

2017 Girls' State "A" Golf Tournament

Central Valley Golf Course, Hartford – June 5 & 6

General Tournament Information

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

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HOST COURSE:

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PRACTICE ROUNDS & RANGE:

On Sunday, practice rounds will be available for member schools after 12 Noon at \$25 per player (walking) or \$44 (with cart). Range will be available Sunday for \$5 per player. Range balls on Monday/Tuesday will be available on an unlimited basis for \$50 per team, or \$10 per player.

No play will be allowed on the Championship course by participants or coaches outside of SDHSAA Tournament Play beginning at 12:01 AM Monday of competition through the completion of the tournament.

INFORMATION PACKETS:

Information including starting times, pairings and marker assignments will be made available to participating teams during the day on Sunday at the course. Coaches may pick up that information anytime after 9:00 AM on Sunday.

Please note that pairings and tee times for Monday will be posted on the SDHSAA website following the conclusion of all Class 'A' Region Tournaments.

STARTING TIMES:

All coaches and players are asked to be at the golf course no later than 8:30 AM on Monday for a rules meeting. Play will begin at 9:00 AM on both Monday and Tuesday morning. Any individual competitor who is late for their tee time will be disqualified from that day's competition.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

The tournament will be a two-day, 36-hole event. Each contestant is scheduled to play 18 holes each Monday and Tuesday.

The Individual Championship places will be determined by individual, two-day combined scores.

The Team Championship places will be determined based on the four, low aggregate scores for each round of play that is completed. Only schools that have qualified a minimum of four athletes for the State Meet as a team will be eligible for Team Championship placing.

PAIRINGS:

Scores from Region Meets will be used to determine pairings and starting times for the first round of Championship play. The second round of play's pairings will be determined based upon opening round scores. Pairings are to be completed without duplicate playing partners from the same school/team in either round.

DRESS CODE:

Participants are not required to dress in 'team uniform' or 'color,' but are expected to adhere to general golf dress code and etiquette, including:

- Shirts must have a collar and be tucked in
- Mock Crew-Neck style shirts are acceptable
- Sweatshirts worn must be worn over a collared shirt or mock-crew neck shirt
- Hats, if worn, must be worn with the bill facing forward
- Soft-spikes or spike-less shoes are permitted; metal spikes are not
- Adjustments due to weather conditions may be permitted
- **NEW:** When shorts are worn, they should be long enough so that when a golfer is standing erect with arms to his or her side, the shorts reach the end of the finger tips; additionally, shorts, if worn, should not be mesh, nylon jogging or basketball athletic-style shorts

Any violation of the dress code, which will be enforced throughout play, may result in disqualification.

GROUP MARKERS:

Each playing pairing will be assigned a "Group Marker" by Tournament Management to keep score and monitor playing etiquette. Each school is responsible for providing one individual as a marker, with the additional being provided by the host school. Markers should not be assigned a group that includes players from their own school.

NEW: The Marker does NOT have the official card, but is only there to help facilitate score keeping among the playing partners in a group. Players are to exchange among athletes in each threesome/foursome so that no two athletes have one another's card but each individual is responsible for someone else's score. This marker is not to make rulings, but simply ensure that verbal confirmation of scores is completed after each

hole among the players and then facilitate discussions for recounting strokes on a hole if necessary and/or if a marker's tally for a player does not match the agreed upon tally of the group. A new set of marker instructions has been included for your use.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

No cell phones or other communication devices are allowed for use by players on the course except in case of emergency.

NEW: The use of electronic measuring devices is to be allowed for all regular-season and post-season play beginning with the Fall 2015 Season, to bring SDHSAA Golf in line with USGA Rule Book as depicted in Rules 14-3 and Appendix IV. Devices such as smart phones, PDAs or other communication devices remain banned on the course.

Under the USGA Rules of Golf, 'Distance Measuring Devices' include range finders such as the Bushnell units, laser devices such as Laser Link and GPS-based systems such as SkyCaddie, Callaway or Garmin. Any stand-alone device of any of these types is permitted under the Local Rule adopted by the SDHSAA as long as it meets all other USGA criteria. Cell Phones, Smart Phones or other similar communication tools may not be utilized as a distance-measuring device in any stipulated round during the high school season.

The use of a distance-measuring device has been approved for use during the SDHSAA Golf Season, however, said devices DO NOT include a cell phone, smart phone or any other device that is also used for communication purposes. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his or her play (i.e.: slope, wind speed, temperature, etc.) or a communication tool, the player is in breach of USGA Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function was actually used.

