transportation during multiple tee starts, make timely rules interpretations, monitor pace of play, and to be available for any medical emergency or dangerous weather situation. Using a golf cart does not preclude a coach from giving advice to his/her players.

NOTE: At any NHIAA Tournament site, the Tournament Director shall determine and post names of the Rules Committee (may include coaches and /or Golf Committee members).
- f) The use of non-motorized, pull/push carts shall be allowed for NHIAA play.

- g) GPS or Laser Devices that measure distance will be allowed for use during NHIAA regular season matches and the State Championship Tournament. Devices that also determine slope, wind speed, or any other condition must have those functions turned off as they are prohibited. Sharing distance information is allowed and encouraged under USGA Rules. In addition, cell phones are prohibited during all NHIAA golf matches so NO cell phone GPS applications will be allowed. A player using a prohibited item is in violation of USGA Rule 4.3. The first violation will result in a two stroke penalty, with the second violation resulting in a disqualification. Communication between coach and/or players via technology is prohibited during the competition.
- h) Watches that have GPS are permitted; however texting features are prohibited.

4. **Host Team Coaches Responsibility**

- a) Announce Rules of Play
- b) Issue Score Cards
- c) Arrange and Monitor Tee Off 1-8 Positions for Divisions I and II, and 1-7 Positions for Divisions III and 1-6 positions for Division IV.
- d) Host coach should monitor golf course with assistance of other coaches for possible rules interpretations.
- e) Insure speed of play.
- f) In the absence of appropriate course markings, the host coach shall deem conditions of play (for example: courses should have water and lateral hazards as well as out of bounds markers, etc.).

5. **Recording Scores (during a match)**

- a) Each player is responsible for the accuracy of his/her own scorecard.
- b) Before the start of a match each player will receive an official scorecard and exchange it with a fellow competitor who will be considered that players marker. After each hole the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round the marker shall sign the card and hand it to the competitor.
- c) After completion of the round, the competitor should check any doubtful points with the Committee (often the host team coach). He/she shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign it himself/herself and return it to the Committee (host coach) as soon as possible.
- d) No alteration may be made on a card after the competitor has returned it to the Committee (host coach).
- e) The competitor is responsible for the accuracy of the score recorded for each hole on his/her card. If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he/she shall be disqualified. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand. **Note that the host coach is responsible for the addition of the scores.

6. **TIES – Regular Season:**

- Division I & II:
 - a) In the event of a tie during a seasonal match, the score of the sixth (6th) lowest player will count toward the team total.
 - b) If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue through the 7th and 8th players.
 - c) If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 - d) Recording a tie on the web site- after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
- Divisions III & IV
 - a) In the event of a tie during a seasonal match, the total point of the fifth (5th) highest player in Divisions III and IV will count toward the team total.
 - b) If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue through the sixth (6th) or seventh (7th) player in Division III and sixth (6th) in Division IV.

- c) If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the highest individual point total for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
- d) Recording a tie on the web site- after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.

7. **IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING SPECTATOR/COACHING BEHAVIOR:**

- a) Spectators are there to spectate and should not bring any equipment with them.
- b) A designated coach may give advice, of short duration, from the tee to the green and during the walk between holes. Once finished, coaches must return immediately to the cart path or rough.
- c) Prior to any stroke, the coach must step back away from the player.
- d) Any violation of the coaching rule will result in the coach losing their privilege to communicate with players for the remainder of the event. Any subsequent violation of this rule will result in a two stroke penalty to the player receiving advice.
- e) All other school representatives, other coaches, parents, and guardians are considered spectators and are not allowed to give advice and must limit conversations to words of encouragement. Any other types of conversations could be considered advice, which could result in a two stroke penalty.

SECTION IV
CODE OF CONDUCT/SPORTSMANSHIP/DISQUALIFICATION

1. All competitors will conduct themselves in such a manner that respect is shown for the game of golf, golf course, facilities and for other participants at the site.
2. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any competitors during a match will not be tolerated and may lead to the individual or team to be disqualified from the match or tournament.
3. **Process for a disqualification***: (See attached disqualification form on page 22)
 - a. Regular Season
 - The final decision to disqualify any player will be made by the host coach during the regular season.
 - The host coach will discuss the incident with the other coaches, and then a vote will follow with the host coach breaking any ties.
 - The host coach will make this decision in good faith based on facts and evidence presented to him by everyone involved in the incident.
 - Proper submission must be made to the NHIAA within 24 hours
 - b. Tournament
 - The final decision to disqualify any player will be made by the tournament director.
 - The tourney director will discuss the incident with the other members of the tournament committee.
 - The tourney director will make this decision in good faith based on facts and evidence presented to him by everyone involved in the incident.
 - The decision will be made in a timely fashion.
 - Proper submission must be made to the NHIAA within 24 hours
4. Examples of, but **NOT limited** to, types of behavior that could lead to a disqualification:
 - Use of and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or tobacco products. Including vapes of any kind.
 - Having a caddy
 - Causing any damage to the golf course
 - Throwing club or ball
 - Loud outbursts
 - Flagrant language
 - Knowingly giving inaccurate information to another player
 - A player's marker that intentionally records an incorrect score on a score card
 - Accepting advise from other than the coach
 - Using a riding cart during the match. If there are extenuating circumstances that might require the use of a riding cart by a golfer, a petition filed by the principal must be submitted to the NHIAA office no less than five (5) calendar days prior to the season and no less than five (5) calendar days prior to the beginning of the State Tournament. The Committee will review each request and respond with their decision in writing to the principal prior to the first scheduled event or tournament round. Medical documentation must be presented with petition. After consultation with all coaches involved, the home coach will make the final decision.
 - Unintentional breaking of the USGA Rules of Golf may result in a no card as opposed to a disqualification based on the disqualification process.
 - **Important Note Regarding Stableford Scoring:**
 If a player (in Division III & IV) picks up their ball prior to reaching the triple bogey threshold they score 0 points for that hole and are NOT disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct. (NOTE: Coaches should encourage players to continue play through to the triple bogey threshold.)
Example: A player who hits two balls Out of Bounds and rather than hitting five from the tee, the player simply picks up. In theory, the player could still make a score that would count for points. This player under this rule would score 0 points and NOT be disqualified.

