



2026-27 Boys and Girls Golf Series Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2026-27 IHSA Boys and Girls Golf Tournament Series.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Classifications in the IHSA Boys and Girls Golf State Series will be determined according to IHSA Policy 17 (Classification System).

II. DATES AND SITES

- A) **Regional and Sectionals:** Boys' Class 1A, 2A and 3A regional tournaments will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at various locations around the state. Girls' Class 1A and 2A regional tournaments will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at various locations around the state. Boys' and girls' sectional tournaments will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026. The host schools will be announced on the IHSA boys' and girls' golf website (www.ihsa.org).
- B) **Boys' State Final Date:** The State Final Tournaments will be held October 9-10, 2026. The boys' Class 1A tournament will be held at Prairie Vista Golf Course, Bloomington. The boys' Class 2A Tournament will be held at Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University, Normal. The boys' Class 3A Tournament will be held at The Den, Bloomington. An optional practice round will be available for competing schools on Thursday, October 8, 2026.
- C) **Girls' State Final Date:** The State Final Tournament will be held October 9-10, 2026. The girls' Class 1A tournament will be held at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur. The girls' Class 2A will be held at Hickory Point Golf Course in Decatur. An optional practice round will be available for competing schools on Thursday, October 8, 2026.
- D) **Tournament Date Changes:** No Local Manager shall be permitted to change the date on which the tournaments are played unless given permission by the IHSA Office.

III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND ON-LINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2026-27 Entry Policies and Procedures.

- A) **On-line Entries:** All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA Website at www.ihsa.org. The deadline for entry is August 25, 2026. The 2026-27 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.
- B) **Late Entries:** Any attempt to enter a sport or activity on-line after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official

Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

- C) **Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure):** To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the seeding meeting date and/or the date the List of Participants is due for that sport. If a school, (team or individual entries), withdraws after the seeding meeting date/List of Participants due date and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$500 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

Note: This Breach of Contract charge affects those sports which have not been penalized the cost of officials or the cost of the host guarantee because those costs are not incurred, or those costs are not based on a per game or per night allowance.

- D) **Eligibility:** All member schools in good standing may enter an individual(s) or a team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.054.
- E) **Affirmative Action:** Only boys shall be permitted to participate in the boys' state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy. Only girls shall be permitted to participate in the girls' state series.
- F) **List of Participants/Substitutions:** Each school must enter the names of their 6 eligible starting players prior to each round of the state series in iWanamaker. No more than six (6) participants from a school may play in the regional, sectional, or state final. Team substitutions are allowed with any eligible golfer up to the start of each regional, sectional, or state final tournament. In addition, team substitutions may be made on Saturday's final round of the state tournament. Substitutions are not allowed for individuals who are not a part of a team and who advance in the state series. Coaches with teams or individuals must complete the List of Participants prior to September 23, 2026. The regional manager will be able to view the rosters of the teams competing in their tournament on-line after September 23rd to set up tee times for the regional tournament. Sectional managers will be able to view their respective qualifiers through the online winner reports and in iWanamaker.
- G) **List of Participants Penalty:** In order for a school to complete the entry process for boys' and girls' state golf series, they must enter their team or individual(s), have six (6) iWR rounds completed in iWanamaker, and complete the List of Participants by the established deadline date. Schools who fail to complete any part of the entry process will not be entered into the state series unless a late entry fee is paid and the proper information is submitted. Players without an iWR will be seeded last.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS



- A) **Greens Fees:** Participating schools shall be responsible to pay for their own greens fees for the regional and sectional tournaments in addition to any practice round(s) they schedule including the State Final practice round. The IHSA pays for the Friday and Saturday state tournament greens fees.
- B) **Regional Host School Allowance:** Host schools shall pay all local expenses and shall receive a guarantee of \$450.00.
- C) **Sectional Host School Allowance:** Host schools shall pay all local expenses and shall receive a guarantee of \$450.00.
- D) **Rights Fees for TV and Radio:**
 - 1) Television Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy.
 - 2) Radio Fees, which shall be charged, are:
 - a) Regional = No Charge
 - b) Sectional = No Charge
 - c) State Final = No Charge
 - 3) Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in the current News Media Directory.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

