



Section VIII
Girls Golf Handbook
Spring 2023



Section VIII
Girls Golf Calendar
2023

First Practice: Monday, March 20, 2023

Minimum Number of Contests To be eligible for counties or state competition, an individual must have competed in (6) in half of scheduled team matches. These required contests must occur on six (6) different dates and must be conducted prior to the conclusion of the season. {NYS PHSAA Handbook, pg 104, #25 a}

Section VIII Nassau County Championship

THERE WILL BE NO RAIN DATE FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Bethpage State Park

Round	Day & Date	Site/ Course	Time
1	Monday, May 22, 2023	Bethpage Yellow	7:30 AM
2	Tuesday, May 23, 2023	Bethpage Green	7:30 AM

Long Island Championship

Bethpage Golf Course

Round	Day & Date	Site/ Course	Time
Final	Tuesday, May 30th, 2023	Bethpage	9:30 AM

New York State Championship

Rexford, NY

Round	Day & Date	Site/ Course	Time
Practice	Sat, June 3rd, 2023	The Edison Club	11:00 AM
1	Sun, June 4th, 2023	The Edison Club	10:00 AM
2	Mon, June 5th, 2023	The Edison Club	9:00 AM



SECTION VIII

INTRODUCTION

Interscholastic Athletics is an inherent part of the total education program for students in the secondary schools of Nassau County. Our athletic programs will be properly organized, administered, and conducted, to provide opportunities for students to participate in athletic activities which ensure the health and safety of the athletes and spectators, promote growth and development, teach social and recreational skills, and develop leadership qualities. These values are more rapidly attained when the program is founded upon the highest standards and ethical practices developed and adhered to by all member schools.

This handbook sets forth the policies and practices for participation in Section VIII post-season competition. It is designed to inform and update all coaches, athletic directors, principals and superintendents of the procedures set forth by the NYSPHSAA and the National Federation. These procedures and policies apply to all schools participating in post-season competition beginning with the Nassau County Championship and continuing through the State Tournament. Although dates may change from year to year, most information will remain constant.



Section VIII GIRLS' GOLF HANDBOOK

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**Section VIII Girls' Golf
2023
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Committee Members:

Conference I	Coaches Rep	Matt Corrigan, Great Neck
Conference II	Coaches Rep	Steven Naranjo, Syosset
Conference III	Coaches Rep	Evelyn Sweeney, Oceanside

Other Members:

High School Rep: Anthony Brancato, Athletic Director, Carey High School

Kelley Brooke: Head Pro at Bethpage State Park Golf Course

Nassau County Girls Golf Coaches Association

Coaching Association President: Michael Viola, Massapequa H.S.

Vice President: Matt Corrigan, Great Neck H.S.

Treasurer: Mike Stanley, Sewanhaka H.S.

Secretary: Lauren Sadeh, Manhasset H.S.

Conference Alignment Committee: Matt Corrigan, Michael Viola, Lauren Sadeh

Rules Committee:

Michael Viola, Massapequa

Steve Bromberg, Jericho

Matt Corrigan, Great Neck

Evelyn Sweeney, Oceanside

Steven Naranjo, Syosset



HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Heat index will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- The athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee will use the accuweather.com website to determine the heat index for the area of the contest/practice. The accuweather.com website can be reached through the NYS SPHSAA website. Once a person is on the accuweather.com website, they will put in the zip code for the location of the contest/practice and the website will give them the air temperature as well as the RealFeel temperature (heat index).
- If the RealFeel temperature (heat index) is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the RealFeel (heat index) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the RealFeel (heat index) temperature is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	RealFeel (Heat Index) under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Heat Index Caution: RealFeel (Heat Index) 80 degrees to 85 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session.
	Heat Index Watch: RealFeel (Heat Index) 86 degrees to 90 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when RealFeel temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time).
	Heat Index Warning: RealFeel (Heat Index) 91 degrees to 95 degrees	Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when RealFeel temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). Light weight and loose fitting clothes should be worn. For Practices only Football Helmets should be worn. No other protective equipment should be worn.
REQUIRED	Heat Index Alert: RealFeel (Heat Index) 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.