5. All disputes for both the team and individual championships must be brought to the attention of the tournament director prior to the close of the individual tournament. Those disputes will be settled using the USGA Rules of Golf. The final decision will be made by the tournament committee. This decision must be made on the day of the tournament. There shall be no appeals of this decision to the Executive Director.

SECTION V
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. Athletes participating in an NHIAA sponsored post-season activities must have a school-designated supervisor in attendance at any such event. The high school principal must authorize the school-designated supervisor, and the athlete must present such authorization to the event director prior to participation. **The school designated adult supervisor must be at the tournament site prior to the official start of the tournament. Otherwise, the student-athlete(s) assigned to the supervisor will not be allowed to participate.**
2. The tournament course will be closed to all NHIAA tournament players the day preceding and the day of the team and individual tournaments. Any participant who plays or walks any or the entire course is in violation of this rule and will be disqualified from the tournament.
3. Players will be responsible for providing their own refreshments at the state tournament.
4. The NHIAA Golf Tournament will be conducted under the rules of the United States Golf Association, subject to any established local rule or rules.
5. Decisions regarding tournament rules and policies shall be made by the Tournament Committee, which will be determined by the Tournament Director. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.
6. All players must appear on time at the starting place assigned to them. On the second day of the tournament, any player who arrives late will incur a two (2) stroke penalty, up to five (5) minutes after their tee-off time. Any player arriving five (5) minutes or later, after their tee-off time will be disqualified.
7. Unofficial markers will be utilized at the state tournament to be positioned every three holes. Athletes will be required to report their scores to these unofficial markers during their round.
NOTE: Markers will be assigned by the NHGA. In the event additional markers are needed, Golf Committee Members would be utilized followed by volunteer coaches.
8. Tee marker and hole locations are the sole responsibility of the NHGA through communication with the Tournament Committee.
9. **FIFTY/FIFTY (50/50) RAFFLES**...Fifty/Fifty drawings are permitted by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA); at the site of an NHIAA member school hosting any round of an NHIAA tournament event (s). Fifty-fifty raffles will not be permitted at "neutral sites" that are not NHIAA Member School sites.
10. **Tournament Selection**
 - a. **Division:** The top eight (8) teams (and ties for eighth place) in Division I, II, III, and IV, based on the win-loss record in their Division, shall qualify for the state tournament.
 - The tournament will be open to all eligible students of NHIAA member schools.
 - Schools in Divisions I and II qualifying for the team tournament may enter eight (8) players, with only the lowest five (5) scores to count toward the team championship. Schools in Division III qualifying for the team tournament may enter seven (7) players, with only the lowest four (4) scores to count toward the team championship. Schools in Division IV qualifying for the team tournament may enter six (6) players, with only the lowest four (4) scores to count toward the team championship. Schools not qualifying for the team tournament may enter two (2) players to compete for the individual championship beginning on the first day of the tournament.
 - A stroke limit of double par per hole will be implemented for the team tournament.
 - b. **Boys Individual:** The *lowest sixteen (16) boy's individual scores in each Division, shall qualify for the individual championship. (In the event that there is a tie for the final individual spot, a hole by hole playoff will commence immediately following team trophy presentation). *The maximum qualifying score in ALL divisions will be a score of 90. (In the event that there is a tie for the final individual spot, a hole-by-hole playoff will commence immediately following team trophy presentation). Qualifying golfers will play eighteen (18) holes on the second day of play and the total of the 36-hole scores will determine the Individual State Champion in each Division. The decision to reduce the number of holes from 18 to nine (9) for the Championship in the event the weather doesn't allow the event to be continued will be made by the Tournament Committee.

