



## Oregon School Activities Association

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The OSAA staff along with the OSAA Golf Committee have put together the following information as we head into the 2023 golf season. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

### **USGA Rules**

#### **[USGA Rules of Golf App](#)**

Having the USGA rules in the palm of your hand is an invaluable tool. Download directly to your smart phone for IOS and Android. The USGA also has incredible resources to help players learn the rules of the game. Visit the [USGA Rules Website](#) for more information.

Note: The USGA Rule book is 100% digital this year. Please download the app on your smartphones.

#### **[Oregon Golf Association \(OGA\):](#)**

The OGA can be a great source of information for rules. Visit their rules website to get monthly features and FAQ's

#### **State Rules Interpreter:**

For the first time ever, the OSAA has a Golf State Rules Interpreter. Pete Scholz from Eugene has agreed to be the State Rules Interpreter this year. If schools have questions on rules, they may contact Pete at [golf.sri@osaa.org](mailto:golf.sri@osaa.org)

### **Coaches Role During Events**

The coach plays a vital role during a high school event, not only for their own players, but for the entire field. It's imperative for coaches to play an active role in pace of play, rules, etiquette issues, and help assist golfers when on the course. Remember, no high school owns a golf course so its important to remember to respect the golf course by taking care of it.

- 1) Pace of Play: Your location on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of you.
- 2) Rules: Make sure you have the golf shop and scoring area coaches contact information to discuss issues while students are on the course, not at the end of the round.
- 3) Etiquette: Be able to speak to any individual in the field about proper etiquette and taking care of the golf course.
  - a. No cursing, throwing of golf clubs
  - b. Replace divots and ball marks on green
  - c. Actively assist in locating a lost ball for all players
  - d. Stand in the appropriate spot when other playing partners are hitting (behind and to the left or right)

### **Scoring and Results**

The accuracy of scores is the entire fields responsibility. From coaches to players to spectators, we all play a role in ensuring scoring is kept correctly. Cheating will not be tolerated. Students need to pay attention to their playing partners during the round and hold each other accountable, no matter how uncomfortable a situation may be. Coaches also need to have the ability to speak to one another about a concern and to bring that to the attention of the student-athlete. Here are some tips to help:

- 1) Have each participant announce their score to the entire group so all can hear at the end of each hole. Each participant is responsible to announce their score. Each participant is responsible to be in sight and sound of that announcement. Do not proceed to the next tee box and leave any player/players to putt out. Participate and score as a group. Scoring means observing not only the player you mark, but others in your group.
- 2) Practice keeping a correct score and how to confront a playing partner if you feel like a score is inaccurate.
- 3) Practice keeping a clean and clear scorecard, so the scoring area can read the scores. Example:

| HOLE       | 1                  | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | OUT  | 10     | 11                 | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | IN   | TOTAL | Rating / Slope           |         |
|------------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|--------------------------|---------|
| BLACK      | 341                | 181 | 375 | 504 | 160 | 555 | 363 | 181 | 416 | 3076 | 465    | 445                | 237 | 346 | 370 | 535 | 455 | 546 | 469 | 3868 | 6944  | 74.4 / 131               |         |
| GREEN      | 304                | 162 | 345 | 472 | 134 | 520 | 345 | 170 | 352 | 2804 | 440    | 399                | 205 | 319 | 297 | 482 | 433 | 515 | 426 | 3516 | 6320  | 71.6 / 125<br>77.8 / 152 |         |
| GOLD       | 275                | 139 | 312 | 441 | 121 | 467 | 322 | 152 | 343 | 2572 | 383    | 390                | 164 | 253 | 254 | 424 | 408 | 397 | 413 | 3086 | 5658  | 68.0 / 116<br>74.1 / 128 |         |
| ROYAL BLUE | 213                | 102 | 217 | 283 | 100 | 354 | 195 | 121 | 231 | 1816 | 278    | 250                | 91  | 220 | 184 | 313 | 270 | 343 | 275 | 2224 | 4040  | 62.5 / 101<br>66.1 / 107 |         |
| Handicap   | 11                 | 15  | 9   | 1   | 17  | 3   | 5   | 13  | 7   |      | 6      | 4                  | 16  | 18  | 14  | 12  | 2   | 10  | 8   |      |       |                          |         |
| Par        | 4                  | 3   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 5   | 4   | 3   | 4   | 34   | 4      | 4                  | 3   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 4   | 5   | 4   | 37   | 71    | HCP NET                  |         |
| Player 1   | 5                  | 3   | 5   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 6   | 2   | 4   |      | 4      | 4                  | 4   | 4   | 5   | 7   | 5   | 4   | 5   |      |       |                          |         |
| +/-        |                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |        |                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |       |                          |         |
| Me         | 6                  | 2   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3   |      | 5      | 3                  | 3   | 5   | 4   | 5   | 4   | 6   | 6   |      |       |                          |         |
| ORANGE     | 242                | 106 | 244 | 391 | 100 | 401 | 311 | 130 | 284 | 2209 | 369    | 344                | 149 | 247 | 238 | 340 | 326 | 391 | 372 | 2776 | 4985  | 65.2 / 104<br>70.1 / 117 |         |
| Handicap   | 9                  | 13  | 7   | 1   | 17  | 3   | 11  | 15  | 5   |      | 10     | 8                  | 16  | 18  | 14  | 4   | 6   | 2   | 12  |      |       |                          |         |
| SCORER     | <i>[Signature]</i> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | ATTEST | <i>[Signature]</i> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |       | DATE                     | 2-15-19 |

### Alternate Scoring Options

Stableford scoring (point system) or a maximum score (no more than 'x' can be taken on a hole) can help pace of play and make the game more enjoyable at the high school level. It should be our goal to make the game more fun, especially for those who are in your program that are entering the game of golf for the very first time. Sub-varsity, and even some varsity competitions, could greatly benefit from the use of a Stableford scoring system or courtesy score. Here are some examples of both:

- Stableford Scoring is a system where you allocate points for the result on a hole. Each system could be modified but here is an example: Par – 4; Bogey – 3; Double Bogey – 2; Triple Bogey – 1; anything above triple bogey would be a zero and therefore the hole is over for the student-athlete. In this instance, the highest score a student could take on a hole to be able to score for their team would be: Par 3 – 6; Par 4 – 7; Par 5 – 8. This allows the game to move quicker and allows a coach to realign their students goal on how many points they can score rather than how few of stroke they take on a hole.
- A maximum score is set up by the tournament committee and it caps a maximum number of strokes a student can take on a given hole. Such as: two times par or a fixed number (i.e. 8, 9, 10 etc).

### Other Resources

#### Tournament Checklist:

The OSAA Golf Committee put this document together help aid coaches and athletic directors in setting up a golf tournament.

#### Hole Location Sheet:

A downloadable Excel form if your tournament wants hole location sheets.

#### Printable Scoreboards:

Just like the ones used at the state tournament, customizable for your tournament. Ideal printing size is 20x30.

We hope that you have a great season and best of luck to your teams!