

Golf

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GOLF

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

A. Boys “AA” & “A” Golf*

	Week/Day	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Practice	6/Monday	August 10	August 9	August 8
First Meet	6/Saturday	August 15	August 14	August 13
Region Completed	13/Monday	September 28	September 27	September 26
State Meet	14/Mon/Tues	October 5-6	October 4-5	October 3-4
Season Ends**	14/Tues	October 6	October 5	October 4

B. Girls “AA” & “A” and Boys & Girls “B” Golf*

	Week/Day	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Practice	37/Monday	March 8	March 7	March 5
First Meet	38/Friday	March 19	March 18	March 16
Region Meet	46/Monday	May 17	May 16	May 14
State Meet	47/Mon-Tues	May 24-25	May 23-24	May 21-22
Season Ends**	47/Tues	May 25	May 24	May 22

#Class “A” & “AA” Boys’ Regional Tournaments must be completed by Monday of Week #14. Girls’ “A” & “AA” Golf and Girls’ & Boys’ “B” Golf Regional Tournaments must be completed by Monday of week #46.

#Whenever Memorial Day falls on Monday of Week #47, the region meets are held in weeks 44-45 and the State Tournament on Monday and Tuesday of Week #46.

*SDHSAA member schools who are members of a conference made up of Class “A” and “B” schools and/or out-of-state schools may conduct their conference golf tournaments in either the fall or spring season. This allows a school to compete in their conference tournament during their off season. A golf team (out-of-season) may have organized practices with a coach a maximum of five days prior to the conference tournament. A conference tournament may not be scheduled during the summer time period or prior to the first allowable contest date.

** Out-of season is defined as that period of time after a team or individual has been eliminated from further competition during the championship series of district-region-state tournaments/meets and continues until the first allowable date that the next regular season may begin.

STATE MEET DATES AND SITES

Boys “AA” Golf

2009	Sioux Falls (Westward Ho)	October 5-6
2010	Huron	October 4-5
2011	Spearfish	October 3-4

Boys “A” Golf

2009	Madison	October 5-6
2010	Rapid City (Hart Ranch)	October 4-5
2011	Vermillion	October 3-4

Girls “AA” Golf

2010	Spearfish	May 24-25
2011	Brookings (Country Club)	May 23-24
2012	Sioux Falls	May 21-22

Girls “A” Golf

2010	Rapid City (Hart Ranch)	May 24-25
2011	Vermillion	May 23-24
2012	Hot Springs	May 21-22

Boys & Girls “B” Golf

2010	Aberdeen (Boys: Moccasin Creek – Girls: Lee Park)	May 24-25
2011	Hartford/Sioux Falls (Boys: Hartford – Girls: Elmwood)	May 23-24
2012	Rapid City (Boys: Hart Ranch – Girls: Elks)	May 21-22

Participation in school activities teaches that it is a privilege and an honor to represent one’s school. Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of “growing up” experiences for students. Participants learn to accept success and failures, gain poise and confidence, achieve tolerance and understanding of others and gain the self-satisfaction of accomplishing goals. Under a well-administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observation of activities conducted under established rules. Please refer to **the Sportsmanship Section of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook** for policies and statements concerning the following items:

General Sports Objectives and Coaching Responsibility	Athletic Code of Ethics
Fundamentals of Sportsmanship	Code of Sport Ethics for Coaches
Racial Harassment, Violence and Taunting (See General Section)	

CLASSIFICATION

- A. **CLASS "AA"**
Schools with ADM's (9-11) of 450.000 and larger
- B. **CLASS "A"**
Schools with ADM's (9-11) of 140.000 to 449.999
- C. **CLASS "B"**
Schools with ADM's (9-11) of 139.999 and below.

Schools not listed/assigned to a region and planning to enter region competition MUST contact the SDHSAA office no later than April 30th. No region assignments will be made after this date.

