

## **GOLF GUIDELINES**

### **SECTION I. SEASON LIMITATIONS**

- A. Opening date - determined by the IHSA
- B. Length of season - terminates with State Tournament.

### **SECTION II. SCHEDULE**

- A. Number of contests - one (1) versus each conference school with total contests in agreement with IHSA limitations.
- B. Type – triangular and duels
- C. Make-up procedures - first available open date with mutual agreement of schools involved.

### **SECTION III. LEVELS OF COMPETITION**

- A. Levels – two (2) Boys varsity and sophomore – Girls varsity and junior varsity.
- D. Team membership – Boys – there will be eight (8) players entered in each match at each level. Girls – there will be six (6) players entered in each match at each level.

### **SECTION IV. GAMES AND CONTESTS MANAGEMENT**

- A. Length of contest - nine hole matches whenever possible. Medal play using four (4) scores at each level. In case of a tie from first four scores, the scores of player number 5 will be used. In case a tie still remains, the scores of player numbers 6, 7, and will be used, one at a time, in an attempt to break the tie. Should the total result in a tie, the match shall be considered a tie with proper team point awarded. In the event of unplayable conditions, which may occur during dual meet competition, the meet will be considered official if each group has completed a minimum of five (5) holes. In this event, the best four- (4) five-hole scores will determine the winner. If each group has competed six (6), seven (7), or eight (8) holes, the scores for all players for the least number of holes played will determine the winner.
- B. Starting time - 4:15 p.m. unless a Change of Schedule is sent. Play may begin earlier if teams are available.
- C. Uniforms - appropriate golfing attire.
- D. Approved equipment -no mechanical carts may be used and pull carts only if carts are available to all players. No caddies allowed.
- E. Officials - Not applicable
- F. Order of events - determined by host school
- G. General rules - USGA/IHSA/local rules apply.
- H. Coaching - coaches may not accompany players.
- I. Dressing facilities and towels not provided.
- J. Scorecards used will be official Upstate Eight Conference scorecards.
- K. The host school's golf coach will contact the visiting school's (s') golf coach at least two days prior to the scheduled contests to provide information regarding the phone number of the golf course, the course location, tee time and additional details as required.



## SECTION VII. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

- A. Upstate Eight All-Conference Golf Team – Boys – fifteen (15) member plus ties – Girls – Nine (9) with ties.
- B. Medalist in dual meet would receive one (1) point. Tie for medalist would split the point. If more than two ties for medalist, each will receive ½ point.
- C. Top fifteen (15) finishers in conference meet would receive points:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - 8
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7.5
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - 6.5
  - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6
  - 6<sup>th</sup> - 5.5
  - 7<sup>th</sup> - 5
  - 8<sup>th</sup> - 4.5
  - 9<sup>th</sup> - 4
  - 10<sup>th</sup> - 3.5
  - 11<sup>th</sup> - 3
  - 12<sup>th</sup> - 2.5
  - 13<sup>th</sup> - 2
  - 14<sup>th</sup> - 1.5
  - 15<sup>th</sup> - 1
- D. Dual/Ties - one (1) point for individual winner, ½ point for each tie.
  - 1. Ties will be broken:
    - a. number of times medalist.
    - b. average over par.
  - 2. No medals for varsity championship - All-Conference certificates are awarded
  - 3. Ribbons are awarded to lower level.

## SECTION VIII. COACHES' MEETING

- A. Chairperson – Boys – Elgin Larkin      Girls - St. Charles North
- B. Two (2) meetings per year - pre-season and post-season, or as necessary.
- C. Purpose of meetings:
  - 1. Pre-Season: Discuss schedules, conference meet, coach's directory
  - 2. Post-Season: Discuss schedules guidelines, determine next year's conference meet site, concerns.

## SECTION IX. SPECTATOR CONTROL

All spectators must stay off the fairways, greens, and tee boxes a minimum of 75 feet from all competitors. The following exceptions are: traffic congestion points (such as bridges), competitor/spectators searching for lost balls, providing creature comforts (adding or removing a jacket, providing beverages or snacks), and between nine of an 18 hole round. Communication between spectators and participants shall be limited to laudatory or encouraging comments. Communication between participants and spectators shall be limited to appropriate responses (i.e. "thanks"), requests for comfort (i.e. "please hold my jacket"), or requests for help in searching for a lost ball. Coaches should follow the same rules as spectators, except that they are permitted to coach their player(s) between nines of an 18-hole match.

**Penalties:**

1<sup>st</sup> offense: warning from coaches and observer.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: for spectators and coaches – removal from course.  
for players – 1 stroke penalty (can only be called by a coach or member of rules committee.

3<sup>rd</sup>. offense: for players – disqualification (can only be called by a coach or member of rules committee.

**SECTION X. SCORE REPORTING**

Host school will update scores at the conference meet.