Approved May 1, 2010

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING POLICY

(effective 10/25/04)

- 1) Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion - thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.
 - With your site administrator, set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any contest.
- 2) When thunder is heard and/or when lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:
 - a. Suspend play and direct participants to go to shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van or car).
 - b. Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.

After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait approximately 30 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.

SITE FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section VIII Nassau County Championship

Bethpage State park
Head Pro: Kelley Brooke
Scheduling coordinator: Suzanne Friedrichs
99 Quaker Meeting House Rd, Farmingdale,

General Information: [\(516\) 249-0700](tel:(516)249-0700)

Reservations: [\(914\) 825-4958](tel:(914)825-4958)

Pro Shop: [\(516\) 249-4040](tel:(516)249-4040)

Restaurant: [\(516\) 927-8380](tel:(516)927-8380)

Long Island Championship

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NYSPHSAA Tournament

The Edison Club
State Coordinator Jamie Harter, Section IV

Address:

891 Riverview Road
Rexford NY, 12148

Phone: 518-399-2393

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SPORTSMANSHIP

The Association recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post schedule play.

a) Coach

1. Any coach disqualified by a sport official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. In individual sports, a multi-day contest is considered to be a contest. Disqualification from one season carries over to the next season of participation. The coach may not be present at the game site nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site. **NOTE:** “Not being physically present at the site” means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet.

Any coach:

- Who receives a disqualification penalty in a sport shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest; “Any coach that does not serve the penalty for violating the sportsmanship standard will be ineligible to participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to the Section for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSPHSAA play-offs, the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA”.
 - Who receives a second disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and
 - Who receives a third disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season. If the third ejection takes place in the last contest of the season (regular season or post schedule play), the Section Athletic Council will assess the penalty carrying over into the next season of participation.
2. A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to annoy, harass or intimidate another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for a period of time to be determined by the section not to exceed one year from the date of the offense.

b) Player

1. Any member of a squad disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike conduct, **including taunting**, or for a flagrant foul shall not participate in that sport in the next previously scheduled contest with a member school or in NYSPHSAA tournament play. In individual sports a multi-day contest is considered to be a contest. The contest in which the athlete was disqualified must count in the total maximum number of contests permitted. Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season of participation.

Any player:

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SPORTSMANSHIP (cont'd)

- Who receives a disqualification penalty in a sport shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest;
 - Who receives a second disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly scheduled contests; and
 - Who receives a third disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season. If the third ejection takes place in the last contest of the season (regular season or post schedule play), the Section Athletic Council will assess the penalty carrying over into the next season of participation.
2. Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent **to annoy, harass or intimidate** an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports **for a period of time to be determined by the section not to exceed one year from the date of the offense. NOTE:** Member of the squad includes player, manager, score keepers, times, and statisticians.

c) Official

1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of the official such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, use of profanity, shall be reported by a school administrator from the aggrieved school to the section executive director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport officials' chapter to investigate the incidence and to report their action to the section in a timely manner.

SECTION VIII AWARDS

The section is responsible for the following awards, given out at the conclusion of each sport season:

- Long Island Champions (plaque) alternates with Section XI every year
- Conference Champions (team plaque)
- Conference Runner Up (team plaque)
- All County (medal/certificate)
- All Conference (certificate)
- All Division (certificate)

ALL COUNTY AWARDS

Eight Teams will qualify for the County Championship tournament including **3 conference winners**, and the **next five teams** with the lowest adjusted scoring average which is based on the sum of the best 5 qualifying averages. Stroke averages will be determined using a formula that will include a slope rating for each golf course to take into account differences in difficulty of the various courses played. Girls who qualify as a team member with an adjusted score above the qualifying score will not be included in the individual championship. Any team that doesn't qualify for the counties may allow **ONE** player at the coach's discretion to attend the county tournament provided that they have participated in 5 matches throughout the season according to the conference that they are in.