- A) **Team and Individual Honors:** In order for a school to compete for team honors, a school must have no less than 4 players, and the school must have participated in six (6) varsity contests prior to the state series. Individuals competing for individual honors only are not required to have competed in six contests. A school can enter no more than six (6) individuals for team or individual honors.
- B) **Class 1A/2A Girls & Class 1A/2A/3A Boys:** All schools entered will be assigned by the IHSA to one of the sixteen (16) Regional and one of the four (4) Sectional tournaments. Assignments are made geographically.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

- A) **Tournament Play:** All Regional and Sectional tournaments shall consist of one 18- hole round played on a regulation 18-hole golf course. The state tournament shall consist of two 18-hole rounds played on a regulation 18- hole golf course.
- B) **Tournament Format:** Traditional tee times will be used for the state series. It is preferred that the regional and/or sectional tournament manager start competitors from the first and the tenth hole. However, if it is necessary due to darkness or weather, play may begin on the 1st hole only or as a shotgun start. All tee times should be nine (9) minutes apart. However, If it is necessary, due to weather, darkness, or an oversized field, the tournament manager may begin on the 1st hole only or utilize a shotgun start.
- C) **Pairing Procedures:**
 - 1) During the entire state series, 'wave' groupings that pair competitors from teams into team groups and individual qualifiers into individual groups will be used. **Teams and individuals will be paired as foursomes whenever possible. Threesomes may be used when necessary.** No group shall have two or more players from the same school.
 - a. In regionals, tournament managers will verify the team pairings based on the team's iWanamaker

- (iWR). Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired with other individual entries based on their 18-hole average score reported on the List of Participants Form. In all regional tournaments, the team pairings will send off the best teams (higher seeds) in the first wave. Coaches with team entries have 24 hours from the time the regional pairing sheet is sent by the regional manager to competing schools to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or Athletic Director.
- b. In sectionals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective regional tournament, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired based on their regional scores. Coaches of advancing teams have 24 hours from the time the sectional pairing sheet is sent by the sectional manager to competing schools to make any adjustments to their 1- 6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD.
- c. For the first day of the state finals, pairings for the wave will be made based on the place the team finishes in their respective sectional tournament, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Individual competitors, not on teams, will be paired based on their sectional scores. Coaches of advancing teams have 24 hours from the time the state final pairing sheet is posted to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD.
- d. After the first day of competition at the state finals, the field will be reduced to the top 8 teams (and ties) and the top 40 individuals (and ties) not on the top 8 teams. For the final day of the state finals, pairings will be made based on scores shot during the first day of the state finals, with the better teams scheduled to begin play on each nine going off in the last wave. Coaches of advancing teams, who need to make any adjustments to their 1-6 lineups, outside of injury, illness, or ineligibility as certified by the High School Principal or AD; need to notify the IHSA immediately following the round if they plan to have substitutions and have the names to the IHSA administrator by 8pm Friday evening.
- e. At all levels of the state series, team members will be seeded **by the team's coach**. Coaches will have until the aforementioned times to make any adjustments to their 1-6 orders.
- f. Players on qualifying teams disqualified from the first round of the State Final competition for a non-player Code of Conduct violation will be allowed to play in the final round if his/her team advances to the final round and paired in the final player spot for his/her team. Individual qualifiers disqualified from the first round of the State Final competition for a non-player Code of Conduct



violation will not be allowed to play in the final round.

