



# ***Colorado High School Activities Association***

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## ***Girls' Golf Bulletin 2025***

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## **2025 GIRLS' GOLF CALENDAR**

February 24 .....First Formal Practice  
February 27 ..... First Scrimmage or First Contest  
March 10 ..... Golf Regain Date  
May 12-14..... Regional Tournaments  
May 16 @ 12pm..... Deadline for individual substitution  
May 19-20.....State Golf Championships

2A- Pueblo Country Club-Pueblo  
3A – Boomerang-Greeley  
4A – The Broadlands-Thornton  
5A – Todd Creek-Brighton

### **GOLF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Adam Bumgartner, Chair, Pueblo 70; Greg Jones, Monte Vista; Wendy Davies, Ralston Valley; Joey Mahmood, Mullen; Jeff Collins, Northridge; Nick Kosovich, Fairview; Mike Jacobsma, Dawson; Jeremy McCormick, Delta

### **GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING**

*October 2025*

## **2024 GOLF COMMITTEE CHANGES/POINTS OF EMPHASES**

### **MAJOR CHANGES:**

a. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> place tie breaker for the team championship at the state tournament. This will be for all classifications and both seasons.

### **RATIONALE:**

a. There are two state trophies presented for the team championship for Boys and Girls State Golf. Playing off for those trophies is the best way to declare a true first and second place team championship.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

a. None

## **USGA Rule 3 Marker Responsibility**

### **b. Scoring in Stroke Play**

**Marker's Responsibility.** After each hole during the *round*, your *marker* should confirm the number of strokes you took on that hole and enter that gross score on your *scorecard*.

When the *round* has ended, your *marker* must certify the hole scores on your *scorecard*. If you had more than one *marker*, each *marker* must certify the scores for those holes where he or she was your *marker*.

**Your Responsibility.** When the *round* has ended, you:

- Should carefully check the hole scores entered by your *marker* and raise any issues with the *Committee*,
- Must make sure that your *marker* certifies the hole scores on the *scorecard*,
- Must not change a hole score entered by your *marker* **except** with the *marker's* agreement or the *Committee's* approval, and
- Must certify the hole scores on the *scorecard* and promptly return it to the *Committee*, after which you must not change your *scorecard*.

If you breach any of these requirements, you are **disqualified**.

## **SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

For all CHSAA sports medicine policies, procedures, and protocols, please visit the [Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Handbook](#).

Lightning and Tornado Policy and Procedures and Heat Acclimatization and Safety Priorities can be found in the [Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Handbook](#).



## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

CHSAA [Game Management & Sportsmanship Expectation Guide](#)

## **BECOMING AN OFFICIAL**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an official, please contact the CHSAA official's office at [mtillman@chsaa.org](mailto:mtillman@chsaa.org).

## **CHSAA Personal Trophy**

This is the link you need to use to order your personal state championship trophy. They are a smaller size of those awarded at each state championship.

[Click Here](#)

## **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

- Please note: All rules and policies contained within this bulletin are subject to the ADA's requirement to provide reasonable modifications for a disabled student(s). A reasonable modification(s) shall provide a disabled student with equally effective access [to the activity] unless the provision of such reasonable modification would constitute a fundamental alteration of the essential elements of the activity involved. Please refer to CHSAA bylaw 500 for more detailed information.

<b>5A Southern</b>			<b>Mountain Vista Ray Bikulcius</b>
<b>5A Central</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>City Park</b>	<b>DPS/Kevin Benji or Mark Randall</b>
<b>5A Northern</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>The Broadlands</b>	<b>Legacy High School Bobby Ortega</b>
<b>5A Western</b>	<b>May 12 8:00am shotgun</b>	<b>Indian Tree</b>	<b>Tony Pergola Ralston Valley</b>
<b>4A Region 1</b>	<b>May 12 9am</b>	<b>Country Club of Colorado</b>	<b>Cheyenne Mountain High School John Carricato</b>
<b>4A Region 2</b>	<b>May 12 730am shotgun \$55/player with box lunch</b>	<b>Fox Hollow</b>	<b>Dakota Ridge Sean Kovar</b>
<b>4A Region 3</b>	<b>May 13 Tee times 9am</b>	<b>Twin Peaks- Longmont</b>	<b>Niwot High School Ed Weaver</b>
<b>4A Region 4</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>The Olde Course</b>	<b>Loveland High School Bill Stephens</b>
<b>3A Region 1</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>Walking Stick</b>	<b>Pueblo Centennial John Ward</b>
<b>3A Region 2</b>	<b>May 13 \$55/player 7:30 shotgun</b>	<b>Fox Hollow</b>	<b>Mullen High School Joey Mahmood</b>
<b>3A Region 3</b>	<b>May 14 11am Tee times</b>	<b>The Olde Course</b>	<b>Berthoud High School Dave Hunn</b>
<b>3A Region 4</b>	<b>May 13 10am</b>	<b>Gypsum Creek</b>	<b>Eagle Valley High School Zach Haglin</b>
<b>2A Region 1</b>	<b>May 12 9am shotgun</b>	<b>Hollydot</b>	<b>Rye High School Matt Addington</b>
<b>2A Region 2</b>	<b>May 12 8:30 tee times</b>	<b>Lone Tree</b>	<b>Skyview Academy High School Mike Morong?</b>
<b>2A Region 3</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>Sky Ranch</b>	<b>Holyoke High School Nick Flaa</b>
<b>2A Region 4</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>RainDance</b>	<b>Resurrection Christian Rick Meis</b>