NOTE: Classification for the 2009-10 school year is according to the Average Daily Membership (9-11) as of January 15 from the 2008-09 school year.

NOTE: The Board of Directors will grant permission to any school to participate in a higher classification than their ADM (9-11) places them. If a school requests and is granted permission, they will remain in the higher classification for a two-year alignment period. At the end of the two years, they could exercise their option again if they so desire. If a school requests to move up in one activity they must move up one classification in all other activities that use the same classification formula. The SDHSAA must be notified by July 1.

GAME CONTRACTS

According to Article VIII, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution, all contests must be sanctioned by the Athletic Director, Principal or Superintendent of the schools involved. It is recommended that game contracts, as furnished by the SDHSAA (located in the General Sport Information Section, forms GENERAL #4 and GENERAL #5) be used for all levels of competition including your regular season meets, as well as tournaments and invitationals.

RULES OF COMPETITION

- A. **USGA RULES** The Rules of the United States Golf Association shall govern all competition except in cases modified by SDHSAA regulations. Every school taking part in golf competition is urged to purchase at least one copy of the USGA Rules. They are available through the shops of your golf clubs and the SDHSAA office.
- B. No one except amateur golfers shall be permitted to take place in high school golf competition.

Definition of an Amateur Golfer: An Amateur Golfer is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative or non-profit making sport.

The following are examples of acts at any age which are contrary to the definition of an amateur golfer and can cause forfeiture of amateur status:

1. Professionalism
 - a. Receiving payment for serving as a professional golfer.
 - b. Taking any action for the purpose of becoming a professional golfer.
2. Playing for Prize Money: Playing for prize money or its equivalent in a match, tournament, or exhibition.
NOTE: A player may participate in an event in which prize money or its equivalent is offered, provided that prior to participation he/she irrevocably waives his/her right to accept prize money in that event.
3. Instruction: Receiving payment or compensation for giving instruction in playing golf, either orally, in writing, by pictures or by other demonstrations, to either individuals or groups.
4. Prizes, Testimonials, and Gifts:
 - a. Acceptance of a prize or testimonial of the following character:
 - 1) of retail value exceeding \$750, or
 - 2) of a nature which is the equivalent of money or makes it readily convertible into money.
 - b. Conversion of a prize into money.
 - c. Accepting expenses in any amount as a prize.
 - d. Because of golf skill or golf reputation, accepting in connection with any golfing event:
 - 1) Money, or
 - 2) Anything else, other than merchandise of nominal value provided to all players.

Any act(s) which may violate the Definition of an Amateur Golfer as listed in the USGA Rules of Golf shall cause forfeiture of one's status.

5. The Board of Directors shall have the right of declaring any player ineligible to compete in any competition under its jurisdiction who, in its opinion, has received any consideration because of his/her skill at the game, or who has acted in any way detrimental to the best interests or spirit of the game.
6. The same standards of physical perfection and conduct are expected of golf players as are expected of high school athletes competing in any other form of athletics. There shall be no use of tobacco products on the course or in public at the tournaments by contestants. These restrictions must be observed.

- Members of a high school golf team may not participate in golf tournaments during the season for their respective classification that are sponsored by a non-member of this Association. This does not pertain to tournaments before the season starts or after the season ends. Individuals may participate in tournaments by non-members of this Association provided they have not become a member of their high school golf team.

C. Head Coaches Must Complete Rules Meetings

All head coaches must complete an on-line rules meeting, *when offered*, in the sport of golf. Class “AA” and “A” Boys’ coaches must complete the rules meeting in the fall. Class “AA”, “A” Girls’ coaches and Class “B” Boys’ and Girls” Coaches must complete the rules meeting in the spring. Those “AA” and “A” coaches coaching both boys and girls need only complete the rules meeting in the fall.

D. School Official/Representative At Competitions Each member school with an entrant in any regular season golf competition must have a staff representative from their school in attendance. Failure to do so causes the athlete(s) to be disqualified.