- g. For Wave pairings at the regional level and the second day of the state finals, if two or more teams with the same scores are tied, the following criteria will be used by managers to put those tied schools into the correct Wave grouping:
 - a. Regional: - randoms selection
 - b. Day 2 of the state final:
 - 5th player (a team without a 5th player will lose to a team with a 5th player)
 - 6th player score (a team without a 6th player will lose to a team with a 6th player)
 - Random selection
- 2) Shotgun start: If a shotgun start is used, 'wave' groupings shall still be used. Managers should keep groupings together as originally planned, using the following guidelines.
 - a. For speed of play, par 3's should have the fewest groups on a tee.
 - b. For speed of play, par 5's should have the most groups on a tee.
- D) **Conditions of Competition:** The IHSA requires that every effort be made to complete the tournaments on the designated schedule. Bad weather is not, by itself, a good reason for discontinuing play. If the rules committee determines that the course is not in a playable condition, or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may recommend to the tournament director to discontinue and temporarily suspend play or cancel play. In the event that unplayable conditions become playable, the rules committee shall recommend to the tournament director to begin play.
- E) **Provisions to Discontinue Play:** When the cup is filled with water and there is no relief on the putting green around the cup, conditions become unplayable.
- F) **Provisions to Suspend Play:** Play can be suspended when it does not impact the equity of the tournament. Darkness and lightning that cause all the holes not to be completed in the round are reasons to suspend play. Play can resume from the point at which it was suspended on either the day of the competition or the next possible day, except on the final day of the state finals. If, on the second day of the state finals, play cannot be completed because of darkness, the state championship will be determined on the basis of the scores posted Friday.
- G) **Provisions to Cancel Play:** Play can be cancelled when conditions impact the equity of the tournament. When play cannot begin, or when play graduates into bad weather with conditions that worsen throughout the day and reach the point of unplayable, play can be cancelled. When play is cancelled, no scores for the day will count and a new 18-hole round will be played on the next playable day (excluding Sunday). All penalties (except disqualification due to misconduct) incurred in that round are cancelled.
- H) **State Final Completion:** If State Final play begins on Friday, but the opening round is cancelled (not suspended) that day because of weather, scores made on Friday will not be counted and Saturday's round will be the first and final round for the state tournament. When the first day is cancelled or suspended due to weather or some other

reason, no reduction in field will be made. If, on the other hand, the opening round is completed on Friday and play cannot occur or is cancelled on Saturday, the State Championship will be determined on the basis of the scores posted on Friday.

- I) **Start Play:** In the event that unplayable conditions become playable, the rules committee shall recommend to the tournament director to begin play.
- J) **Coaches' State Final Meeting:** A state final coaches' meeting will be conducted virtually prior to the first round of the competition. A coach (or a school representative) from each school qualifying a team or individual(s) for the state final must attend that meeting. An assistant coach, athletic director and/or principal may attend in place of the head coach as the official school representative. The purpose of the meeting is to review policies, procedures and local rules governing the conduct of the state final. Coaches will be responsible for the information reviewed at that meeting regardless of their attendance or non-attendance at the meeting. A complete list of the days/times for each meeting will be announced by the IHSA Office.
- K) **State Final Time Schedule:** The tournament manager has the authority to alter the time schedule and tournament format based on local conditions. The planned time schedule for the Boys and Girls State Final Tournament shall be as follows:
 - 1) **First Round** — Friday, 8:30 a.m. traditional tee times — First Round (18 holes) of State Final Tournament begins.
 - 2) **Second Round** — Saturday, 8:30 a.m. traditional tee times — Final Round (18) holes of State Final Tournament begins.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

All players who participate in the regional competition shall be eligible for individual honors. All players who compete in the Sectional tournament shall be eligible for individual honors. All players who advance to the state final shall be eligible for individual honors in the State Final tournament. At the state finals, ties for team awards will be broken as explained later in these Terms and Conditions.