- c. **Girls Individual:** The committee will assign the girls participants to either a championship (18 holes) or medal (9 holes) flight based upon the scoring record of each player submitted to the NHIAA. The designation for the Championship Flight will be anyone with a scoring average of below 50 and the designation for the Medal Flight will be anyone with a scoring average of 50 and above. The committee reserves the right adjust the designation score depending on the number of participants in any given year.
- The Girls Individual Tournament will be played with the Stroke Play Scoring Format with a stroke limit of double par, as recommended by the USGA.
 - The first day of the girls tournament will consist of the Medal Flight and the Qualifying Round of the Championship Flight.
 - The top six (6) scores of the Championship Flight will qualify for the second round of the Girls Individual Championship. There will be four (4) alternate spots available based on the next best scores that did not qualify. Ties for alternate positions will be determined by a scorecard backup.
 - The girls individuals medals will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers to include 36 hole scores.
- d. **Alternates/Drop Out/Substitution:**
The Athletic Director must notify the NHIAA in writing if the athlete(s) will not be able to compete during the tournament.
- If an alternate will be substituted for an athlete, the first day of the tournament, the school representative must inform the tournament director at the first tee before any of the players tee off. The alternate will tee off at the time scheduled for the player for whom he/she is a substitute.

11. **Inclement Weather:**

In the event of inclement weather, should a course be deemed un-playable by course management, the respective tournament will take place at an alternative date.

12. **Tie Breaking Procedures for Championship and Runner- Up Teams and Individuals**

➤ TEAM:

- Divisions I and II:
 - a. In the event of a tie, the score of the sixth (6th) lowest player will count toward the team total.
 - b. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue through the 7th and 8th players.
 - c. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 - d. Recording a tie on the web site- after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
- Division III
 - a. In the event of a tie, the score of the fifth (5th) lowest player will count toward the team total.
 - b. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue with the sixth (6th) player.
 - c. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue with the seventh (7th) player.
 - d. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 - e. Recording a tie on the web site- after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.
- Division IV
 - a. In the event of a tie, the score of the fifth (5th) lowest player will count toward the team total.
 - b. If a tie still exists, this procedure will continue with the sixth (6th) player.
 - c. If the current guidelines have been exhausted and a tie still exists, the next step would be to refer to score cards to find the lowest individual score for each school, if a tie still exists the procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
 - d. Recording a tie on the web site- after a tie is determined, minus one (1) stroke to the winning school.

- **INDIVIDUAL:** In the event of a tie for **FIRST PLACE**, the individuals involved shall engage in a sudden victory playoff starting on the tee designated by the Tournament Committee and continue until a champion and runner-up is determined. If it is not feasible or possible to conduct a play-off, the USGA recommends that a matching of score cards be used to determine the winner. The matching of cards will be done using the USGA recommendations. In accordance with the USGA recommendations, ties for places 2-9 in Divisions I and II, and ties for places 2-5 in Divisions III and IV shall be the last nine holes. If competitors are still tied after using the last nine holes, then the winner will be determined on the basis of the scores for the last six holes, last three holes, the 18th hole, 17th hole, etc. All players tied for tenth place in Divisions I and II, and all players tied for fifth place in Divisions III and IV will receive a medal.
13. The use of non-motorized, pull/push carts shall be allowed for NHIAA play.
14. **NEW ENGLAND QUALIFIERS:** The top three (3) male golfers in each division will be invited to participate in the New England Golf Tournament. The top twelve (12) female golfers from the Championship Flight will be invited to participate in the New England Golf Tournament.

SECTION VI
GOLF TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

1. **Pre-Tournament:**

- a. Identify prospective tournament sites.
- b. A formal written request outlining the needs of the NHIAA should be presented to management of prospective tournament sites.
- c. Select the tournament site- ideally the host club should employ both a PGA professional and a GCSAA member superintendent to ensure that the course is maintained to championship standard.
- d. Discuss, organize and coordinate the following details with club officials:
 - Verify tournament dates.
 - Verify tee times reserved for both the “shotgun” start team portion on day one and starting times for individual portion on day two.
 - Discuss availability and cost (if any) of golf carts for rules officials, NHIAA designated coaches **some** who shall be deemed rules officials. Spectator carts are not allowed per NHIAA regulations.
 - Discuss hole locations and availability of a “pin sheet” on tournament day.
 - Discuss weather related issues including frost delays, rain delays and lightning detection capabilities. Rain date available?
 - Identify participants per NHIAA guidelines.
 - Make first day pairings and hole assignments.
 - Print scorecards utilizing the USGA GHIN Tournament Pairing Program or the like.
 - NHIAA committee should contact the host club one week prior to the tournament to finalize any details.
 - Verify the golf course is outlined.

2. **Tournament Day:**

Host Club Guidelines:

- a. Have an area set up for the NHIAA tournament administrators two hours before the shotgun start or first scheduled tee time. Minimal requirements are a 10’-12’ table with chairs. There should be an electrical outlet nearby and phone service if possible. An outside location is workable as long as inclement or cold weather protection is available.
- b. The club food and beverage service should be available throughout the day. Guaranteed levels of sales cannot be promised.
- c. Ask the course superintendent to mow the practice green first so the early starters have a chance to practice. The practice range should be open at least one hour before the shotgun start for first scheduled tee time. Tee markers should be positioned as determined in pre-tournament discussions. Hole locations should not be in severe locations.
- d. Starting hole assignments or starting times should be available and posted at multiple locations around the club.
- e. Golf carts for NHIAA Committee members and assigned tournament officials should be labeled and staged in a convenient location. **If available carts for coaches will be designated.** The club’s staff should be reminded that spectator carts are not allowed under any circumstances.
- f. Have an area for receiving scorecards and posting of scores.