## **REGIONAL QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENTS:**

### A. Girls and Boys Golf Qualifying:

#### **Qualifying Classifications and Formats**

Classification - Boys, 2A: 1-440 3A: 441-1117; 4A: 1118-1659; 5A: 1660 and up.

#### **Teams and Individual Qualifiers**

- a. There are 84 state qualifiers for 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A. Each regional tournament will have 2 full teams and 13 individuals not on a team. 5A Boys and Girls Regionals are seeded from league standings.
- b. The team format is 4 score 3 and a team can compete with a maximum of 4 players but a team can compete for team points and as a qualifying team with 3 players. The 4<sup>th</sup> team qualifier, the highest scoring member of one of the qualifying teams, must score 10 strokes or less of that of the last individual qualifier not on a team in order to participate at state with their team. If the highest scoring member of the team(s) that qualifies is more than 10 strokes from the last individual qualifier's score, the 4th team member will not participate and will be replaced by the next highest individual not on a team from that regional tournament. A team can compete for team points as a 3-member team.

<b>CHSAA/JGAC Recommended Yardages</b>			
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Par</b>	<b>Regional Yardage</b>	<b>State Yardage</b>
Boys 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A	70	6,400 - 6,600	6,550 - 6,750
Boys 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A	71	6,500 - 6,700	6,650 - 6,850
Boys 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A	72	6,650 - 6,850	6,800 - 7,000
Girls 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A	70	5,400 - 5,600	5,550 - 5,750
Girls 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A	71	5,500 - 5,700	5,650 - 5,850
Girls 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A	72	5,650 - 5,850	5,800 - 6,000







2022-2023, 2025-2026, 2028-2029, etc. Southwestern (every three years)

## **2A, 3A and 4A Regional Bracketing:**

To establish a Team IWR ranking, each varsity golf team must have recorded a minimum of six 18-hole rounds by the Monday, three weeks before the start of the regional tournaments. Both individual and team IWRs will be calculated using the best six 18-hole rounds established. The Top 8 IWR 2A, 3A and 4A teams, as determined on that Monday, shall be distributed competitively in each of their classification's regions with geographical considerations as a top priority.

## **REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SITE DIRECTOR AND RULES COMMITTEE**

Each regional tournament will be under the control and supervision of a site director approved by the CHSAA. The director and his/her committee shall assign players to groups of three or four in order of ability according to average scores as they are listed in Iwanamaker.com and provide the necessary instructions for coaches and players of local course rules and regulations. Pairings should be available at least 24 hours ahead of the competition. The wave format of pairings is recommended. The director shall appoint a committee to rule on possible infractions and disputes. (It is recommended that two members of this committee should be the local golf professional and the primary CGA official.)

The regional tournaments shall be 18 holes. The teams and individuals scoring the lowest totals from each of the six regionals will qualify for the state championship. Any ties for the state qualifying play must be broken through a hole by hole playoff the day of the regional qualifying tournament. Ties for first place (team and individual), for the final team and/or individual qualifying spot, and for the two alternate spots must be broken.

If green fees must be charged, the tournament director shall notify all teams in advance of the cost.

## **PLAQUES**

Plaques are awarded to the first-place and second-place teams in the regional qualifying tournaments. A state qualifying ribbon will be awarded to teams and individuals qualifying to participate in the state championship.

## **AMATEUR STATUS OF HIGH SCHOOL GOLFERS**

All golfers must comply with the Rules of Amateur Status published by the United States Golf Association (see the USGA Golf Rules booklet). At no time shall a golfer accept cash or cash equivalent. Individuals participating in any interscholastic athletic activity sponsored and/or approved by the CHSAA shall not accept cash or merchandise awards. Awards at these interscholastic athletic activities must be symbolic in nature with no functional or intrinsic value such as, but not limited to, letters, plaques, trophies, medals, ribbons, certificates and letter adornments and shall not exceed \$50.00 in value exclusive of engraving.

Note: "Cash" includes such things as, but not limited to, remuneration in any form such as cash, money orders, gift certificates, scholarships, free or reduced price meals. "Merchandise" awards include such things as, but not limited to, jackets, sweaters, blazers, windbreakers, jogging suits, blankets, rings, etc.

Any questions regarding the USGA Rules of Amateur Status may be directed to the Colorado Golf Association (303) 366-4653 or 1-800-228-4675.