- A) **Team Scoring:** Any school, which enters four, five or six players in the regional tournament and has competed in six (6) varsity contests, will be considered for team honors and team advancement to the regional, sectional, or state final tournament. The four lowest scores of individuals on teams that compete for team honors at the regional, sectional, or state finals will be counted as a team score for any round during the state series.
- B) **Regional to Sectional Advancement - Class 1A/2A/3A Boys and Class 1A/2A Girls:** Members of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams shall advance. In addition, the 10 best scoring individuals that are not members of a qualifying team shall advance from the regional to the sectional tournament. Ties for the last individual qualifying spot will be broken with an on-course play-off.
- C) **Sectional to State Final Advancement - Class 1A/2A/3A Boys and Class 1A/2A Girls:** Members of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams shall advance. In addition, the 10 best scoring individuals that are not members of a qualifying team shall advance from the sectional to the state final tournament. Ties



for the last individual qualifying spot will be broken with an on-course play-off.

D) **Day 1 to Day 2 of the State Finals –**

- 1) Members of the top eight (8) teams (and ties) after Day 1 of the State Finals will advance to Day 2 of the State Finals.
- 2) The top 40 individual scores (and ties) of all remaining players not on one of the top eight teams will advance to Day 2 of the State Finals.
- 3) All players who play on both days of the State Finals are eligible for individual honors.

E) **Regional and Sectional Team Tie Breakers:**

- 1) In the case of a team tie for the last qualifying spot, the 5th best scoring competitor's score shall be used to break the tie.
- 2) If a tie exists after the 5th best competitor's scores are used, then the 6th competitor's score shall be used to break the tie.
- 3) A team which has not entered a 5th competitor shall lose to a team which has entered a 5th competitor.
- 4) A team which has not entered a 6th competitor shall lose to a team which has entered a 6th competitor.
- 5) If a tie still exists after using the scores of the 5th best and 6th best competitors, the tied teams shall advance.

F) **Regional and Sectional Individual Ties:**

- 1) The sudden death playoff for the medalist position shall be started on a hole determined by the host school manager which may include the first available hole.
 - a. All playoffs must be overseen by a neutral party, with no player or team member involved in the playoff.
 - b. For awards purposes, ties for first (1st) place shall be broken by a sudden death playoff. All players tied for 1st place will compete in the sudden death until all, but one player is eliminated.
 - c. Players in the sudden death who do not win will be awarded second place medallions.
 - d. Following a playoff, medals will be awarded to the next actual place. Therefore, following a 4-player playoff for 1st place, medals would be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, and then 5th place.
- 2) Ties for the last qualifying individual spot will be broken with an on-course play-off so that only 10 individuals advance to the next level tournament.
 - a. The sudden death playoff for the final advancing position shall be started on a hole determined by the host school manager which may include the first available hole.
 - b. In the event of darkness or weather that prevents completion of play-off on the day of competition, managers will contact the IHSA office.
- 3) Ties shall not be broken for any other individual places.

B) **Coaching:** For the entire state series, the head coach and one assistant coach will be allowed to coach anywhere on the course until his/her player steps on the putting green. Once their player steps onto the green to either putt or mark his/her ball, coaches must cease their coaching. After the last player in a group has completed putting on a given hole, coaches can begin communicating again with their player(s). Coaches must not delay pace of play at any point on the course. Both the head coach and the assistant coach must meet the IHSA coaching by-laws and be listed on the school's List of Participants.

C) **Competitor and Coaches Dress Code:** For the entire state tournament series, slacks, skirts or skorts designed for golf that are no more than 5 inches above the knee, sport shirts with collar, mock turtlenecks designed for golf, and shoes appropriate for golf and socks define the dress code. Tank tops, short shorts, denim blue jeans, cutoffs or T-shirts will not be allowed for players or coaches. Any coach who does not conform with the dress code should be reported to the IHSA through a Special Report. Any player who does not meet the requirements of the dress code will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. However, a player's dress code violation must be caught prior to teeing off. Any player who begins the tournament in compliance with the dress code and then goes out of compliance, must get back into compliance in order to continue to play.