3. **NHIAA Committee/Tournament Director Guidelines:**

- a. Designate at least one committee member to arrive 2 hours prior to the shotgun start or first tee time. All committee members should be on site one hour before the start.
- b. Organize registration and scoring area. Provide all officials with copies of the USGA Rules of Golf. Verify channels of communication (radios?) with the host PGA Professional who can offer assistance with particularly challenging rules interpretations.
- c. Have available the master list of participating schools and individuals to facilitate registration.
- d. Supply registering coaches with his/her player's official scorecards, pin sheets, local rules or notice to competitors.
- e. Advise each coach regarding club policy on practice area usage.
- f. 15 minutes prior to the shotgun start on day one, the hosting PGA professional and designated NHIAA committee members should give pre-round instructions and facilitate starting hole mobilization.
- g. An optional coaches meeting (perhaps 15 minutes in duration) will be called to order as the shotgun start begins. Available Golf Committee members should attend. Rules officials and other key tournament personnel should be on the course at all times and not attending this meeting.
- h. Be sure that copies of the NHIAA Policies and Procedures – Boys/Girls Golf and the USGA's "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" are available at the scoring area.
- i. Designate specific committee members who will be responsible for scoring duties.
- j. A club employee or committee member with calligraphic skills or at least neat penmanship should update the public scoreboard immediately after each scorecard is accepted.
- k. Consider buying a couple bushels of apples and make them available on several tees on the course. The tournament director should coordinate any course specific issues (road crossings, blind shot holes, etc.) with host club officials.
- l. Have 100 to 200 copies of the NHIAA Spectator Guidelines available for distribution.
- m. Report Scores to the NHIAA- the Committee Representative will be responsible to submit the following results via e-mail for posting on the NHIAA website.
 - Team scores and placement
 - Individual total scores
 - Top 24 and ties will be available hole by hole
- n. The tournament director shall retain all score cards at the site until the conclusion of the individual tournament.
- o. Unofficial markers will be utilized at the state tournament to be positioned every three holes. Athletes will be required to report their scores to these unofficial markers during their round.

NOTE: Markers will be assigned by the NHGA. In the event additional markers are needed, Golf Committee Members would be utilized followed by volunteer coaches.

4. **Post Tournament**

- a. Formally present appropriate awards to participants.
- b. Designate a committee member who will be responsible for media relations.
- c. Update NHIAA website.
- d. Send thank you letters to host club officials.

SECTION VII
OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

1. LIGHTNING:

Lightning is the most consistent and significant weather hazard that may affect outdoor athletics. Within the United States, the National Severe Storm Laboratory (NSSL) estimates that 100 fatalities and 400-500 injuries requiring medical treatment occur from lightning strikes every year. The existence of blue sky and the absence of rain are not protection from lightning. Lightning can, and does, strike as far as 10 miles away from the rain shaft. It does not have to be raining for lightning to strike. Additionally, thunder always accompanies lightning, even though its audible range can be diminished due to background noise in the immediate environment, and its distance from the observer.

The following guidelines are recommended:

- a. All athletic staff and game personnel are to monitor threatening weather. Establish a chain of command as to who makes the decision to remove a team or individual from athletic sites or events (athletic/site/event director, game officials/umpires, sports medicine staff?). An emergency plan should include planned instructions for participants as well as spectators.
- b. Be aware of potential thunderstorms that may form during scheduled athletic events or practices. Included here should include National Weather Service – issued (NWS) thunderstorm “watches” and “warnings” as well as signs of thunderstorms developing nearby. A “watch” means conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a “warning” means that severe weather has been reported in an area and for everyone to take proper precautions.
- c. Know where the closest “safe structure or location” is to the field or playing area, and know how long it takes to get to that safe structure or location.
 Safe structure or location is defined as:
 - Any building normally occupied or frequently used by people, i.e., a building with plumbing and /or electrical wiring that acts to electrically ground the structure. Avoid using shower facilities for safe shelter and **do not use** the showers or plumbing facilities during a thunderstorm.
 - In the absence of a sturdy, frequently inhabited building, any vehicle with a hard metal roof (not a convertible or golf cart) and rolled up windows can provide a measure of safety. A vehicle is certainly better than remaining outdoors. It is not the rubber tires that make a vehicle safe shelter, but the hard metal roof, which dissipates the lightning strike around the vehicle.
DO NOT TOUCH THE SIDES OF THE VEHICLE!
- d. When you first hear thunder or see lightning, suspend activities and go to a safe shelter or location. **“IF YOU CAN SEE IT** (lightning), **FLEE IT** (take shelter). **IF YOU CAN HEAR IT** (thunder) **CLEAR IT** (suspend activities).” Wait until 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder before resuming activities.
- e. If no safe structure or location is within a reasonable distance, find a thick grove of small trees surrounded by taller trees or a dry ditch. Assume a crouched position on the ground with only the balls of the feet touching the ground, wrap your arms around your knees and lower your head. Minimize contact with the ground, because lightning current often enters a victim through the ground rather than by a direct overhead strike. **MINIMIZE YOUR BODY’S SURFACE AREA, AND MINIMIZE CONTACT WITH THE GROUND! DO NOT LIE FLAT!** Stay away from the tallest trees or objects (such as light poles or flag poles), metal objects (such as bleachers or fences), individual trees, standing pools of water, and open fields. Avoid being the highest object in a field. Do not take shelter under a single, tall tree.