E. Uniforms

All contestants must wear a collared shirt. The shirt shall be long enough to reach the top of the pants, and shall be tucked in if longer (no bare midriffs). When sweatshirts are worn they must be over a collared shirt. Turtleneck shirts are allowed in lieu of a collared shirt. The rule does not require the collared shirts to be the same color or design for all team members. When a hat is worn the bill must be facing forward. When shorts are worn they shall be long enough so when the golfer is standing erect with arms to their side, the shorts reach the end of the finger tips. If the shorts would be appropriate to wear in school then they would be appropriate for the golf course.

The uniform rule will be enforced from the first tee to the eighteenth green.

F. Coach Conferring With Players

During the regular season (not region or state competition), a coach will have the opportunity to confer with their individual players, concerning club selection, shot placement, etc., while on the course during play, provided there is no undo delay in play.

G. Tie Breaking Procedure

Rule 33-6, USGA Rule Book, empowers the Committee in charge of the tournament to determine how stroke play ties shall be decided. The decision should be published in advance. The USGA recommends:

- In the event of a tie in a scratch stroke play competition, an 18-hole play-off is recommended. If that is not feasible, a hole-by-hole play-off is recommended.
- If a play-off of any type is not feasible, matching score cards is recommended. The method of matching cards should be announced in advance. An acceptable method of matching cards is to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tied players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes, and finally the 18th hole.
- If the procedure in (2) does not produce a winner, tournament management should publish in advance what procedure will be followed to break the tie.

REGION TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Region Chairmen/Committees

- A committee shall be formed with a meeting to be held prior to the tournament/meet for organizational purposes.
- A school may designate any administrative staff member (superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director) who is not coaching golf to represent the school on the committee. The representative shall then inform the school personnel directly involved with the sport of the decisions made at the committee meeting.
- A committee chairperson (superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director) is to be elected and each committee shall function following generally accepted rules of Order. The region committee chairperson must be currently employed as an administrative staff member from a region member school. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting with a distribution made to each school represented on a timely basis.
- All schools participating in the meet/tournament shall be notified as to time and place of any meetings.
- The current region chairperson must submit to the SDHSAA office the name of the individual that will be the chairperson for the following year. This notification, along with an indication of the date and site of the tournament for the following year must be made prior to May 1. If a committee chair cannot be named for the following year, the committee must designate a school and administrative position that will assume the chairperson duties. Failure to name either an individual or a school, including the designated administrative position, will result in naming the current chairperson as the chairperson for the following year.

If the above information is not supplied to the **SDHSAA Office by May 15, a \$50.00** fine will be assessed against the region not in compliance. Fines will be assessed for the ensuing school year. The new region committee is responsible for payment.

- Input of Coaches** - All committees are required to give coaches an opportunity to have input to the committee prior to any decision making by the committee.

B. Appeal and Grievance Procedure for District and Region Committees

- If at all possible, the committee shall solve its own problems and make its own decisions.

2. Protests based upon a challenge to the interpretation given to a contest regulation or administrative ruling thereon must be submitted in writing within 24 hours after the contest, to the chairman of the district or region committees. The committee shall render its decision promptly to the Executive Director of the Association, and shall notify the protester, by telephone, to be followed by a written notice of its decision sent by first class mail to the protester. An appeal from the decision of the district or regional committee shall go directly to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final. The appeal must state the decision of the district or region committee and the basis for the request to overrule that decision.
3. Any protest lodged prior to a district or region tournament or meet pertaining to the athletic eligibility status of a student, contest regulation or administrative ruling must be submitted to the district or region committee at least ten days prior to the event. The district or region committee shall render its decision promptly. An appeal from the decision of the district or region committee shall go directly to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final.
4. In cases where the protest is lodged less than ten days prior to a district or region tourney or meet, any appeal of a district or region committee decision shall go directly to the Executive Director. The decision of the Executive Director shall be final.
5. Part V, Section 1 of the SDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws states, “**Decisions of the Judges.** Judges’ decisions in any contest are by their nature necessarily regarded as final and shall not be considered as the basis for protest.”