Individuals participating in a non-interscholastic athletic/activity are governed by USGA rules.

Students may compete in outside events throughout the high school golf season with permission of the high school principal.

Formal golf practice begins on August 8, 2024 with the first golf scrimmage and contest allowed on August 8, 2024.

## **PARTICIPATION - MAXIMUM HOLES, INDIVIDUAL**

Each participant may play no more than 198 holes of scheduled golf meets, exclusive of sudden death playoffs, regional and state meets. As long as the 198 holes rule is not reached, players may continue to play in golf events after regionals and up to the conclusion of the state championships.

## **COACHING/ADVISING**

Coaching, advising, or disruption of players by spectators and/or parents during competition is not allowed. The penalty is two strokes. The player is responsible for knowing and following the rules of golf.

Only two registered coaches may coach any of their team's players anytime during the players' round except when a player has reached the green to putt. There may be no substitute coaches after the start of a round.

Coach must:

- Wear CHSAA issued coach tag.
- Advise parents and/or other coaches from their school that they may not coach or advise golfers during the tournament. A second coach may have this privilege if registered with the CHSAA. Penalty: disqualification of the coach.

## **SUNDAY CONTACT**

Regular Season: Page 91 of the Bylaws, Q & A #4.

Q4: When May a coach have contact with an athlete on Sunday?

A4: (1) Post-season picnics/banquets; (2) public gatherings; (3) travel required by Saturday or Monday competition; (4) attendance by coach/parent at own child's contests; (5) chance encounter; (6) when the coach is acting in the capacity as contest official, umpire, or referee at a competition where an athlete from his/her school team may be competing completely independent from any connection with the coach.

Post-season: Page 90 2310.5 Sunday Contact.

No high school interscholastic contests, practices for interscholastic contests, camps, nor association between participants and coaches/directors of any CHSAA sanctioned activity from the students' school shall take place on Sunday at any time during the school year. (This is to include both in-season and out-of-season sports/activities other than those noted in the Music Bylaws.) The Commissioner may, when deemed advisable, allow postponed state-level events to be played on Sunday. Teams playing on Monday in district, regional or in a state-culminating event will be exempt from this rule.

## **GOLF COMMITTEE POLICIES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

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A. No more than two CHSAA registered coaches may coach anytime during the players' round when a player has reached the green to putt, he or she may not be coached. At that time, the coach must retreat to at least 10 yds from the green surface. If a coach is not wearing a coach's tag, he or she is deemed a spectator and must not be coaching any player or walking in the fairway.

B. Schools that qualify three golfers as individuals to the state tournament may compete as a team, but no substitutions can be made for these golfers because their status is that of individual qualifiers.

C. The CGA will provide rules officials for all regional and state tournaments.

D. All competitors must wear a golf-type shirt with a collar and sleeves (girls may wear sleeveless shirts). A mock-turtle neck shirt can be worn in lieu of a collared shirt. School identification must be on the shirt.

E. Competitors may wear tailored shorts, slacks, or skirts in all events, but they must be of the dress variety. Denim blue jeans, cutoffs, spandex, physical education or running-shorts, or short-shorts will not be allowed. During the regular and postseason, slacks, shorts, or skirts must have a hemline no shorter than the student's fingertips when their arms are down by their side. If the player is not in compliance when checking in for a tee time, the starter can have the player change the illegal attire or be disqualified. Coaches are responsible for their player's attire.

F. Golfers may not use caddies or motorized carts. Noisemakers and radios are not allowed. A range finder device may only be used for measuring distances. Players may share a range finder device.

G. Players will follow the CHSAA Code of Ethics as it relates to the non-use of chemicals, alcohol, tobacco and other mood-altering substances. They will also be expected to follow the highest standards of sporting behavior; gambling, club throwing, and the use of abusive language will not be tolerated.

H. Any negative sporting behavior will be dealt with in the following manner during a meet: First Offense - a warning will be given  
Second Offense - disqualification from the event NOTE: Any act deemed to be flagrant could result in an immediate disqualification.

I. Deleted

J. This is a team competition with a concurrent individual competition. Should a team member incur a penalty of disqualification for breach of the USGA Rules of Golf, the golfer is disqualified from the individual competition but may compete and as a team member.

K. Coaching/Giving Advice is allowed on the course as per Item A only. It is the responsibility of players to know the rules and any breach of the rules of giving advice or giving information is subject to loss of stroke.

L. Regional tournaments may use the team wave format as an alternative method of pairing golfers.

M. The 4th qualifying golfer on a team within 10 strokes of the last qualifying individual golfer is part of team concept advocated by the CHSAA in all its sports and activities.