D) **Playing Conditions:**

1. During all state series tournaments, players shall play the ball as it lies unless otherwise provided in the USGA Rules of Golf.
2. If the local rules committee believes conditions warrant, they may decide to offer players free relief within determined areas of the course (i.e., General Area) under provisions of USGA Rule Interpretations (Committee Procedures #3). In the event such relief is offered by the local rules committee by establishing a Local Rule for the Tournament, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. When establishing a Local Rule for the Tournament, the local rules committee must provide notice to all players before the start of the tournament, and the Local Rule must specify the size of the relief area offered to players once they have determined their reference point and the limits on the location of the relief area. No other method of offering relief can be considered and allowed by the local rules committee.

E) **Substitutions:** Not more than six (6) competitors per school may participate on each day of the tournament series. Substitutions may be made under the following circumstances:

1. All substitutions must be made no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of competition for that day.
2. Team substitutions shall be made on a player for player basis, and no adjustments in pairings shall be made to accommodate such team substitutions.
3. If an individual tournament competitor is replaced for team competition, the individual competitor shall be withdrawn from the Individual Tournament.
4. Substitutions may only be made after completion of an 18-hole round.

F) **Spectator Code of Conduct:** All spectators are expected to adhere to the Spectator Code of Conduct. (See Spectator

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A) **USGA Rules:** The state series will be conducted under the United States Golf Association's Rules of Golf, state series adoptions as noted in the Terms and Conditions, and the IHSA school manual.



Code of Conduct posted in the Forms section of the IHSA Boys' and/or Girls' Golf web site.)

- G) **Player Code of Conduct:** All players are expected to adhere to the Player Code of Conduct. (See Player Code of Conduct posted in the Forms section of the IHSA Boys' and/or Girls' Golf web site.)
- H) **Reporting a Code Violation:** It is the responsibility of all coaches of participating schools and IHSA administrative officials to monitor player conduct. Any coach or IHSA administrative official who personally observes a Code of Conduct violation may invoke a Code of Conduct penalty. The individual reporting the violation will give notice to the offending player, assess the Code of Conduct penalty and follow up with a written report of the incident to the games committee. The games committee will notify the player's coach of the penalty.
- I) **Code of Conduct Appeals:** Players and coaches will not have the right to appeal to the games committee for the first penalty levied. Players and coaches will be allowed to appeal the second offense by submitting in writing an inquiry concerning the penalty. The inquiry must be submitted by the end of the same day of the incident. The coach and player appealing the second penalty will provide an explanation of the incident to the games committee. The decision of the committee is final.
- J) **Galleries:** Galleries will be encouraged and permitted. However, all spectators must remain a reasonable distance from the competitors. Spectators and competitors must also understand that competitors may be penalized when spectators violate USGA or IHSA rules. The Spectator Code of Conduct defines those expectations.
- K) **Pace of Play/Monitoring:** During the IHSA state series, players' pace of play will be monitored by the Games Committee. Players who fail to meet the predetermined pace of play times for the regionals, sectional, and state finals courses may be subject to penalty for slow play. Tournament managers will establish the pace of play times for each tournament and provide them in advance to competitors. The Games Committee will be responsible for player warnings and observing groups as needed to determine which players will be penalized. The IHSA Pace of Play Policy, located in the School's and Manager's Manuals, shall be used to monitor pace of play.
- L) **Artificial Devices:** Players are prohibited from playing music with/without headphones, artificial devices, or any unusual equipment that might assist a player in making a stroke. Players found using any of the afore-mentioned devices or equipment will be penalized in accordance with USGA rules.
- M) **Circle 10 Scoring:** The Circle 10 rule may be invoked by a coach during any state series competition play. If the Circle 10 rule is invoked, a player picks up their ball after 10 shots or more on any applicable hole. Once the Circle 10 is invoked by a player, that player's score will not be used for advancing team scores, and that player is no longer eligible to advance in the state series as an individual. However, should the player's team advance that player could continue in the state series but only have his/her score count towards the team's score at the next level tournament(s).
- N) **Measuring Devices:** Players or coaches may use USGA-approved measuring devices during state series competitions to obtain distance information. If, during a state series competition, a player or coach uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions

