

2020 Golf Rules Considerations

NHIAA Golf Committee Adopted for 2020 Season

In support of the Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities, the NHIAA Golf Committee offers this document for schools to consider for the 2020-21 season. The considerations outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment.

2020 Fall Regular Season

1. The flagstick should remain in the hole.
2. Players should not use ball washers.
3. Players should not use rakes to smooth sand bunker shots. All players will have a lift clean and place option if their ball comes to rest in a bunker.
4. Players are required to bring their own beverages with them to the golf course. Players should not use water coolers on the course.
5. Players should not touch or handle other players' equipment.
6. While face coverings are not mandated during play, all staff, volunteers, and athletes should bring to training sessions and wear, reusable/washable cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when around others and not actively engaged in athletics and when social distancing is not possible.
7. Players should remain six (6) feet apart at all times while on golf course grounds.
8. All athletes will receive their own scorecards and are expected to record scores for themselves as well as all other opponents in their group. At the end of the round, a verbal confirmation of individual scores should be made by all opponents. Once confirmed, the host school's athlete will submit their card containing scores for all opponents in their group.
 - i. In lieu of a signed attest to the scorecard, a verbal confirmation of scores should also be made by all athletes to the host coach.
9. All guidelines required by host facilities should be strictly adhered to.

2020 Fall Golf Tournament(s)

1. Teams must play the minimum number of matches in order to qualify for the tournament.
2. All of the safety guidelines from the regular season listed above will apply.
3. Every effort will be made to play these tournaments as per the Policies and Procedures manual.
4. The Golf Committee reserves the right to change the conditions, participants and any aspect of the tournament should it become necessary.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Repeated actions or blatant disregard for these guidelines during the regular season, or tournament can result in penalties, no cards, and/or disqualification. These will be determined by the rules committee.