C. Making Entries

1. Each golf coach must submit a list of their golf team members to the SDHSAA office. This is a WEBFORM located on the SDHSAA website under the school zone login.

WEBFORM – Golf 1 – Boys Roster

Class A & AA – Sept. 22 Class B – May 11

WEBFORM – Golf 2 – Girls Roster

All Classes – May 11

2. Entries must be made to the region chairman at least one week prior to the region Golf Tournament. Late entries should not be accepted.
3. Each “A” school may enter a maximum of five golfers in region competition. Four golfers will comprise a team. Fewer may be entered.
4. Each “B” school may enter a maximum of four golfers in region competition. Three golfers will comprise a team. Fewer may be entered.

D. Number of Holes to be Played

Play in region golf tournaments shall not be less than eighteen holes.

E. Interpretation of Rules

Interpretation of the rules for the region tournament shall be done by the Region Committee under the supervision of the chairman. It is recommended that the host professional or Club Director explain the rules of the course to the players before play begins.

F. Practice Rounds

Entries to Region Golf Tournaments are permitted to practice at the site of each tournament. Each member school should make their own arrangements with host golf clubs for practice rounds.

G. Playing Procedure

No entrant shall play on the course the day of the tournament prior to the championship flight. All championship flight scores shall be attested to by entrants from some other school playing in the same group. No player or team shall play a championship flight unless accompanied by a player or team from another school. Players or teams shall not be accompanied by their own coaches, instructors, or advisors. Nor shall coaches, instructors, or advisors act as caddies for any player.

H. 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.

I. Shotgun Starts

Shotgun starts are allowed as an option at the region tournaments. The golf course pro, coaches and tournament chairman will make the decision as to whether a shotgun start will be used.

J. Suspension of Golf Play

1. **Policy.** If the regional committee or its authorized representative considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances which render the proper playing of the game impossible (rain, lightening, etc.), it may order a temporary suspension of play. When play has been temporarily suspended, it shall be resumed from where it was discontinued, even though resumption occurs on a subsequent day. Players on the course may finish the hole they are currently on or they may mark the ball where it lies on the course and resume from that point when play continues.

If all competitors have not begun play because of course conditions or bad weather, the committee or its designee may choose to cancel the days play and begin the tournament on the following day. **If at all possible, play should resume on the original day of play.** When the previous days round is canceled, all penalties incurred in that round are canceled.

At the region level, it may not be feasible to continue play the following day. If this is the case, the committee may choose to have the competitors play only 9 holes. A player's 9 hole score will be doubled for state tournament placement. The format is to be decided by the rules committee "before" play begins. Each region may determine their own course of suspending play and reaching a final score, BUT it is to be decided "before" play begins.

2. **Lightening Safety Tips**

AVOID

- open areas
- water
- metal
- wire fences, overhead wires or power lines
- isolated trees
- elevated ground
- maintenance machinery

SEEK

- lightning shelters
- clubhouse
- maintenance buildings
- on-course buildings
- automobiles
- dense woods
- low-lying areas

K. Uniforms

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

L. 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.

M. School Official Must Attend Meet

Each member school with an entrant in the Region Golf Tournament must have a staff representative from their school in attendance. Failure to do so causes the athlete(s) to be disqualified.

N. School Official to be Assigned as Group Marker

At the region level of competition a group marker shall be assigned by the tournament management to accompany a foursome/threesome for the purpose of monitoring conduct and to keep score. Each school entering individual(s)/team(s) to the region tournament must provide one or more persons for marking purposes. One of the individuals must be a school official. The region committee has the authority to establish marker number guidelines (1 or 2 per school) for schools in the region. The region chairman is responsible to notify each school in the region as to the number the school is required to bring to the region golf tournament. This regulation also applies to the "AA" Conference Tournaments.