that might affect his/her play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player or coach is in violation of Rule USGA 4.3 and subject to the appropriate penalties. Distance-measuring devices include range finders (such as Bushnell units), laser devices (such as Laser Link), and GPS-based systems (such as SkyCaddie, Callaway, or Garmin). Any standalone device (like a smartwatch) of any of these types is permitted under this Local Rule adopted by the IHSA, as long as the device meets the other, previously mentioned criteria. During IHSA state series competitions, the use of cell phones or any communication devices (e.g. smartwatch) is prohibited, except when used for scoring between the green and next tee, requesting a ruling, calling a coach for an emergency, or the local committee (rules or games) determines that the player's use of the cell phone was an emergency. Players found using cell phones or communication devices for any other reason will be considered to have violated USGA Rule 10.2a (Advice) and be penalized according to the rule.

- O) **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) Policy:** The use of unmanned aerial vehicles ("UAV") also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at IHSA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed.

For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device. An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for IHSA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the IHSA.

- P) **AED:** Host schools must have an AED available and on site at all IHSA post season contests.
- Q) **Scoring and Attesting Procedures:**

1. After completing the round, players will report directly to the score verification area. Only players of the playing group are allowed in the score verification area.

2. Players will go through hole-by-hole with the score keeper. All questions and rulings shall take place prior to players attesting to their score cards. The rules committee/rules officials shall be called in if needed.

3. Once all players agree, players will attest to their scores. The official score keeper shall make sure all golfers attest and lock the score card.

4. Scores are attested and final once those players in the group leave the scorer's table

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

- A) **Player Withdrawals:** Regardless of first-day scores or weather conditions, all competitors in the state final tournament should consider it their obligation to complete play on all 36 holes, except in case of illness, injury, or other emergency. Failure to complete assigned rounds is a violation of IHSA By-law 6.040, and the school will be penalized for this breach of contract.
- B) **School Representative/Coach:** In accordance with IHSA By-laws 2.020 and 2.070, if a school does not have a qualified coach or faculty representative present at the tournament site at all times during tournament play, that school's competitor(s)



shall not be permitted to participate. Coaches will serve as observers as required by the tournament manager. Only coaches who meet By-law 2.020 and 2.070 may coach or be involved with their players during practice or play. At the state finals, schools who qualify a team or multiple individuals may rent one cart at the school's expense for use by the school's head coach, provided enough carts are available and ground conditions allow for such use.

- C) **Disabled Spectator Golf Cart Policy:** No golf carts are available at the state finals for fans. Shuttles will be available to transport spectators to designated locations at the state final venues.

D) **Media Requirements:**

- 1) **Radio and TV Originators:** It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payments (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play originations, according to the IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy.

a. Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b. Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for any level of competition in this series (except state final). Local Managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition.

c. Television and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of competition in each respective level in this state series, shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSA Television and Broadcast policies.

- E) **Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products:** The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

- F) **Use of Inhalers:** A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures for self-administration in the Illinois school code.

- G) **Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series:** The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA

event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

- H) **Prayer at State Series Contests:** Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

X. AWARDS

- A) **Regional Individual Awards:** Medals shall be awarded to the 1st – 5th place individuals at the regional tournaments. In the event there are more than 2 players involved in the sudden death playoff for first place medalist honors, duplicate 2nd place medals will be awarded those competitors. In addition, duplicate medals shall be presented to all competitors tied for 2nd -5th place.

- B) **Regional Team Awards:** A plaque shall be awarded to the first-place team at the Regional tournament. If teams tie for the low score, the tie shall be broken in the following manner:

- 1) The fifth best score from the tied teams will be compared, and the school with the lowest score will beat the other tied school(s).
- 2) A school that can't produce a 'fifth person' score will lose to a school that can.
- 3) If the tied schools are still tied after comparing these 'fifth person' scores, the same process will be followed using the sixth best score from each school.
- 4) A school that can't produce a 'sixth person' score will lose to a school that can.
- 5) If the tied schools are still tied after comparing the 'sixth person' scores, the tied schools will remain tied, and each shall receive a plaque.