2. NHIAA GUIDELINES ON OZONE POLLUTION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

School Administrators and coaches as well as other appropriate staff are to use this document in making decisions regarding indoor and outdoor activities during periods of high ozone pollution.

a. Charting Air Quality

Local officials use a simple scale to forecast and report on smog levels and other air pollution. Depending on where you live, it might be called Air Quality Index (AQI) or Pollutant Standards Index (PSI).

Current air quality is reported as a percentage of the federal health standard for a pollutant. If the current index is above 100, air pollution exceeds the level considered safe.

At Ozone smog levels above 100, children, asthmatics and other sensitive groups should limit strenuous exercise. Even otherwise healthy people should consider limiting vigorous exercise when ozone levels are at or above the health standard.

If the index is above 200, corresponding to an ozone pollution level of .20 parts per million (ppm), the pollution level is judged unhealthy for everyone. At this level, air pollution is a serious health concern.

U.S. EPA Air Quality Index

Index Value	Descriptor	Color	1 hr. Ozone ppb
0 – 50	Good	Green	---
51 – 100	Moderate	Yellow	---
101 – 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Orange	125 – 164
151 – 200	Unhealthy	Red	165 – 204
201 – 300	Very Unhealthy	Purple	205 – 404
301 – 500	Hazardous	Maroon	405 – 604

Everyone should avoid strenuous outdoor activity, as respiratory tract irritation can occur.

b. Observing Air Quality

- Watch the Calendar

Ozone smog tends to be worst during the May – to – September “smog season.” Be especially conscious of smog levels during warm weather. In warm areas, smog can be a problem at any time of the year. Carbon monoxide pollution levels also are related to the weather, as well as to altitude. In the western U.S., the highest carbon monoxide levels are found in the winter months.

- Watch the Clock

Since sunlight and time are necessary for ozone smog formation, the highest levels of ozone typically occur during the afternoon. Since carbon monoxide is produced primarily by motor vehicles, the highest carbon monoxide levels usually occur during rush hour or during other traffic congestion situations.

- Watch the News

c. Guidelines For Participation

- Observe appropriate physical activity restrictions represented above.
- If an ozone exceedance is expected, but has not yet occurred at the time an interscholastic practice or contest is scheduled to begin, that event may begin as scheduled.
- If an interscholastic practice or contest is scheduled to begin and an E.P.A. warning is in effect (PSI 201 or higher), the event shall be cancelled, delayed or rescheduled.

When ozone levels reach a national PSI level of 201 (.201 parts per million), exercising indoors or outdoors may cause significant respiratory tract irritation and a decline in lung function. Therefore, strenuous exercise indoors and outdoors is to cease.

d. **Recommended Restriction Of Physical Activity**

The following limits on activity for each type of episode are as follows:

1. Level Orange, PSI 101-150 (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups)
 - Active children and adults and people with heart or respiratory disease, such as asthma or allergies, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
 - Healthy individuals with noticeable health effects associated with existing conditions should minimize outdoor activity.
2. Level Red, PSI 151-200 (Unhealthy)
 - All athletes should discontinue prolonged, vigorous exercise indoors and outdoors.
 - Sensitive individuals, primarily children who are active outdoors and people with heart or respiratory disease such as asthma or allergies, should avoid indoor and outdoor activity.
 - Indoor and outdoor activities that should be avoided include, but are not limited to, calisthenics, basketball, baseball, running, field hockey, soccer, football, tennis, swimming and diving.
3. Level Purple, PSI 201-300 (Very Unhealthy)
 - All athletes shall discontinue vigorous indoor and outdoor activities, regardless of duration.
 - All indoor and outdoor physical education Divisions, sports practices and athletic competitions shall be rescheduled.

Note: Indoor practices may be held if an air-conditioned facility is available.

3. **Blood Spillage And Body Fluids:**

The NHIAA Sports Medicine Committee suggests that each school develop a local policy in cooperation with their local medical personnel, on how to handle blood spillage.

Housekeeping Procedures for Blood and Body Fluids

Disposable latex gloves should be worn to avoid contamination of the hands of the person cleaning spillages involving blood or other body fluids and secretions. Persons involved in cleaning contaminated surfaces should avoid exposure of open skin lesions or mucous membranes to blood or body fluids. A freshly prepared solution of dilute household bleach (one quarter cup of bleach diluted in one gallon of water) or other disinfectant labeled as *virucidal*, *Tuberculocidal*, *staphylocidal* is useful. Allow the disinfectant to stand wet for a minimum of one minute to start killing pathogens and disinfecting the area (10 minutes of disinfection time guarantees surface sterility). Whenever possible, disposable towels, tissues, and gloves should be used and properly discarded and mops should be rinsed in disinfectant.