Furthermore, players may share either the distance-measuring device or its information and doing so is not a violation of USGA Decision 8-1/2 on advice. Distance is a matter of public information and not advice.

GALLERIES:

Spectators are permitted on the course, and are to follow the direction of the Group Marker. Spectators are to remain behind the players and Group Marker at all times.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES:

The use of motorized vehicles during SDHSAA Championship Play is strictly limited. Individuals with a disability that would like to request the use of a cart may do so through their local administration prior to the tournament. Carts will only be checked out to individuals whose requests have been forwarded to and approved by the SDHSAA office in advance of the tournament.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Participants may be disqualified from the event for reasons including signing an incorrect score card, missing their assigned tee time, or other USGA/SDHSAA rules violations. Golfers disqualified during opening-round play may be allowed to compete on the second day. For pairing information for disqualified golfers, please see the SDHSAA handbook.

TIE-BREAK PROCEDURE:

In the event of a tie for first place in the individual championship, those golfers who are tied shall play a 'sudden death' playoff to determine final places. Holes are to be determined by meet management, including the on-site Golf Professional. All other individual ties will remain as ties.

In the event of a tie for first place in the team championship, all members of the teams involved in the tie shall participate in a 'sudden death' playoff, as described in the SDHSAA handbook. Team ties for all other places will be broken through a scorecard playoff as listed in the SDHSAA handbook.

GROUND RULES:

A copy of local ground rules, including special situations, will be included with each team's informational packet. Summer rules are to prevail during tournament play, however the tournament director or course pro reserve the right to alter those rules due to weather conditions.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to the top twenty individual places, as well as individuals from the top six teams. All awards will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament, unless a playoff for a team place is required. Any team who leaves before receiving its awards will be held responsible for the cost of delivery of medals not picked up at the tournament site.

COACHES MEETING:

There will be a Coaches' Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday, following play in the Clubhouse.

STATE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Practice Rounds

Host school golf courses and the SDHSAA will coordinate practice rounds preceding the State Golf Tournaments. Times for practice and green fees will be sent to the schools during their golf seasons.

B. Thirty-six Holes of Play

The State Tournament shall consist of 36 holes of medal play. Each contestant shall play 18 holes the first day of the tournament and 18 holes the second day.

A. Entries & Substitutions

Class AA – Each participating Class AA Golf team shall automatically qualify six individuals for State Tournament play. Coaches are to submit a season scoring average for each of his or her six entrants to the SDHSAA by no later than 12:00 Noon on the final day for completion of Region Tournaments (as listed first page in this document). Changes and/or substitutions will be allowed until 4:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the State Tournament. Between 4:00 PM Thursday and the first ball being struck of the State Meet, substitutions will be allowed only for documented medical or disciplinary reasons. After the first ball is struck, no substitutions will be allowed for any reason.

Class A and B - A school may substitute only for a player that qualified as part of a “team” and not solely as an individual for the State Meet because of injury, illness or school disciplinary action only until the Tournament has begun. A statement must be presented in writing from the doctor for illness or injury, and from the school administration for disciplinary action.

D. School Official to Accompany Entrants to State Meet

All students participating in the State Tournament must be accompanied by their coach. In cases of emergency, the students may be accompanied by an administratively authorized and approved individual. The authorized and approved individual may be a parent of one of the golfers in the tournament. Written notification must be supplied to the SDHSAA office prior to the State Tournament if the coach is not going to accompany his/her athletes to the State Tournament. It must be understood, that the person accompanying the golfers will be expected to be a marker during the tournament. The use of a parent should be only in cases of extreme emergency. Students not accompanied by their coach or administratively authorized individual will be prohibited from participating.

E. Starting Times

Starting times will be announced prior to each tournament. The Club Pro and Meet Director will determine a logical time for starting based on course conditions.

It is expected that all coaches/markers will be at the course approximately one-half hour prior to the starting time on the opening day of the tournament for explanation of course rules and procedures.

Players are expected to report to their assigned tee (1 or 10) for their assigned starting time. Those not present at the tee at the assigned time will be assessed a two-stroke penalty on the first hole played. Those failing to report to assigned tee within five minutes of their assigned or called time will be disqualified (USGA Rule 6-3 Note).

F. Summer Rules

Summer rules will be used unless the local director and the course pro decide otherwise. If summer rules cannot be used, the local director and course pro will decide if the ball can be adjusted by the rule of pick, clean and place. Ball movement will be limited to the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole and the ball must be in the golfers own fairway.