O. Awards

The SDHSAA has an agreement with Conference Medal and Trophy of Pocasset, Massachusetts to purchase all Association medals. Also, the SDHSAA has an agreement with A and M Products of Princeton, Illinois for plaques and trophies. The SDHSAA will order all medals and plaques for the region tournaments. Two plaques (champion & runner-up) will be awarded at each region tournament. Medals will be presented to the top 15 (Class B) top 30 (Class A) individuals and the top two teams. Orders will be sent directly to the region chairman by the companies. Region committees will be expected to pay for all awards presented.

P. Qualifying for State Tournament

1. **Only Region Contestants Qualify.** Only contestants in each of the Region Golf Tournaments may qualify for the State Tournament. Contestants may qualify as individuals or as members of a team.
2. **Substitutions.** A school may substitute a player on its golf team for the State Meet because of injury, illness or school disciplinary action. A statement must be presented in writing from the doctor for illness or injury, and from the school administration for disciplinary action. This rule applies only to a team entry and not an individual qualifier.
3. **Obligation to Compete.** Any competitor(s)/ team(s) that qualify for the State Golf Tournament has an obligation to take part in the State Tournament.

4. **Qualifying as Individuals.**

Class “AA” – No region meets will be held. All teams will be allowed 6 participants in the state tournament.

Class “A” – Class is divided into 4 regions. If the number of teams is less than 35, 60% of the total number of regional entries qualify to the State Tournament. If the number of teams is between 36 and 40, 55% of the total number of regional entries qualify to the State Tournament. If the number of teams is greater than 40, 50% of the total number of regional entries qualify to the State Tournament. All fractions are to be rounded off for determining the exact number of golfers (.5 or more qualifies).

The number of individual qualifiers will be based upon the number of schools actually entered in the region tournaments. Schools must contact their region chairman one week in advance of the region tournament notifying the chairman of their intent to enter at least one individual in the region tournament.

Class “B” – Class is divided into 6 regions. The top 40% of the total number of regional entries qualify to the State Tournament.

All fractions are to be rounded off for determination of the exact number of golfers (.5 or more qualifies).

Ties - If a tie occurs at any qualifying spot up to and including the final entrant from the region meet to the state tournament, there will be no play-offs for position except for first and second place. Should there be a tie at the final qualifying spot, there shall not be a play-off and all tied competitors will advance to the State Tournament. The Meet Manager or Club Pro will decide what hole number to begin a play-off if this is needed.

Golfers **may not** slide up because someone in a qualifying spot chooses not to participate in the State Tournament.

5. **Qualifying as a Team.**

Team champions shall be determined in each class “A” & “B” region.

a. In the “A” school competition the first, second and third place teams shall qualify for the State Tournament. If a tie exists for first, second or third place a “sudden death” play-off must be held to break the tie. All members of the team will be involved in the playoff with the top four scores from each school shall constitute the team score. No school with fewer golfers than four finishing the region tournament is eligible for the team championship. Any team not finishing first, second or third but having four players within the percentage qualifying limits also qualifies for the State Tournament. Only the first, second and third place teams however, may bring their fifth golfer if he/she is not among the qualifying individuals.

b. In the “B” school competition the first and second place teams shall qualify for the State Tournament. If a tie exists for first or second place a “sudden death” play-off must be held to break the tie. All members of the team will be involved in the playoff with the top three golfers from each school shall constitute the team score. No school with fewer golfers than three finishing the region tournament is eligible for the team championship. Any team not finishing first or second but having three players within the individual qualifying limits also qualifies for the State Tournament. Only the first and second place teams however, may bring their fourth golfer if he/she is not among the qualifying individuals.

c. Play-off on Ties - All members of each team involved in a first or second place tie will participate in any play-offs. Refer to Section I-1 of State Tournament Regulations for method of playing-off team ties.