Interpretation Of Excessive Bleeding

National Federation Rules call for a player who is bleeding, has an open wound or excessive blood on the uniform, to leave the court/field.

The NHIAA interprets "excessive blood on the uniform" to mean that part of the uniform is saturated with blood. Saturated does not mean a wet spot. Saturated means a major portion of the garment is covered and soaked with blood. For this to occur, significant bleeding would have had to take place.

For any blood on uniform less than "saturated", the uniform does not have to be changed. School personnel have the responsibility of treating the blood area with the appropriate disinfecting solution before the athlete may participate. If the uniform is "saturated" with blood, the uniform must be changed before the athlete may participate. This interpretation is to be followed in the conduct of all NHIAA athletic events.

SECTION VIII
AWARDS/TROPHIES

1. **Team:** NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to eight (8) team medals for Divisions III and IV and ten (10) in Divisions I and II will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each Division.
2. **Individuals:**
 - a. Boys
 - Divisions I and III: Medals will be awarded to the top ten (10) medalists based upon their thirty-six hole scores. Divisions II and IV: Medals will be awarded to the top five (5) medalists based upon their thirty-six hole scores.
 - Ties: In the event of a tie for the individual division champion, the individuals shall play a sudden victory round beginning on the first hole and continuing until a winner is determined. Ties for places two through nine in Divisions I and III, and ties for places two through five in Divisions II and IV shall be the last nine holes. If competitors are still tied after using the last nine holes, then the winner will be determined on the basis of the scores for the last six holes, last three holes, the 18th hole, 17th hole, etc. All players tied for tenth place in Divisions I and III, and all players tied for fifth place in Divisions II and IV will receive a medal.
 - b. Girls
 - Medal Flight: medals will be awarded to the top six (6) medalists based upon their 9-hole scores.
 - Championship Flight: medals will be awarded to the top six (6) medalists based upon their 36-hole scores.

TROPHIES

1. **McDonough Foundation Golf Trophy**
 - a. Two weeks prior to the tournaments, the NHIAA Golf Committee will notify the President of the McDonough Foundation as to the date and location of the three divisional tournaments.
 - b. A representative of the Foundation will be in attendance on the final day of the tournament at the sites, to present the trophies to the three individual champions each year.
 - c. Prior to the presentation, the Chairman of the Golf Committee will remove the nameplates from the three trophies and forward them to the NHIAA Office along with the three individuals' names and schools. The NHIAA will provide the engraving and then forward the nameplates to the Athletic Directors of the individual champions' schools. The Athletic Directors will be responsible for placing the nameplate on the trophy while it is on display at the school. It is intended for each champion to have the trophy for one month and then present it to the school for display.
 - d. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Directors and/or Golf Coaches to return the trophies to the Chairman of the Golf Committee the first day of the next year's tournament.
2. **George Bacher Memorial Trophy**
 - a. At the NHIAA Girls Individual, the George Bacher Memorial Trophy will be presented to the champion. A representative of the Bacher Memorial organization will be in attendance on the day of the tournament to present the trophy to the girls individual champion.
 - b. Prior to the presentation, the Chairman of the Golf Committee will remove the nameplate from the trophy and forward it to the NHIAA with the girl's name. The NHIAA will provide the engraving and then forward the nameplate to the Athletic Director of her school. The Athletic Director will be responsible for placing the nameplate on the trophy while it is on display at the school. It is intended for the girls champion to have the trophy for one month and then present it to the school for display.
 - c. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director and/or Golf Coach to return the trophy to the Chairman of the Golf Committee at the next year's tournament.



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SECTION IX
GOLF SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

Welcome to a NHIAA Golf Tournament. Due to the physical size of the golf course and general absence of spectator viewing areas at these venues, the following guidelines will help to ensure both an equitable competition for the players and enjoyable viewing for the spectators.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Spectators are there to spectate and should not bring any equipment with them.
- A designated coach may give advice, of short duration, from the tee to the green and during the walk between holes. Once finished, coaches must return immediately to the cart path or rough.
- Coaches may not be on the teeing grounds or enter onto the green(s) at any time.
- Prior to any stroke, the coach must step back away from the player.
- Any violation of the coaching rule will result in the coach losing their privilege to communicate with players for the remainder of the event. Any subsequent violation of this rule will result in a two stroke penalty to the player receiving advice.
- All other school representatives, other coaches, parents, and guardians are considered spectators and are not allowed to give advice and must limit conversations to words of encouragement. Any other types of conversations could be considered advice, which could result in a two stroke penalty.
- Spectators must stay in the cart path or in the rough area. Please remain clear of the fairways, greens and tees.
- Keep a proper distance from the players (30 yard minimum is recommended).
- Do not give advice to any player. Advice is considered any counsel or suggestion, which could influence a player in determining his/her play, choice of club or method of making a stroke. The penalty is two strokes to the team or individual (see above).
- Applause or positive verbal reinforcement (i.e. "nice shot!") is appropriate as long as it is not disruptive to any other play on the course.
- Do not give interpretations on the USGA rules of golf. You may attempt to locate a coach or rules official, if practical. However, in stroke play, when a player is in doubt about a ruling, he/she may play two balls and report the facts to the Rules Committee before returning his/her official scorecard.
- Alcohol, drugs or use of tobacco products are not allowed at any NHIAA event.
- Please refrain from the use of cell phones and audible pagers during play.
- SPECTATOR CARTS ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
 - Accommodations may be made at the discretion of the host coach or tournament direction for spectators with disabilities, if available.
- Always remember that both players and spectators are guests of the host club and that any club rules and/or policies must be adhered to.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF NHIAA GOLF