From the first day, the top **24 golfers** and **4 teams** return for the Team/Individual Championship on the second day.

Players must complete the required amount of matches (see below) to be eligible for the County Tournament. The 7th player (exhibition match) score will be used to meet the 6 score requirement, as long as the round is complete, attested, and reported on the teams score sheet.

All Conferences: 10 matches/players must participate in **5** matches to be eligible for the county tournament.

ALL COUNTY AWARDS

The top **12** golfers from the two day county tournament are **All County**.

ALL COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION

The next **12** best scores from the county tournament are **All County Honorable Mention**.

ALL CONFERENCE AWARDS

Golfers who make the county tournament and do not make the cut for the second day receive **All Conference**.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This award is selected by the coaching association every season. Each Conference has a recipient.

COACH OF THE YEAR

This award is selected by the coaching association every year for all conferences. This is voted on at the end of the season meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Todd Heimer Memorial Scholarship

Three scholarships are offered every year to a senior. Please submit your award application to Mike Viola prior to the End of the Season Meeting.

SERVICE AWARD

This award is selected by the coaching association and is intended to recognize individuals who go above and beyond their duties to assist in the promotion and organization of the sport of golf. This award is given every year.

POST SEASON GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct:

Students may not participate in post Sectional play without a completely filled out and signed **Code of Conduct** form, see on Section VIII Website. These forms are to be collected at the site of each Regional and State level contest. It is recommended to have four (4) completed signed Code of Conduct forms for each athlete.

School District Responsibilities:

Section VIII pays for lodging and transportation for all teams when they participate in the NYSPHSAA tournament. Section VIII will provide meals, housing and some allowance for transportation.

Additional expenses are the responsibility of the appropriate school district.

The school district is ultimately responsible for the behavior of its team while participating in post Sectional play.

Teams will be housed in the designated tournament headquarters only. Coaches must check all rooms for damage or misuse before leaving the property. The section will not be responsible for additional fees.

School districts must provide supervision appropriate for the activity. Some important considerations are crowd control, relationship with the opponent, the time of the event and facility limitations.

Game and practice equipment, scorekeepers, trainers, medical support and other related personnel might not be provided at the Regional level. Athletic Directors are encouraged to contact the host director for instructions regarding game conditions.

GOLF STANDARDS

1. **Number of Players:** 6 players for all matches. Tri-matches – 6 players. The number of coaches and extra players will be confirmed by calling the host school before the match date.
2. **Length of Match:** Regular matches are 9 holes. All players on the team must complete the same 6 holes in stroke play for an official match. If an individual player is excused from a match, their score will be **disqualified** from the individual and team score. If a league match is incomplete, coaches MUST reschedule the match. In the event of inclement weather or darkness during match play, (provided all golfers complete 6 holes); the match will officially qualify and the individual scores can be extrapolated for potential admittance into the county tournament.

****In the event of inclement weather during match play, (provided all golfers complete 6 holes); the match will officially qualify and all individual scores will be determined by utilizing the equation below for the individual gross stroke score:

of strokes MULTIPLIED BY 9 DIVIDED BY 6

EXAMPLE: $22 \times 9 = 198 / 6 = 33$

22=33

23=34

24=36

25=38

26=39

27=40

28=42

29=43

30=45

31=46

32=48

33=49

34=51

35=52

36=54

37=55

38=57

39=58

40=60

41=61

42=63

3. **Dress Code:** Players and coaches must be appropriately dressed. Blue jeans and collar-less shirts, leggings, and yoga pants are not acceptable. Players should be presentable anywhere on the club grounds. Hats must be worn with the brim in front. Improper dress may lead to exclusion or disqualification. Shorts or skirts may be worn for matches. Denim shorts or cut-off jeans are prohibited. It is the responsibility of the visiting coach to contact the home coach to verify the dress code of the host course.