N. Tournament directors are encouraged to contact the CGA to get advice on controlling pace of play.

O. For regional tournaments the regional host must secure back up dates.

P. Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players. The use of an electronic device such as a mobile phone, hand-held computer, calculator, television or radio is not of itself a breach of the Rule and can be used for: matters unrelated to golf (e.g., to call home); accessing information on advice-related matters produced prior to the start of the player's round (e.g., an electronic yardage book, swing tips); accessing (but not interpreting or processing) playing information from previous rounds (e.g., driving distances, individual club yardages, etc.); obtaining information related to the competition being played (e.g., the leaderboard or projected "cut"). During the stipulated round the penalty is: First offense – Warning; Subsequent Offense – Disqualification/Removal.

Q. "Advice" is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke. Information on the Rules, distance or matters of public information, such as the position of penalty areas or the flagstick on the putting green, is not advice. Players on a team are not considered to be partners no matter if they are in a group together or not. So, they can share information but they cannot share advice. The only way to circumvent this is through the coach. Player A can give advice to a coach that can be relayed to Player B but the advice cannot be shared between A and B directly.

R. If paper scorecards are used, they must be collected by a CGA staff person or the site director



**2025 GIRLS' 5A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**DATE:** May 19-20  
**SITE:** Todd Creek  
**FIRST GROUPS TEE OFF:** 8:30 a.m. - Tees #1 & #10 - 84 qualifiers  
**FORMAT:** 36 holes, stroke play, plus team championship  
**COACHES MEETING:** Virtual  
**GOLF FEES:**

**TEAM AWARDS:** Championship Plaque, Second Place Plaque

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** 1st through 10th place medals

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Mike Book, CHSAA

**GOLF COURSE STAFF:**

**COURSE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**RULES COMMITTEE:**

**HOSTS:** Brighton High School  
Tam Vu, Tom Puzio

**2025 GIRLS' 4A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**DATE:** May 19-20

**SITE:** The Broadlands

**FIRST GROUPS TEE OFF:** 9a - Tee #1 and Tee #10- 84 qualifiers

**FORMAT:** 36 holes, stroke play, plus team championship

**COACHES MEETING:**

**COST PER QUALIFIER:**

**PRACTICE ROUNDS**

**TEAM AWARDS:** Championship Plaque, Second Place Plaque

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** 1st through 10th place medals

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:** Mike Book, CHSAA

**GOLF COURSE STAFF:**

**COURSE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**RULES COMMITTEE:** CHSAA Staff member

**DIRECTIONS TO COURSE:**

**HOST:** Broomfield High School  
Tony Ferraro

**2025 GIRLS' 3A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**DATE:** May 19-20

**SITE:** Boomerang Golf Course

**FIRST GROUPS TEE OFF:** 8:30 a.m. - Tees #1 & #10 - 84 qualifiers

**FORMAT:** 36 holes, stroke play, plus team championship

**COACHES MEETING:**

**COST PER QUALIFIER:**

**TEAM AWARDS:** Championship Plaque, Second Place Plaque

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** 1st through 10th place medals

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Mike Book, CHSAA

**GOLF COURSE STAFF:**

**RULES COMMITTEE:** CHSAA Staff Member

**HOSTS:** Northridge High School  
Jeff Collins

**2025 GIRLS' 2A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**DATE:** May 19-20

**SITE:** Pueblo Country Club-Pueblo

**FIRST GROUPS TEE OFF:** 8:30 a.m. - Tees #1 & #10 - 84 qualifiers

**FORMAT:** 36 holes, stroke play, plus team championship

**COACHES MEETING:**

**COST PER QUALIFIER:** \$100/player to include coach cart and range balls. CHSAA will bill schools at the conclusion of the tournament, **DO NOT PAY THE COURSE FOR TOURNAMENT FEES.** Carts will be for coaches only, no athletes will be allowed in carts.

**PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, shotgun. Cost of practice round will be \$54 to include cart per school and range balls. Schools will pay course directly for the practice round. Please call the course to confirm you will be playing in the shotgun round. Carts will be for school coaches only, no athletes will be permitted to use a cart.

**TEAM AWARDS:** Championship Plaque, Second Place Plaque

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** 1st through 10th place medals

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Mike Book, CHSAA

**GOLF COURSE STAFF:**

**RULES COMMITTEE:** CHSAA Staff Member

**HOSTS:** Pueblo County School District 70

# **STATE TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **USGA RULES**

Play shall be governed by the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association as supplemented by published local rules.

## **PRACTICE ROUNDS**

It is recommended that host golf sites organize a shot-gun start for practice rounds. Check the CHSAA website for details. NOTE: EACH GOLF COURSE HAS A DRESS CODE FOR GOLFERS PLAYING (BOTH PRACTICE AND COMPETITIVE ROUNDS). NO TEE SHIRTS, DENIM OR OTHER QUESTIONABLE DRESS IS ALLOWED.

## **TOURNAMENT FEES**

In each tournament a fee will be charged to cover site green fees. The CHSAA will bill schools and make one payment to the course.