- C) **Sectional Individual Awards:** Medals will be awarded to the 1st- 7th place individuals at the Sectional tournaments. In the event there are more than 2 players involved in the sudden death playoff for first place medalist honors, duplicate 2nd place medals will be awarded those competitors. In addition, duplicate medals shall be presented to all competitors tied for 2nd -7th place.

- D) **Sectional Team Awards:** A plaque shall be awarded to the first-place team at the Sectional I tournament. If teams tie for the low score, the tie shall be broken in the following manner:

- 1) The fifth best score from the tied teams will be compared, and the school with the lowest score will beat the other tied school(s).
- 2) A school that can't produce a 'fifth person' score will lose to a school that can.
- 3) If the tied schools are still tied after comparing these 'fifth person' scores, the same process will be followed using the sixth best score from each school.
- 4) A school that can't produce a 'sixth person' score will lose to a school that can.



- 5) If the tied schools are still tied after comparing the 'sixth person' scores, the tied schools will remain tied, and each shall receive a plaque.
- E) **State Final Individual Awards:** Medallions shall be awarded to the 1st-10th place individuals and the members of the first, second and third placing teams. In the event there are more than two players involved in the sudden death playoff for the first-place medalist, duplicate 2nd place medals will be awarded those competitors. In addition, duplicate medallions shall be presented to all competitors tied for 2nd -10th place.
- F) **State Final Team Awards:** Trophies shall be awarded to the first, second and third placing teams at the State Final tournament. In the event schools tie for a team award at the state finals, the tie shall be broken in the following manner:
- 1) The fifth best score from the tied teams for both Friday and Saturday will be added together to create a total score.
 - 2) These total 'fifth person' scores will be compared, and the school with the lowest score will beat the other tied school(s).
 - 3) A school that can't produce a two-day 'fifth person' score will lose to a school that can.
 - 4) If the tied schools are still tied after comparing these 'fifth person' scores, the same process will be followed using the sixth best score from each school for both Friday and Saturday.
 - 5) A school that can't produce a two-day 'sixth person' score will lose to a school that can.
 - 6) If the tied schools are still tied after comparing the 'sixth person' scores, the tied schools will remain tied, and each shall receive the appropriate award.
- G) **Administrative Awards:** Medallions will be awarded to the superintendent, principal, athletic director, and certified athletic trainer, if one is listed on the school's Team Data Form, of the first through third place teams at the state final.
- B) **Games Committee:** The manager shall appoint a committee of at least three (3) coaches from participating schools in addition to him/herself. This committee has the authority to resolve any situations that arise during the tournament, including, but not limited to, matters of golf rules, conduct, or pace of play. The decision of the committee is final, and once the awards are presented, the tournament results shall stand.
- C) **Games Committee (Boys' State Finals only):** IHSA shall appoint a committee of at least three (3) coaches from participating schools, in addition to any other tournament manager or management staff. This group may be the same as the Rules Committee. This committee has the authority to resolve any situations that arise during the tournament, including, but not limited to, conduct, or pace of play. The decision of the committee is final, and once the awards are presented, the tournament results shall stand.

XI. OFFICIALS

- A) **Rules Committee:**
- 1) At least three (3) coaches who are familiar with the Rules of Golf should be selected to serve on the committee for a tournament and should be identified to the competitors. The committee members must be available at all times during the tournament.
 - 2) Rulings may only be made by a majority of committee members. However, in complex cases, the committee as a whole should be consulted.
 - 3) It is often advisable for members of the committee to be on the golf course during the tournament in order to be more available to the contestants.
 - 4) At least one member of the committee should be stationed at the scorer table.
 - 5) The State Final rules committee shall be comprised of PGA/LPGA/USGA bona fide rules officials.