4. **Rules:** USGA Rules – Local rules in play must be noted before the start of the match. Winter rules will be in effect during conference play. A ball lying on your own fairway or the collar of the green, may be marked, lifted and cleaned without penalty and placed within 12 inches of where it originally play, not nearer the hole, and so as to preserve as nearly as possible the stance required to play the original lie. After the ball has been placed and the marker removed, the ball is in play.

Your six golfers will play their 9 holes as a 9 hole match. Coaches must list their players 1 through 6, strongest to weakest averages. If playing with 5, the coach will determine the spot to forfeit the 6th spot. If a team shows up with 4 players, the match is forfeited 9-0. The rounds are played for individual qualifying scores. Matches are worth a total of 9 points.

***Apply Rule: Doubt as to Procedure/3-3 anytime you are not sure how to proceed and write the situation down. Everyone can act as a spotter, you may look for balls. Parents, coaches, and friends cannot talk to the players. A playing partner CAN give advice.

5. **Scoring:** Matches will be based upon stroke play. The six matches will be each worth one point (1/2 point for each tie) and the team with the lowest 5 person total score is awarded 3 additional points for a total of 9 points. During the play of a hole, if a golfer has not holed out by their 10th stroke, they must pick up their ball and take and circle "10". An authentic "10" beats a circle "10". At the end of the match, all golfers must verify and sign their scorecards. In the event of a tie, the 6th score from each team shall be added and the best 6 player team aggregate score will determine the winner of the 3 points. In the event that the match is still tied, the match will remain a tie.

A team will forfeit each match they do not have a player competing in and a score of 91 will be issued for their team's total score during regular season matches. A score of 181 will be issued during the county championships for any team competition "no-shows".

All coaches are responsible for maintaining accurate records of all matches that have been played. Information regarding the results of each match must be posted on line with "GolfStat.com". The conference coordinator for each conference is responsible for maintaining the results on the website.

If the match is to determine the team championship, a sudden victory playoff format will take place. All 6 players from each team will be required to complete an extra hole determined by the head pro of the course. The low 5-woman team aggregate score on the extra hole shall determine the champion.

If weather, lack of daylight or course conditions do not permit a playoff, a match of cards for the 5 woman team will determine the winner. The team with the lowest 5 woman score for the #1 handicap hole wins the match. If a tie remains after a match of card for the #1 handicap hole, then the lowest 5 woman score for the #2 handicap hole wins the match, etc. until a winner is determined.

A three-way match will only be counted once toward individual and team statistics but will count as 2 matches on the teams W/L record. All matches must be played out. It may mean that some matches may have to be played after the Nassau County Championship, but they must be played.

6. Girls will play from the forward (red) tee area in all matches and qualifying tournaments.

7. Players may carry their own bag. Use of pull/push carts is allowed only if permitted by the host course. Exception to this rule requires Conference or Sectional approval. No motorized carts are permitted.

8. Use of a Range finder (without slope or wind adjustment capabilities) is permitted. Use of a mobile phone is permitted for scoring purposes at the completion of a hole and before teeing off at the next hole.

9. ***Coaching is permitted in Section VIII during Conference matches for the season and postseason play as well.***

10. A coach or school representative must accompany and remain with the team for matches as well as qualifying for Championship Tournaments.

11. The use of alcohol, tobacco or non-prescription drugs is not permitted at any time during a golf match. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the individual player.