## **COURSES OPEN**

The courses open by 7:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Players and/or coaches may walk the course each day before the first time, but shall not play or practice on the course itself. (Pin placement sheets will be used.) The local club professional may prohibit anybody from being on the course before the 8:30 a.m. starting time.

## **TEAM REGISTRATION**

Coaches may register and pick up their team packets containing tee times, participation certificates and bag tags at the coaches' meeting on Sunday at 4 PM at the state tournament site. Consult CHSAA website for details on this meeting.

## **TEE TIMES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT**

Golfers will play in threesomes and will be spaced at nine-minute intervals from both Tee No. 1 and Tee No. 10. The first groups will start between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. The exact starting and tee times will be distributed when qualifiers are known.

The CHSAA office will make the pairings and assign tee times for the 1<sup>st</sup> round based on team and individual IWR rankings. Players from the same school will not be paired together. The priority will be to pair teams first then individuals.

Starting times for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the state championship will be in a "U" configuration. On the #1 tee, the lower half of scores will play in order of high to low, beginning at 8:30 a.m. On the #10 tee, the higher half of scores will play in order of low to high, beginning with first tee time.

The Tournament Committee may disqualify players missing tee times following a review. (See Note, Rule 6-3 of the USGA rulebook.)

## **TUESDAY TEE TIMES**

Tee times for Tuesday's competition will be available at [www.iwanamaker.com](http://www.iwanamaker.com) or your CHSAA Golf app or posted at [www.chsaanow.com](http://www.chsaanow.com) as soon as possible after the completion of Monday's competition.

**Tee times may be found on the CHSAA Golf App and on the CHSAA web site ([www.chsaanow.com](http://www.chsaanow.com)) as soon as they become available – probably by Tuesday prior to the tournament.**

## **SUBSTITUTION FOR INDIVIDUAL PLAYER UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE**

The coach should immediately contact the regional director if one his or her state qualifiers drops out of the tournament. The coach must contact the CHSAA office by 3p on the Wednesday preceding championship Monday, which is the deadline for substitutions.

AN ALTERNATE MAY ONLY SUBSTITUTE FOR A QUALIFIER THAT DROPS OUT OF THE ALTERNATE'S REGIONAL TOURNAMENT.

## **HOLE BY HOLE PLAYOFF TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE**

- a. Ties for first place (team and individual) must be broken on the day of the qualifying tournament. There will be a tie breaker for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team trophy as well as individual.
- b. Following the completion of regulation play the tournament director or designee will conduct a coin flip to determine the grouping of the remaining golfers in the playoff. The tournament committee can determine how the groups are paired for the playoffs. Teams should not be grouped as a single foursome. If there is a team and an individual tie, resolve the team tie first.
- c. The order of teeing off in each group is determined by the regular "honors" system (i.e., the lowest score on the previous hole, etc.).
- d. The tie breaking holes will be announced in the event of a tie.
- e. A hole by hole scoring concept will be used to determine the winner.

When 3 people on hole have a better score than 3 opponents, a winner is determined (total score).

## **TROPHY PRESENTATION**

Individual and team presentations will take place immediately after the committee has checked all results. Ten (10) medals, with top a ten finisher designation, will be presented based on the CGA matching scorecard system. NOTE: First place ties only will be determined through a hole by hole playoff.

## **NO EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

The CHSAA will not reimburse schools for any expenses related to the tournament. Schools must make their own arrangements.

## **CHSAA INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

The tournament committee will determine suspension of play and USGA rules will prevail. **The CHSAA Sports Medicine Committee has updated the CHSAA lightning safety policy to establish a clear 10-mile detection range. When independently validated lightning-detection devices or when mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location.**

**Based on definitive recommendations from both the National Federation of High Schools and the National Athletic Trainers' Association, as well as our own legal counsel, we are eliminating the previous advisory of an 8-10 mile "range". Moving forward, the CHSAA advises that all outdoor activities be suspended when lightning is detected within 10 miles. Member schools are advised to update their local protocols accordingly to ensure the highest level of safety.**

## **REMINDER**

Coaching/advising by parents, or observers is not allowed. Walking the course before play each day is permitted; playing and/or practicing on the course on the day of the tournament is not permitted. Spectators should be made aware of the “No Advising” rule, and should walk to the sides of the players and a considerable distance away from them. They cannot caddie for the players, hold the pin, or help the players in any way.

## **MOTORIZED CARTS**

Coaches, parents or other observers are not permitted to ride motorized carts at the state tournament unless one of the riders has handicap permit or a doctor’s note. Motorized push carts may be used to carry clubs during a round but the player may not ride the pushcart at anytime.

## **PUTTING GREEN MAPS**

### 4.3a/1 Putting Green Maps

The player is allowed to use a putting green map or other putting green information, except that:

- Any image of a putting green must be limited to a scale of 3/8 inch to 5 yards (1:480) or smaller (the “scale limit”);
- Any book or other paper containing a map or image of a putting green must not be larger than 4 ¼” x 7 inches (the “size limit”) although a “hole location sheet” that displays 9 or more holes on a single sheet of paper may be larger, provided that any image of single putting green meets the scale limit;
- No magnification of putting green information is allowed other than a player’s normal wearing of prescription glasses or lenses;
- Hand drawn or written information about a putting green is only allowed if contained in a book or paper meeting the size limit and written by the player and/or his or her caddie.