NOTE: In order for the first, second and third place teams in Class “A” to bring their fifth golfer or the first and second place teams in Class “B” to bring their fourth golfer who were not among the qualifying individuals, the teams must have had a fifth player (Class “A”) or a fourth player (Class “B”) competing for their team at the Regional Tournament.

ALL CONTESTANTS (Boys & Girls) PLAYING IN THE STATE TOURNAMENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INDIVIDUAL HONORS.

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 Medal 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.

C. Substitutions

Class AA – since there is no region meets for “AA” golf, scores from the conference tournaments will be used for first day flighting purposes. If there are changes to a teams entries, they must be received by the SDHSAA Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the state tournament. No changes will be allowed after this date other than medical or disciplinary reasons which must be verified in writing.

Class A and B - A school may substitute a player on its golf team for the State Meet because of injury, illness or school disciplinary action. A statement must be presented in writing from the doctor for illness or injury, and from the school administration for disciplinary action. This rule applies only to a team entry and not an individual qualifier.

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

NOTE: The Club Pro has the authority to determine if play will begin on "T-box" numbers one and ten or on number one only.

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 play at the state level rests with the meet director, club pro and the SDHSAA staff member at the tournament site. Please refer to section J under Region Tournament Regulations for additional information concerning temporary suspension of play.

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 Class "B" will receive medals. The top twenty individual place winners in Class "AA" and "A" will receive medals. There will be no playoffs for position except for first and second place.

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.

1. Tie for Championship or Runner-up. Ties for the team championship or runner-up shall be resolved by the "sudden death" method, with all members of each team to be involved.

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

Play-offs are to begin on hole determined by club pro.

Four low scores for Class "A" & "AA" and three low scores for Class "B" are to be counted after each hole.

2. Class "AA" & "A"

- a. **Tie for Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Place.** Ties for third through sixth place will not involve any additional play but will be resolved on the basis of the best team score (four low scores) for the back nine holes (second day). If the tied teams have the same score for the back nine holes, determine the winner on the basis of the back six holes, back three holes and finally the 18th hole.
- b. **Tie for Sixth Place.** Ties for sixth place will not involve any additional play nor any other way of breaking the tie. Teams tied for sixth place will all receive plaques.

3. **Class B**

a. **Tie for Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Place**

Tie for third through seventh place will not involved any additional play but will be resolved on the basis of the best team score (three low scores) for the back nine holes (second day). If the tied teams have the same score for the back nine holes, determine the winner on the basis of the back six holes, back three holes, and finally the 18th hole.

b. **Tie for Eighth Place**

Tie for eighth place will not involve any additional play nor any other way of breaking the tie. Teams tied for eighth place will all receive plaques.

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 keep score. For Class "B" Golf, since girls and boys compete on the same date and site, a school qualifying both girls and boys teams to the State Tournament must provide two people for marking purposes. One of these persons must be a school official. **Each competing school must provide one school official (generally the coach) for this purpose.** Your cooperation is definitely needed in assignment of Group Marker in order to have a quality Tournament. They will not be assigned to a group including players from their own school. If local community members are used as markers, they will not be assigned a group which includes a local golfer. Scorecards will be kept by the Group Marker, with all players signing this card at the completion of the round and before it is turned in to the official scorekeeper of the Tournament. This is the OFFICIAL CARD. Each player may keep his/her own card too for his/her own personal satisfaction.

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 T-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. Keep Score
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 two 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 a golf coach from each of the regions as well as the SDHSAA representative and state meet director.

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.

N. Flighting of Golfers

1. Flighting of golfers as to threesomes or foursomes will be decided by the state meet director or his designee.
2. Flighting of golfers shall be based on scores by qualifiers at the regional tournaments in Class "A" & "B" with no two golfers from the same school assigned to the same flight for the first day of competition. Class "AA" will use scores from their conference meets. Qualifiers with the lowest scores would tee-off first on the first day.
3. On the second day of play, the flighting of golfers will be inverted. 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.