TOURNAMENT MARKER GUIDELINES

1. Introduce yourself to the competitors. Ask for the brand name of the golf ball they are playing and stress that it may be marked for identification.
2. Move the players off the green at the end of each hole. Announce the score of each player and review any discrepancies before starting the next hole. Record the scores on your scorecard.
3. Try to fore caddy on holes with difficult landing areas to help speed up play.
4. **Markers may not make rulings.** Be familiar with Rule 3, Section 3, and encourage the competitor to use this rule when they are in doubt as to their procedure.
5. Assist in looking for lost balls.
6. Do not lift a ball or mark its position.
7. Do not attend the flagstick.
8. Encourage that divots be replaced, ball marks fixed and traps raked.
9. Encourage play to keep moving, especially if a group falls a hole behind.
10. Handle unsportsmanlike conduct immediately with a verbal warning. If the conduct persists, tell the competitors you will be reporting the facts to the Golf Committee. Make a note on paper what was demonstrated by the competitors, the time and place.

GOLF MATCH GUIDELINES

1. No team shall bring any extra players or coaches without the knowledge and consent of the Home Team
1. Matches should be confirmed in advanced to avoid conflicts.
2. On the day of a match, a player may not practice or play on any of the holes that will be used in competition.
3. Coaches should be made aware of pace of play procedures. (see page 18).
4. **Players should use Rule 3 – 3, Doubt as to Procedure, to avoid disqualification in stroke play.**
5. It is recommended that spectators not be allowed on the course to follow individual matches during conference matches. Spectators may be allowed to follow players in tournaments where markers are present to provide proper supervision and enforce the rules of etiquette for golf with the approval of the host course.
6. Subject to approval of both schools, match dates may be altered as conditions permit due to postponements, availability of courses, etc. Conference matches have priority in scheduling.
7. Every effort should be made to play matches when scheduled. If postponement seems likely, the responsibility for communication shall be on the Home Team. A 1:00 p.m. deadline is recommended as the latest time for notifying the visiting team of a cancellation. The Home Team determines inclement weather.
8. Every coach is responsible for the conduct and dress of their team. All players are guests and regular members of the host course must be treated with the utmost respect. All course regulations and rules must be strictly followed. Coaches should be present at the finishing holes for proper supervision of the teams at the completion of the match.
9. Scorecards should be signed by players at the conclusion of the round. Score sheets should be reviewed and agreed upon by both coaches before leaving the course.
10. No practice/alternate scores will be counted in the player's individual record.
11. Coaching players during a match is permitted by all coaches present up to and including May 16th, the last play date. After that point, coaching players during a match is not permitted by any coaches present. Players from the same team may assist each other during the play of an official team match.
12. Temporary Green- When a golfer's ball enters the 20yrd temporary circle there will be an automatic 2 putt maximum after the first attempt. Golfers may 1 putt the hole. A golf ball on the line will be ruled as in the circle and the golfer may take their first putt. The golfer's score will count toward the county qualifier.

PACE OF PLAY PROCEDURES

1. Ready Golf: Whoever is ready to play goes first. Take out honors.
2. Always play a provisional if there is any question of a lost ball.
 - A. Mark second ball, this must be different from the first ball that is played.
 - B. Only look for 5 minutes or less for the other ball.
3. Have a ball and tee in your pocket at all times.
4. Take only 1 or 2 practice swings.
5. If there is a disagreement in rulings, play two balls and record two scores. Then ask coaches at the end of the round.
6. Always be moving and do not move in packs. Go to your ball right away.
7. Be prepared BEFORE getting to the ball. Think about what club you want to hit, the wind speed, and anything else before you get to your ball.
8. Know your clubs and how far they go.
9. When approaching the green, place your bag closest to the next hole.
10. Read your putt while the opponents are going. That way, you are ready to go when it is your turn.
11. When all competitors are on the green, the player closest to the hole should remove the pin. Once all competitors have finished putting, replace the pin in the hole.
12. Never write your score down on the green. Write it on the next tee box or while walking to the next tee.
13. If having trouble remembering your score, tally it on the scorecard.