G. Suspension of Play

Play may be reduced to less than two 18-hole rounds but no fewer than 18 holes total. The decision of suspended/cancelled play at the state level rests with the meet manager, club pro/director and the SDHSAA staff member at the tournament site. If the committee considers for any reason the course is not in playable condition or there are circumstances that render the proper playing of game impossible (rain, lightning, etc.) a temporary suspension of play may be ordered or the committee may declare play null and void and cancel all scores for the round in question. When a round is canceled, all penalties incurred in that round, other than unsportsmanlike conduct, are cancelled. (USGA Rule 33-2d)

H. Determination of Individual Champion

The individual championship shall be determined on the basis of the low aggregate score for the 36 holes of play.

The top twenty-five individual place winners in all classes will receive medals. There will be no playoffs for any position except for first place.

If a tie exists for the individual champion, the local course pro, Tournament Director and present SDHSAA Executive Staff will confer to determine a rotation of playoff holes to be played in succession to break the tie. All tied golfers will advance to a “sudden death” format and play head-to-head until the tie is broken.

I. Determination of Team Champions

Team championships shall be determined on the basis of the four low scores each day from an “A” & “AA” school that qualified for the State Tournament as a team and on the basis of the three low scores each day from a “B” school that qualified for the State Tournament as a team. There will be no playoffs for any position except for first place.

If a tie exists for the Team Champion, the local course pro, Tournament Director and present SDHSAA Executive Staff will confer to determine a rotation of playoff holes to be played in succession to break the tie. All members of each team will participate in the playoff, with a “sudden death” format and play head-to-head until the tie is broken.

Method of playing off team ties.

If both teams have 6 members - flights of 4-4-4

If both teams have 5 members - flights of 2-4-4

If one 6 and one 5 member team-flights of 3-4-4

If both teams have 4 members - flights of 4-4

If one 5 and one 4 member teams-flights of 2-4-3

If one 4 and one 3 member teams-flights of 4-3

If both teams have 3 members - flights of 2-4

Four low scores for Class “A” & “AA” and three low scores for Class “B” are to be counted after each hole. If the teams remain tied, play will continue on to further holes until the tie is broken.

Ties for any other team position will not involve any additional play or scorecard playoffs. Teams who are tied will remain tied and receive plaques/medals reflecting a tie for that given position.

J. School Official to be Assigned as Group Marker

A Group Marker will be assigned by the Tournament management to accompany a foursome for the purpose of monitoring conduct and to assist in tracking player scores. For Class “B” Golf, a school qualifying both girls and boys entrants to the State Tournament may be asked to provide two people for marking purposes and at least one of these persons must be a school official. Each competing school must provide one school official (generally the coach) for this purpose. Markers will not be assigned to a group including players from their own school.

NOTE: Any Class ‘AA’ school that fails to provide a marker as required loses its ability to have a designated coach able to confer with athletes during the round.

MARKER GUIDELINES

1. Monitoring Conduct - Marker guidelines for inappropriate behavior by contestants that include such things as profanity, physical damage to the course, etc. The penalty and infractions are:

a. On the #1 Box (or starting hole) a reminder is given to each golfer about proper behavior and conduct. This serves as a warning.

b. First Infraction - 2 stroke penalty

c. Second Infraction - Disqualification

NOTE: Penalties do not carry over from day to day.

2. Monitor uniform infractions.

3. Assist Players in Keeping Score, confirming verbally with each player after each hole what they shot

4. Don't visit

5. Don't offer or give advice

6. Don't make rulings

7. For any question about procedure, have them play two balls.

8. Pace of play should be without undue delay. Keep individual and group play moving. Try to keep the group within one shot of the group playing ahead of them.

a. If a group falls a hole behind, the Marshall has the option to time the group and penalize if necessary.

K. Course Officials to Make Rulings

Dependent on the layout of the golf course, each of the tournament managers shall appoint and identify certain people to spend time at designated positions on the course so as to be available for making a ruling. It would be appreciated if one of these officials is the host club pro. The SDGA has agreed to provide certified club pros for each of the state tournaments.

L. Appeals Committee

At each state tournament an appeals committee will be established to make decisions for items that may arise during the tournament. The committee is comprised of the meet director, SDGA Course Officials/Pros and SDHSAA Staff present at the tournament.

M. Playing Procedure

No entrant shall play on the course the day of the tournament prior to the championship flight or at the conclusion of the first day's competition. All championship flight scores shall be attested to by entrants from some other school playing with the contestant. No player or team shall play in a championship flight unless accompanied by a player from another school. No cell phones or other communication devices are allowed by players on the course. If such devices are discovered it will result in disqualification.

