

## **GOLF – BOYS' and GIRLS'**

### **1. SEASON OF PLAY**

Boys and Girls = Fall Season

### **2. LEVEL OF COMPETITION**

Varsity Level

### **3. CLASSIFICATION**

There shall be a team division and an individual division in stroke play competition.

There shall be a "high school" and "open" category within the individual division.

A student-athlete who has competed in a provincial, state or national tournament within the past twelve (12) months outside of the high school program, shall be classified as an "open" participant within the individual division.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

a) School/Team Eligibility: To represent a school in any SOSSA/OFSAA bound sport coordinate by the NCAA, a school must:

- I. Must have a 'bona fide' school program consisting of a minimum of six (6) practices and/or competitions during a one (1) month period in the current school year, under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.
- II. Have competed in the Association championship or qualifying event.

b) Individual Student Eligibility: To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student must:

- I. Be eligible for competition under the NCAA Constitution, By-Laws, and Playing Regulations of the NCAA.
- II. Be certified as eligible by the principal of the school.
- III. Meet the age requirements as listed in Section 3.
- IV. Be in Grades 9 – 12.
- V. Be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (OFSAA By-Law, Section 4(f)).
- VI. Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (OFSAA By-Law 5, Section 4(g))
- VII. Para athletes with T/F 20 classification are permitted to compete until the age of twenty-one (21) and shall be eligible for no more than seven (7) consecutive years from the date of entry in grade nine (9).
- VIII. Have participated in the NCAA Championship or qualifying event.
- IX. Have not participated in both the NCAA Championship and any other event in that same sport on the same day.

## 5.ELIGIBILITY SHEETS

Eligibility lists are to be entered in the OFSAA HUB and emailed to the Golf Convenor no later than 5 full school days prior to the date of the NCAA Championship.

## 6.START TIME

The one (1) day tournament starting times will be determined after the organization meeting held by the Convener.

## 7.ENTRY TO NCAA

The rules and etiquette package will be available on the [ncaa.ca/golf](http://ncaa.ca/golf) webpage. The coaches will distribute the rules and etiquette procedures to their players to study. Coaches will ascertain that the athletes understand the rules and etiquette procedures.

Each school may send one (1) team of six (6) individuals (five (5) of which will play), to the NCAA Championship Tournament.

An athlete must participate in the NCAA Championship tournament to advance to SOSSA.

## 8.ENTRY FEE

A green fee shall be charged to each athlete determined by the host golf course. The golf convenor will communicate the designated fee to the coaches prior to the Zone Championship Tournament.

## 9.UNIFORM

Competitors must dress in appropriate golf attire which maintain the integrity of the school's name, colour and logos.

## 10.RULES

All local rules of the host golf course will be in effect. NCAA policies should be followed, and the Golf Canada rules (FROM SOSSA) shall be used to cover all rules interpretations. Exceptions will be announced or amended on the local rules sheet and when possible.

All rule interpretations must be placed before the convener as soon as possible.

Each team must be accompanied by a coach for the duration of the tournament.

Any coaching/communication with the players will not be permitted on the course.

(Communication includes, but is not limited to coaches, parents, and spectators. Cell phone use of any kind is not permitted).

As per the Rules of Golf Canada, all strokes must be counted and all balls putted out.

The Pace of Play Policy is in effect at all NCAA Golf tournaments. Adherence to the pace of play is the player's responsibility.

The convenor is to act as the jury of appeal. Should there be a perceived conflict of interest, the convenor shall ask the advice of the local Canadian Golf Association personnel to make the ruling(s).

## 11. SCORING

It is the responsibility of each coach and each student/athlete to know the proper procedure for marking the score for fellow competitors. The information package shall be found on the golf page of the NCAA website.

- I. Every player keeps a scorecard with every other player in the group on the scorecard.
- II. Scores will be verified after each hole with each member of the group.
- III. All cards will be signed by the scorer and player at the end of the round and handed in to Convener.
- IV. Each player is responsible for the accuracy and legibility of all eighteen (18) holes, not the addition of those eighteen (18) holes.
- V. If a player signs for a score lower than actually made, then that player will be disqualified. If a player signs for a score higher than actually made, that score will stand.

### **If a shotgun start is NOT USED and retrogression is applied:**

Ties for low gross or to qualify for SOSSA as an individual, are to be broken by retrogression as per the Golf Canada Rules.

First tiebreaker is low back nine,  
then low last 6 holes,  
then low last 3 holes,  
then low last hole

A coin flip will determine the winner at that point.

### **If a shotgun tournament format IS USED:**

The Convener will be in charge to determine the back nine, last 6, last 3, last hole based on when the golfer starts and finishes.

THE FIRST NINE RATED/HANDICAPPED HOLES (the nine toughest holes as ranked by the golf course) WILL BE CHOSEN FOR COMPARISON;

Retrogression will proceed as follows:

"FIRST tiebreaker is the low rated nine,  
then the low FIRST 6 rated holes,  
then the low FIRST 3 rated holes;  
Then the low FIRST rated hole."

A coin flip will determine the winner at this point.

## 12.ADVANCEMENT TO THE SOSSA COMPETITION

Coaches and/or school contacts will receive the final zone results by e mail.

For the SOSSA Boys' Tournament: The NCAA shall be allowed three (3) teams and the top three (3) individuals, who are NOT members of a winning team (eg. may be 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> players overall, etc.),

For the SOSSA Girl's tournament, each zone shall be allowed to top one (1) team and top seven (7) individuals, NOT members of a winning team (eg. may be 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, etc., players overall)

NOTE: At present, there is no girls' team championship at OFSAA. All qualifying is done on an individual basis.

No Zone qualifying score for the SOSSA championships tournament shall exceed 100 for a male golfer and 120 for a female golfer.