POST SEASON TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Tournament

1. The Sectional Final Tournament will qualify the allotted number of players (9) to the State Finals.
2. After Round I, the field will be cut in half to determine the 9 players and medalist. The sum of both rounds will determine the 9 players moving on to the NYSPHSAA Championship. Ties will be played off in a “sudden death” format. If weather or darkness does not allow for a playoff, a match of cards will decide the alternates, using the USGA tie breaking formula.
3. If round one is shortened due to weather and/or darkness, the next day all golfers must complete 9 holes, finishing round 1 on day 2. A minimum of 9 holes must be completed by the entire field or round one will be postponed or canceled.
4. Any ties for 2nd and/or 3rd place in the County Tournament, will be determined by a match of cards, beginning with the #1 handicap hole and continuing to the #2 handicap hole, etc. until a winner has been determined.

FAIL SAFE PROCEDURE: County Championship not played or not completed.

1. If Round I is cancelled, we will take as many players to Round II as the course will accommodate. Players will be selected based on their differential averages.
2. If Round 2 is cancelled, the top 9 players from Round I will make the Section VIII team that moves on to the NYSPHSAA Championship. Ties for alternates will be determined by a match of cards, using the USGA tie breaking procedure.
3. In the case of both rounds being rained out, the players with the low nine adjusted scoring will represent Section VIII at the NYSPHSAA Championship. Any team that ties for 4th or 5th place, will be determined by a full team adjusted score using a (all 6 players) match of cards beginning with #1 hole.

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

1. **Summer Rules** - Play the ball as it lies.
2. **Winter Rules** - A ball lying on your own fairway or the collar of the green, may be marked, lifted and cleaned without penalty and placed within 12 inches of where it originally laid, not nearer the hole, and so as to preserve as nearly as possible the stance required to play the original lie. After the ball has been placed and the marker removed, the ball is in play.
3. **Embedded Ball** - Anywhere through the green, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, except in a hazard, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.
4. **Score 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, countersign the card herself and return it to the Committee.
5. **Doubt As To Procedure** - In stroke play only, when, during the play of a hole, a competitor is doubtful of her rights or procedure, she may, without penalty, play a second ball. After the situation that caused the doubt has arisen, the competitor should, before taking further action, announce to her marker or a fellow competitor, her decision to invoke this rule and the ball with which she will score if the Rules will permit. The competitor shall report the facts to the Committee before returning her scorecard unless she scores the same with both golf balls; if she fails to do so, she shall be disqualified. If the Rules allow the procedure selected in advance by the competitor, the score with the ball selected shall be her score for the hole. If the competitor fails to announce in advance her decision to invoke the Rule or her selection, the score with the original ball, or, if the original ball is not one of the balls not being played, the first ball put into play shall count if the rules allow the procedure adopted for such ball.

SECTION VIII FINALS PROTEST PROCEDURE

1. A player lodging a protest will immediately notify the marker for her group that she intends to file a protest and indicate the reason for the protest.
2. The marker will make a notation of the infraction and notify a member of the Rules Committee as soon as possible.
3. The referee will evaluate the rules infraction with the Rules Committee and determine a ruling.
4. The Rules Committee will make the final decision in all protests. The Rules Committee will be selected by the Sports Chairperson prior to the start of the match. It will consist of three or five Committee Members.
5. Representatives of the schools involved will not vote on any final decision.
6. Coaches of both teams will evaluate the rules infraction, based on the USGA rules and determine a ruling.

GIRLS' GOLF CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT 2023

Conference I

Friends Academy
Great Neck District
Jericho
Locust Valley
Manhasset
Roslyn
North Shore

Conference II

Cold Spring Harbor
Garden City White
Garden City Maroon
Massapequa
Plainview
Syosset
Herricks

Conference III

Bellmore JFK/Mepham
Calhoun
Long Beach
Lynbrook
Oceanside
Sewanhaka
Mineola
South Side
Mepham



2023 GIRLS GOLF COACHES DIRECTORY

First Name	Last Name	School	Cell Phone
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