This rule and more clarification on this can be found [HERE](#). There is also a scale that be can be purchased from the USGA to ensure the materials are within the parameters [HERE](#).

# GOLF ETIQUETTE

## **SAFETY**

1. **SWINGING** - Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like which may be moved by the stroke or swing.
2. **LIGHTNING** - If the player believes she is in danger of being struck by lightning, she is permitted to discontinue play and seek shelter (Rule 6-8.) Bad weather of itself (rain, cold, and wind without nearby lightning strikes) is not a sufficient reason for discontinuing play. The time between lightning flash and thunder clap can be used to determine how far away lightning is striking: each five seconds represents one mile. When lightning strikes within two miles it is time to head for shelter.

## **CONSIDERATION OF OTHER PLAYERS**

1. **Slow Play** - in the interest of all, players should play without delay (see PACE OF PLAY, below).
2. **The Honor** - On the tee, the player who has the honor should be allowed to play before her fellow-competitor tees her ball; through the green, the player farthest from the hole should be allowed to play first. However, since there is no penalty for playing out of turn in stroke play (unless it is done deliberately to assist a fellow competitor), if the player with the honor is not ready to hit, to improve the pace of play, other players may hit.
3. **Distracting another player** - No one should move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
4. **Hitting into the group ahead** - No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
5. **Lost ball** - They should not search for more than five minutes.
6. **Leaving the putting green** - When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

## **CARE OF THE COURSE**

1. **Holes and footprints in bunkers** - Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully rake all holes and footprints made by her. The rake must be placed outside the bunker when finished.
2. **Divots; ball markers; spike damage** - Through the green, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by her is replaced at once and pressed down. Any damage to the putting green made by a ball should also be carefully repaired. Damage to the putting green caused by golf shoe spikes should be repaired after all players in the group have completed the hole.
3. **Damage to greens**- Players should ensure that, when laying down a golf bag or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that they do not damage the hole by standing close to it, in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green. Players should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putters, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.
4. **Damage through practice swings** - In taking practice swings, players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tees, by removing divots.
5. **In summary** - LEAVE THE COURSES ON WHICH WE ARE GRACIOUSLY PERMITTED TO PLAY IN BETTER CONDITION THAN YOU FIND THEM. And be sure to thank the club staff and members whenever possible for the privilege of playing their course.



# 2025 CHSAA LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R&A, effective January 1, 2023 govern play. See the applicable tournament Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a local rule is the general penalty, loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play. The local rules of the host course are not in effect.

## LOCAL RULES

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**Out of Bounds.** Defined by the inside edge of freshly painted white lines or the inside points of white stakes at ground level. Stakes, posts, or fencing are treated equally as boundary objects. When multiple objects exist, the nearest course side object is treated as the boundary.

**Penalty Areas.** Identified by red or yellow stakes and defined by freshly painted red or yellow lines. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity (otherwise indicated by a double stake). When a yellow or red penalty area is bounded by out of bounds, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary edge.

**Ground Under Repair.** Defined by freshly painted white lines. French drains filled with stones that are exposed or discovered by probing are ground under repair. Ground under repair includes, whether or not marked, cultivated flowerbeds and active nurseries, which are further defined as No Play Zones. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, but only when declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction. Thinly grassed areas resulting from winterkill or drought conditions are not considered and are not marked as ground under repair.

**Integral Objects.** Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as

Ground Under Repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

The following Model Local Rules are in effect as prescribed in Committee Procedures, Section 8 of the USGA Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

- Out of Bounds When Public Road Runs Through Course (A-5)
- Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green when Both the Ball and Obstruction are in General Area Cut to Fairway Height or Less (F-5.2)
- Relief from seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams) Relief is for lie of ball and area of intended swing only (F-7) •  
Temporary Immovable Obstructions ("Either Side" Relief Option: F-23e(2))
- Ball Deflected By Power Line On the Course (E-11)
- List of Conforming Driver Heads (G-1)
- List of Conforming Golf Balls (G-3)
- Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged (G-9)
- Modification of Penalty Under Rule 3.3b(2) for Missing Player or Marker Certification (L-1)
- Prohibiting use of Motorized Transportation (G-6)
- Appointment of Advice Giver in Team Competitions (H-2)
- Use of Caddie Prohibited (H-1)

## TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

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**Pace of Play.** See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy and guidelines.

**Practicing Before or Between Rounds.** Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: In stroke play, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds (MLR I-1.1). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

**Scoring Area and Returning Scorecard.** For the purpose of applying Rule 3.3b(2), a player's scorecard is treated as returned when the player has first left the scoring area (Defined by blue tape or otherwise) with both feet.