N. Pairing of Golfers

Pairing of golfers as to threesomes or foursomes will be decided by the state meet director or his designee. No teammates shall be paired with one another during either day of competition at the State Tournament.

Class 'A' and 'B': Pairing of golfers shall be based on scores submitted to the SDHSAA from Region Play. Qualifiers with the lowest scores would tee-off first on the first day. On the second day of play, the pairing of golfers will be reversed. The golfers are divided in half according to the first day's scores. Those scheduled to tee off the front nine will be arranged from high score to low score. Those scheduled to tee off the back nine will be arranged from low score to high score. In Class "B" it may be necessary to further divide players into two sessions, depending on the number of state tournament entries.

Class 'AA': Golfers will be paired in team waves according to rank on team and team combined scoring average. The four top team's golfers will be paired together, the next four top team's golfers together and so on. On Day One, the best four teams will have the first set of tee times off of Hole #1, with the next four best comprising the next set of groups off of #1 and so on, with the highest team average scores being assigned the final times off of Hole #10. On Day Two, the process will be reversed, with the four best team scores being the last to tee off of Hole #1 and the worst the last off of Hole #10. Due to the number of teams or entrants, it may become necessary to split some waves for the purposes of best operation for the event.

O. Disqualified Golfer(s)

A golfer who is disqualified during region play because of a rule infraction NOT involving unsportsmanlike conduct shall be allowed to play in the state tournament should his/her team qualify by placing first or second (class B) or first, second or third (class A) at the region tournament.

A golfer who is disqualified during play the first day of the state tournament because of a rule infraction NOT involving unsportsmanlike conduct shall be allowed to play on the second day. The disqualified player will be seeded in the foursome where their first day score would have placed them. Exception: If the score would place them in the top 20 (Class A and AA)/top 25 (Class B) they will be placed as the 21st golfer (Class A and AA)/ 26th golfer (Class B).

O. Galleries

Spectators will be permitted to follow the golfers and are to be monitored by the Group Marker. Other than obvious questions such as score check, spectators should not visit with the marker. Spectators are not permitted to talk to the golfers.

The use of carts by spectators is permitted only for serious medical conditions. A request for the use of a cart by spectators must come from the coach or school administration. The coach or school administrator must notify the SDHSAA Office prior to the tournament if a cart is being requested. Carts are very limited and will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis. Just because a cart is requested, does not mean a cart will be available. Those individuals requesting a cart at the tournament site will be placed on a waiting list and will only be provided a cart if one is available after all those requesting a cart prior to the tournament have been accommodated. All carts used by spectators must be paid for at the rate established by the local golf course.

Spectators must remain behind the Marker. A suggested distance in most cases would be 15-20 yards.

Meet directors are to have gallery guidelines printed and available at the club house for individuals following a golfer(s).

Q. Media Policy

1. Rules for Cameras

- a. Be non-obstructive - stay back out of immediate sight. Keep a discreet distance or far enough away where camera noise or out of the ordinary situations are not set up, which could distract or annoy all golfers in the immediate area.
- b. Use zoom or telephoto lenses if possible.
- c. No strobe or flash attachments.

- d. Do not create situations where you hold up play.
- e. Be aware of all golfers in the immediate area.
 - 1) Do not cut across fairways when golfers are hitting.
 - 2) Stay off to the side of tees and greens.
- f. No interviews until completion of days' competition.
- g. Check in with the tournament director or the SDHSAA representative.
- h. Come through the main gate
- i. TV crews will be permitted to use a golf cart, if available, because of the amount of equipment being carried. No other golf carts will be permitted.

R. Uniforms

Refer to RULES OF COMPETITION, page 3, Section E.

S. Competitor Carts – Caddies

No motorized carts or caddies are permitted. Exception to this rule must come in the form of a written request from a medical doctor certifying a permanent disability which prevents a student athlete from walking 18 holes of golf a day on consecutive days. In such instances the athlete will be allowed to ride in a motorized golf cart. Every attempt must be made to prevent the no cart rule from discriminating against any athlete with a disability. An individual pull cart will be permitted for any golfer.

T. Awards

At the State Tournament medals and trophies will be provided by the SDHSAA. The top 25 individuals and top six teams in each class will receive awards.

U. State Tournament Expenses

Each school shall pay the entire expenses of its contestants at the State Tournament. The SDHSAA does not reimburse schools for any expenses incurred.

V. Golf Coaches Meeting

A golf coaches meeting conducted by the Golf Advisory Representative will be held at the site of each State Tournament. Coaches are asked to make recommendations for the golf program.