GOLF COURSES

Please note some schools may use more than one Golf Course; please check with the school prior to the match to verify the course.

Division I

Bedford Manchester Country Club 180 South River Rd., Bedford 669-6360	Bishop Guertin Nashua Country Club 25 Fairway St. Nashua, NH 03060	Concord Concord Country Club Country Club Lane, Concord 228-0232
Dover Cochecho Country Club Box 267 Gulf Rd., Dover 742-8580	Exeter Exeter Country Club 58 Jady Hill Rd., Exeter 772-4752	Hanover TBD Contact Athletic Director
Keene Bretwood Golf Course E. Surry Rd., Keene 352-7626	Londonderry Passaconaway 12 Midway Ave., Litchfield 424-4653	Manchester Central, Memorial Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Rd., Manchester 669-0235
Merrimack Souhegan Woods 65 Thornton Ferry Rd., Amherst 673-0200	Nashua North, South Green Meadow Golf Club 59 Steele Road, Hudson 889-1555	Pinkerton Hoodcroft Country Club 121 E. Broadway, Derry 434-0561
Salem Campbell's Scottish Highlands Golf Course Brady Ave., Salem 894-4653 or 896-6500	Spaulding Rochester Country Club Route 125, Rochester 332-0895	Timberlane Atkinson Country Club 85 Country Club Dr., Atkinson 362-5681

Division II

Alvirne Green Meadow Golf Course Route 3, Hudson 889-1555	Goffstown Stonebridge Country Club 161 Gorham Pond Rd., Goffstown 479-8633	Hollis-Brookline The Overlook 5 Overlook Dr., Hollis 465-2909
Kennett North Conway Country Club North Main St., Conway 356-9391	Kingswood Kingswood Golf Course S. Main St., Wolfeboro 569-3569	Milford Amherst Country Club 76 Ponemah Rd. Rt 122, Amherst 673-9908
Oyster River The Oaks Golf Links 100 Hideaway Place, Somersworth 692-6257	Pembroke Pembroke Pines Country Club 42 Whittemore Rd., Pembroke 224-6267	Portsmouth Portsmouth Country Club 80 Country Club Lane, Portsmouth 436-9791
Souhegan Amherst Country Club 76 Ponemah Rd. Rt 122, Amherst 673-9908	Trinity Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Rd., Manchester 669-0235	St. Thomas Cochecho Country Club Box 267 Gulf Rd., Dover 742-8580
Windham Windham Country Club 1 Country Club Road, Windham 434-2093	Winnacunnet Sagamore Hampton Golf Club 101 North Rd., North Hampton 964-5341	