**Prohibiting Use of Audio and Video Devices.** During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device (MLR G-8). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 4.3.

**Discontinuance of Play.** A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes. See Rule 5.7b. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing may result in disqualification. (MLR J-1)

**Official Time.** The official clock is with the starter. All other time pieces on property should be considered unofficial.

**Close of Competition.** The competition is closed when the symbolic prize for the event has been presented to the winner or in the absence of a ceremony, when the committee has approved all scores or results. A match is final when it has been posted to the official scoreboard.

### The Committee

For any CHSAA competition, the Committee consists of CHSAA on site representatives, the host course head professional, and the Rules Captain if present at the course. Additional guidance may be sought from the Colorado Golf Association as needed

## **PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Conditions of the Competition - The player is responsible for knowing the conditions under which the competition is to be played.
2. Time of starting and groups - The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee and shall remain throughout the round in the group arranged by the Committee unless the Committee authorizes or ratifies a change. If the player arrives at her starting point ready to play within 5 minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification.
3. Ball - The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player should put an identification mark on his ball.
4. Recording scores - A "marker" is an individual, normally a fellow competitor, who is appointed by the Committee to record a competitor's score in stroke play. 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. If more than one marker records the scores, each shall sign for the part for which he is responsible.
5. Penalty strokes - A player who has incurred a penalty stroke should notify her marker of the penalty as soon as practicable.
6. Doubt as to procedure - When a competitor in stroke play during the play of a hole is doubtful of her rights or procedure, she may, without penalty, play a second ball. Before proceeding, she should announce to her marker her decision to play the second ball and her choice of which of the two balls she wishes to count if the Rules permit (Rule 3-3).
7. Signing and returning the card - After completion of the round, the competitor should check her score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. She shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, counter sign the card herself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.
8. Alteration of card; wrong score for hole - No alteration may be made on a card after the competitor has returned it to the Committee. The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole. If she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken she shall be disqualified. If she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.

## **PACE OF PLAY**

1. Undue delay - The player shall play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play (Rule 6-7).
2. Maintain position - Your place on the course is immediately behind the group ahead, not immediately ahead of the group behind; keep up with the group in front even if you are not being pushed from behind.
3. Practice swings - Limit practice swings when it's your turn to hit; practice swing only while waiting for the honor.
4. Mental preparation - Think of club selection before reaching the ball; be ready to hit when it's your turn.
5. Continuous putting - Putt out in lieu of marking. In stroke play, a player required to lift his ball may play first rather than lift (Rule 22).
6. Plan ahead - Place golf bags on the side of the green leading to the next tee.
7. Lining up - Line up putts while others are playing, before it's your turn; your first look is probably as good as looking at the putt from four directions.
8. Lost balls - Observe the flight of all player's shots; line up where the ball landed to ease search; play your own second shot before going to help search for a fellow-competitors' ball.
9. Provisional - Play a provisional ball when your last shot may be lost (outside a water hazard) or out of bounds.
10. Hit quick - Hit each shot quickly and putt fast - your game will probably improve. You should seldom take over 40 seconds to get a shot off once it is your turn to play.

# COLORADO COACHES CODE OF ETHICS



1. **PROFESSIONALISM** A COACH will uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with students, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, parents, and the public, the coach will strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
2. **INFLUENCE** A COACH will be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence on the education of the student and, thus, shall place the highest value on instilling the ideals of character. The coach will realize that he or she is a role model, both in the school, the community and on social media accounts, and his or her actions must live up to their words.
3. **LIFE LESSONS** A COACH will know that the lessons of the game are more important than the outcome of the game, and the coach will demonstrate an understanding of the athletes' growth and development in life beyond the game.
4. **PRIORITIES** A COACH will remember that the game is for the young people, and will place the athletes' needs and interests before his or her own.
5. **SPORTSMANSHIP** A COACH will personally demonstrate sportsmanship, and exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by all team members and spectators.
6. **RULES** A COACH will master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall honor both the spirit and letter of the rules.
7. **SAFETY** A COACH will ensure a safe environment and safe equipment, and practice safe training techniques based on current practices.
8. **OFFICIALS** A COACH will respect and work with officials, understanding their importance and the role that they play in the event.
9. **TRAINING RULES** A COACH will take an active role in promoting a positive lifestyle and in the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and drug usage by team members.
10. **SOCIAL MEDIA** A COACH will use team social media for only positive communication, team promotion, and team building, and encourage team members to use social media responsibly.
11. **PARTNERS** A COACH will work with the athletic director to be knowledgeable about and follow school district policies and procedures, and CHSAA rules and bylaws.
12. **CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT** A COACH will continue his or her own professional development through coaching clinics, and other learning tools. The coach will continually seek a mastery of coaching principles and techniques, and show interest in continual growth.