4. On the second day only of the State Tournament, the flighting of golfers may include up to but no more than two golfers from the same school in the top two foursomes or three threesomes. All other groups will have no teammates paired with each other.

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.

P. 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** (35 mm, VHS-BETA, TV)

- a. Be unobstructive - **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 contrived situations - posing.
 - d. Poses before, between, after tournament play.
 - e. No strobe or flash attachments.
 - f. If you have a noisy camera, please stay back.
 - g. Do not create situations where you hold up play.
 - h. 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.
 - i. No interviews until completion of days competition.
 - j. Check in with the tournament director or the SDHSAA representative.
 - k. Come through the main gate and not on the course somewhere.
1. 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.)
 2. Rules for Coaches, tournament personnel, golfers, radio, TV, print media.
 - a. SDHSAA representative be present.
 - 1) To guide the media people.
 - 2) To act as a liaison for all parties involved.
 - b. Report complaints to SDHSAA official present.
 - c. Arbitrate disputes in private.
 - d. No one other than the SDHSAA official is authorized to solve or negotiate any media misunderstandings or decision.
 - e. All parties should assist each other and promote a good working relation as each has something to offer the other.
 - f. TV crews will be permitted to use a golf cart if available, because of the amount of equipment being carried.

R. Uniforms

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

S. Suspension of Play

If the course pro determines the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances which render the proper playing of the game impossible (rain, lightning, etc.), he/she may order a temporary suspension of play. When

play has been temporarily suspended, it shall be resumed from where it was discontinued, even though resumption occurs on a subsequent day. Players on the course must mark their ball where it lies on the course and resume from that point when play continues. Every effort will be made to resume play on the original day of play. If all competitors have not begun play because of course conditions or bad weather, the committee may choose to cancel the days play and the tournament will be reduced to eighteen holes.

T. 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.

U. Awards

At the State Tournament medals will be provided by the State Association for each of the top 20 individual place winners in Class “A” and “AA” and the top 25 individual place winners in Class “B” and for each member of top six place teams in class “AA” and “A” and the top eight teams in Class “B”. Trophies will be awarded to champion and runner-up teams with plaques to the third through eighth place teams in Class “B” and to the third through sixth place teams in Class “AA” and “A”.

All individual and team golf awards will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. However, should there be a tie for the team championship or runner-up, individual awards will be presented prior to any playoffs for team standings. Those teams wishing to leave early must notify a SDHSAA staff member.

V. 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.

W. 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.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TEAM AWARD

In an attempt to recognize the academic excellence of the athletic teams and fine arts groups in each school, the SDHSAA created the “Academic Achievement Team Award”. The “Academic Achievement Team Award” is designed to recognize “varsity” level “teams” that achieve a combined GPA of 3.0 or higher.

For additional information about the “Academic Achievement Team Award”, refer to the “Academic Achievement Team Award” section of either the ATHLETIC or FINE ARTS HANDBOOK.

SDHSAA Golf
Region and State Marker Conduct Report Form
(also used for regular season tournaments)

Use: Actual form is carried by the roving course marshal. Marker reports infraction to the marshal. If no roving course marshal, each individual marker carries the form.

1. To be given for inappropriate behavior by contestants that include such things as profanity, physical damage to course or equipment, throwing golf club or any conduct not becoming to a high school golfer. Penalties do not carry over from day to day.
 - A. On the #1 Tee-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

2. Uniform Infraction: Participants must be in proper uniform while on course in order to compete. All contestants must wear a collared shirt and the shirt must be tucked in. When sweatshirts are worn they must be over a collared shirt. Turtleneck shirts are allowed in lieu of a collared shirt. The rule does not require the collared shirts to be the same color or design for all team members. When a hat is worn the bill must be facing forward. The rule is to be enforced when participants are on the golf premises.

Documentation: _____

Golfer: _____ Marker: _____

School: _____