Division III**Belmont**

Canterbury Woods
15 West Rd, Canterbury
783-9400

Campbell

Passaconaway Country Club
12 Midway Ave., Litchfield
424-4653

ConVal

Crotched Mountain Golf Club
740 2nd NH Turnpike N, Frankestown
588-2923

Gilford

Pheasant Ridge Country Club
140 Country Club Rd., Gilford
524-7808

Kearsarge

Country Club of New Hampshire
Kearsarge Valley Rd, North Sutton
927-4246

Monadnock

Bretwood Golf Course
East Surrey Rd., Keene
352-7626

Prospect Mountain

Farmington Country Club
181 Main St. Farmington
755-2412

Stevens

Claremont Country Club
Maple Ave., Claremont
543-9550

Farmington

Farmington Country Club
181 Main St. Farmington
755-2412

Littleton

Bethlehem Country Club
1901 Main St., Bethlehem
869-5745

Newport

Newport Golf Club
112 Unity Rd., Newport
863-7787

Woodsville

Blackmount Country Club
400 Clark Pond Rd, North Haverhill
787-6564

Bishop Brady

Beaver Meadow Golf Course
1 Beaver Meadow Rd., Concord
228-8954

Coe-Brown

Nippo Lake Golf Club
550 Province Road, Barrington
664-7616

Derryfield

Candia Woods
313 South Rd., Candia
483-2029

Hopkinton

Country Club of New Hampshire
Kearsarge Valley Rd, North Sutton
927-4246

Laconia

Laconia Country Club
607 Elm St., Laconia
524-1273

Pelham

Campbell's Scottish Highlands
79 Brady Ave., Salem
894-4653

Sanborn

Apple Hill Golf Club
68 E Rd. East Kingston
642-4414

Bow

Beaver Meadow Golf Course
1 Beaver Meadow Rd., Concord
228-8954

Conant

Shattuck Golf Course
53 Old Dublin Rd., Jaffrey
532-4300

Fall Mountain

Hooper Golf Course
166 Prospect Hill Rd, Walpole
756-4080

John Stark

Angus Lea Golf Course
126 West Main Street, Hillsborough
464-5404

Lebanon

Eastman Golf Links
6 Clubhouse Lane, Grantham
435-2228

Plymouth

Owl's Nest Resort and Golf Club
40 Clubhouse Lane, Thornton, NH
726-3076

Somersworth

TBD
Contact Athletic Director

Division IV**Hillsboro-Deering**

Angus Lea Golf Club
126 West Main St., Hillsboro
464-5404

Mascenic

The Shattuck Golf Course
53 Old Dublin Road, Jaffrey
532-4300

Sunapee

Lake Sunapee Country Club
289 Country Club Lane, New London
526-6040

Inter-Lakes

Waukegan Golf Club
Waukegan Rd., Meredith
279-6661

Moultonborough

Ridgewood Country Club
258 Gov. Wentworth Hwy., Moultonborough
476-5930

White Mountains

Mount Washington Resort Golf Club
210 Mt Washington Hotel Rd, Bretton Woods
278-4653

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To: Principal NHIAA Member School
From: Host Coach, Golf Match
Jeffrey T. Collins, Executive Director
Subject: Golf Disqualification

Date: _____

Please note your student athlete was disqualified from a contest. The following are the specifics of the incident:

DISQUALIFIED ATHLETE'S SCHOOL: _____
LEVEL OF PLAY (V, SV, Freshmen): _____
OPPOSING SCHOOL: _____
DATE OF INCIDENT: _____
STUDENT ATHLETE/COACH: _____
(List First and Last Name)
UNIFORM NUMBER: _____
REASON FOR THE DISQUALIFICATION: _____
OFFICIAL WHO ISSUED EJECTION: _____

NOTE: Any player involved in a fight shall receive a two (2) game suspension for the first offense. A second offense will lead to a disqualification in that sport for the balance of the sports season.

BY-LAW ARTICLE IX SPORTSMANSHIP

Sect. 6: Disqualification from an Interscholastic Athletic Event

- A. Any player who is disqualified before, during or after any sanctioned event and or scrimmage at the sub-varsity or varsity level, for exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, shall not participate in any scheduled interscholastic athletic event, including NHIAA tournament contests until the suspension is served in the sport at the level in which the disqualification occurred. Any coach who is disqualified before, during or after a game at the sub-varsity or varsity level, for exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, shall not participate in the next two scheduled interscholastic athletic event, including NHIAA tournament contests and MUST take the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Course for Disqualified Coaches **prior** to returning to coach in any capacity. Any player or coach who is disqualified from a game and participates in the next scheduled interscholastic athletic event(s), including NHIAA tournament contests, shall cause that school's game(s)/event(s) to be forfeited in the event of a win. In the event of loss (es), the matter will be referred to the Sportsmanship Committee for action. The school may request a hearing with the Executive Director and/or Sportsmanship Committee to explain the circumstances of the situation. The Executive Director, in consultation with the Sportsmanship Committee may modify consequences. It is the coach's responsibility to promptly notify the school of any disqualification and the school must immediately impose the stated sanctions regardless of when formal notification is received from the NHIAA. (CM 5.2015) (CM 5.2018)
- B. A disqualified student athletes must view the "NFHS Sportsmanship" video on the NFHS website under the supervision of a school official prior to returning to game action. A certificate of completion must be filed with the athletic director and reported to the NHIAA effective for the 2012-13 season.
- C. If any player or coach receives a second game disqualification during the season, that individual will be required to forfeit any participation in that interscholastic sport, at any level, for the balance of that season.
- D. Should an athlete disqualification occur in the final contest of that season (including tournament play), with no remaining scheduled games in that level/sport, the suspension shall be served at the next regular season or post season contest for that student athlete. If a disqualification is administered to a graduating senior in their final game for that school, it is the expectation that the school will take immediate and appropriate disciplinary action. (CM 5.2015) (CM 5.2018) (CM 5.2023)
- E. Should a coach disqualification occur in the final contest of that season (including tournament play), with no remaining scheduled games in that level/sport, the suspension shall be served in the next two regular season or post season contest for that coach. If a disqualification is administered to a coach in their final game of coaching for that school, it is the expectation that the school will take immediate and appropriate disciplinary action. (CM 5.2023)
- F. Any player who leaves the bench area during an interscholastic athletic event where an altercation is taking place in the playing area shall receive a one-game disqualification for the next scheduled game. If the infraction is not reported by the game official, it is the responsibility of the school administration to report and enforce the consequence. (CM 5.2019)

Coach, Host School
Golf Match

Jeffrey T. Collins, Executive Director
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