(adapted from NFHS, NHSACA, and CHSCA)

The Colorado High SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION is proud to



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**Boys Golf**

**June 10-13, 2025**

**at Colorado State University Pueblo**

*This is a first class event to cap off your outstanding seniors' high school careers and to honor top coaches from across the state of Colorado. Sports showcased in the 2024 CHSCA All State Games include Softball, Volleyball, Football, Golf, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Wrestling and Spirit. Golf matches will be played at Walking Stick Golf course in Pueblo.*

**Players and coaches are nominated by CHSCA Golf MEMBER coaches.**

Each coach has the opportunity to nominate up to **four senior players** and a coach (must be CHSCA member).

**All nominated players MUST PLAY FOR A CHSCA MEMBER COACH and must have qualified for the state tournament. All nominations must be submitted Sept.30-Oct.16, 2024 via the CHSCA All State Games website.**

Go to [www.CHSCAAllStateGames.org](http://www.CHSCAAllStateGames.org) under the ALL STATE GAMES/SPORTS---GOLF tab.

Once players are nominated- invitations will be sent to the athlete AND copied to the coach. Please don't forget to follow up with your athletes to complete their Registrations.

## LIGHTNING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

### DEFINITION

#### *LIGHTNING*

In the United States, an average of 300 people are struck by lightning each year. Of those struck, there are approximately 40 fatalities from lightning each year. Approximately 50-60% of lightning casualties occur during organized sports or recreational activities according to the National Weather Service. Most of these fatalities can be prevented.

#### **Weather Apps**

- It is strongly recommended that an independent and objectively verified weather app (such as the Perry Weather App, the National Weather Service app, etc.) be available at all outdoor activities, including practices and contests. This should be part of your venue-specific emergency action plan.
- Acceptable alternatives to the verified weather apps include but are not limited to: immediate contact with the local weather services, local television or radio. Access to these sources can be through the Internet, cellular telephone and/or any other means that provides the information needed for real time decisions to be made.

### **GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES**

In your venue-specific emergency action plan, you must:

1. Assign a staff member to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests. This staff member is designated to make the final call on suspending and resuming the game.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area:
  - a. Utilize announcements/public address announcer to help guide teams and fans to the appropriate shelter and identifying safe places as noted below.
  - b. Safe locations need to be identified and shared with teams, spectators and workers prior to the start of the activity or athletic event.
  - c. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium, locker rooms or buses/cars. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
  - d. Unsafe locations include but are not limited to: Picnic areas, parks, open sided shelters (dugouts), storage sheds, open garages, tents, press boxes, areas close to open water, tall objects such as trees, poles, towers, and elevated areas.**

*\* Weather contingency plans should be reviewed prior to each game at a pre-game huddles and should include but not limited to the site director, an official, and athletic trainer (when applicable)*

### **LIGHTNING POLICY AND PROCEDURES (Cont.)**

3. When a thunderstorm seems imminent, lightning is seen or heard, or the weather app indicates that lightning is within 10 miles, the outdoor venue (small or large) needs to be evacuated. Proceed to a lightning safe area.
4. Activities shall be suspended, and all personnel are directed to move to safe locations. The call to suspend activity due to close lightning should be based on how fast the storm is approaching and the amount of time it will take for event participants to take appropriate safe shelter. At a minimum, by the time the lightning storm has reached 10 miles away from the location of the outdoor activity, all individuals should have left the outdoor athletic site and reached a safe location. Weather monitoring subscriptions should be set at a 10 mile radius from the center of the sporting event (venue specific).
5. Criteria for suspension and resumption of play:

- a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen\*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
- b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed\* prior to resuming play.
- c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning\* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
- d. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning\* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

\* – **PER NFHS** At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

6. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
7. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at start of the season in your pre-season meeting.

### **No App or Technology Available**

When a weather app is not available, the default NFHS policy that appears in the Rules Book of each sport shall be followed. In brief, that policy requires suspension of all activity when cloud-to-ground lightning is observed, or thunder is heard. If thunder is heard, lightning is assumed to be striking within 10 miles.

Implement the Thirty Minute Rule as noted in the NFHS Policy

### **LIGHTNING POLICY AND PROCEDURES (Cont.)**

When activities are suspended, the following individuals shall be responsible for the safety of personnel:

- The head coach for players and other team personnel.
- Game management guiding spectators and personnel to safe areas
- The senior official for the officiating crew.
- All game management personnel, administrators, coaches and officials must be thoroughly familiar with the NFHS default policy as well as this policy.

### **MANAGEMENT**

People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to be touched by others.

- Call 911
- If possible, an injured person should be moved to a safer location before starting CPR. • Start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Lightning-strike victims with signs of cardiac or respiratory arrest need immediate emergency help.
- Activate the local emergency management system and utilize an AED if available. Prompt, effective CPR has been highly successful for the survival of lightning strike victims.

<http://www2.chsaa.org/sports/medicine/SportsMedicineHandbook.pdf>



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