

# 2016 Fall Golf Postseason Manual

## POSTSEASON DATES

District sites and assignments are posted online under golf on the IHSAA website.  
District competition will be held on October 3 or October 4 at four locations around the state.

State Competition will be held October 7-8 at TOURNAMENT CLUB OF IOWA, 1000 Tradition Drive, Polk City, Iowa.  
The State Tournament Host School will be Johnston High School.

## USGA RULES DURING THE POSTSEASON

All IHSAA sanctioned tournaments will follow USGA playing rules unless otherwise specified in the IHSAA Fall Golf Manual. All rules and regulations in the Fall Golf Manual are applicable to tournament/postseason play.

## RULES JURY AND POSTSEASON

Make sure you have a jury consisting of three coaches. The three person coaches jury is to handle code of conduct and other IHSAA rules and regulations—they would make those determinations in concert with a PGA pro if available. When there is an identified PGA pro or rules interpreter on site—we prefer the PGA rules interpreter make USGA rulings because of his/her knowledge. We still want the three person coaches' jury to help assist with communication and those areas that involve "local committee" rules such as IHSAA code of conduct, Coaching Rule, etc. We do not want individual coaches whether on the coaches' jury or not making rulings in isolation by him/herself on the course.

**Any golf rules interpretations/consultations may be directed to the following individuals at the Iowa Section of the PGA-- Zach Hester at 319-648-0026 (first) or 319-230-9395 (second); Brett Shaeffer, Junior Golf Manager at 515-441-6730 (third); Tess Goudy, Junior Golf Director at 319-310-8728 (fourth); Troy Christensen, Executive Director at 319-350-0534 (fifth).**

## COACHES PLAYING AT AN IHSAA TOURNAMENT SITE

**It is against the rules for coaches to play golf on the course the day of the sectional, district or state meet.** If this takes place, the team will be **disqualified** due to the coaches' actions, even if the tournament manager has given permission for the coach to play. Coaches are not to leave the premises while his/her player(s) are competing. Coaches may be asked to assist the host school with regular season, sectional or district competition, please do your best to honor that request.

## IHSAA TOURNAMENT GOLF ENTRY FORM

**Make sure you fill out the on-line district & state team golf entry form ([www.iahsaa.org](http://www.iahsaa.org) under sport/golf, top of home page) and email the form to the designated host school at least four days before the scheduled district or state meet.** This will permit the meet manager to set up tee times according to your player ranking, via your entry form. A coach may substitute a **team** player(s) before teeing off in the district or state meet. In the district or state meet, no substitution will be allowed once a player has teed off on his first hole, regardless of injury, illness or DQ. You will eliminate that individual and count only the four best scores of the remaining four or five players. District green fees, must be paid the day of the tournament. **Golf Courses are providing very inexpensive green fees and we need to make sure we uphold our end and make payment to the course the day of the district meet.**

**NEW for 2016 State Tournament Substitution:** This new option permits substitution of a team player either day of the State Tournament. This would involve bringing a seventh player and substituting at the coach's discretion for one of the six players who participate each day. If a player is disqualified for an Unsportslike Act, he may not be substituted and the team will only play five golfers. The substitution must be reported no later than the coaches' meeting each day of the State Tournament. The golfer who is a potential team substitute must be on the original state tournament golf entry form. **Rationale:** This offers the option to get more golfers involved and provides the coach with a tool for team discipline. It also provides for substitution at the state tournament on day two if there is an illness or injury following day one of the state tournament. **This was a recommendation of the Golf Advisory Committee and was approved by the IHSAA Board of Control.**

## SUBSTITUTION FOR INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT OR STATE QUALIFIERS

**Individual qualifiers for the district or state meet may NOT be substituted for, nor will another non qualifying golfer from that district be allowed to take this individuals place, regardless of the circumstance.**

### TEAM QUALIFICATIONS FOR DISTRICT OR STATE COMPETITION

The top three district teams qualify for the state meet. At no time would a fourth-place team advance to state competition. The largest 48 4-A schools will participate in fall golf, including any schools below class 4A who elect to play up in classification and participate in class 4A golf. This is a two-year commitment.

**The state meet will start at 10:30AM on Friday and 9:00 AM on Saturday, weather permitting.**

### INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS FOR STATE COMPETITION

**NEW State Tournament Individual Qualifiers:** The new qualifying method for individuals will permit the top two individual players (plus ties) from non-qualifying teams to advance from each District Tournament to the State Golf Tournament. In the past, the top four individuals and all fourth place ties advanced, even if they were already on a qualifying team. **Rationale:** Competition at the district level becomes much more competitive and there were times when only team qualifiers advanced in the past. **This was a recommendation of the Golf Advisory Committee and was approved by the IHSAA Board of Control.**

### NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR DISTRICT COMPETITION

Each member school is entitled to enter six players in the district meet. The four best scores will count to determine the total score for the school. If a **team tie** exists, we will use the 5th players score and if the **team tie** remains we will use the 6<sup>th</sup> player scores. **NOTE:** See team tiebreaker for all team and individual tiebreaker information. **A school entering less than four players in the district meet may compete for individual honors, but they may not compete for team honors.**

### BREAKING OF TIES

**TEAM TIEBREAKER DISTRICT AND STATE COMPETITION:** Breaking of all **team ties** will be decided by using the **fifth player's score of that day**, and if the tie is not broken with the fifth player's score, use the **sixth player's score**. In the event a given team has only four players and the team they are tied with has five players, the team with five players would break the tie and be declared the winner. If a team has only five players and a team tie still exists after using each team's fifth players' score, the team with six players would break the tie and be declared the winner. This makes the fifth and sixth player's score more meaningful in the team concept. If the team tie remains after using the fifth and sixth players score, a three-hole play-off will take place, using only the players' scores who counted that day. If the three-hole play-off does not break the team tie, we will go to sudden death.

**INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TIEBREAKING SYSTEM:** Reminder, for individual golfers (regardless if they're on a qualifying team or not) we must determine a medalist, runner-up medalist and third place individual. All fourth place individual ties stand and duplicate medals will be provided the fourth place individuals. **You may have a golfer who medals at district who does not advance to the state tournament. The new State Tournament qualifying method for individuals permits two individual players (plus ties) from non-qualifying teams to advance from each District Tournament to the State Golf Tournament.** In the past, the top four individuals and all fourth place ties advanced, even if they were already on a qualifying team. The pro and/or rules jury, if no golf pro available, will determine before the tournament starts, what play-off hole(s) will be used for any team or individual play-offs required.

### STATE COMPETITION INDIVIDUAL TIES

**Individual** ties in state competition for **first place only (medalist)**, will be broken using the Sudden-death play-off. If the tie is not broken after the first sudden death play-off hole, play will continue on a sudden death schedule until the tie is resolved. **In state tournament competition only, all individual ties pertaining to second place through seventh place will result in duplicate medals being awarded.**

### RULES PERSONNEL AT STATE COMPETITION

The Iowa High School Athletic Association will be using certified Iowa Golf Association personnel as rules personnel at our state tournament. Proper golf etiquette and professionalism will be a priority.

### PRACTICE ROUNDS & GREEN FEES

Please keep in mind anyone who wants to play a practice round (player/coach) at a district or state site must pay green fees, and coaches, if the parents take a senior athlete to a practice site, explain to them they are guests at the golf course and will pay green fees, and not attempt to evaluate the golf course or complain about paying green fees.

**Prior to the district tournaments**, teams/individuals may play/practice at a district site.

**The course on which the STATE TOURNAMENT is to be played is closed for any practice rounds to all teams and individual(s) once district tournament play starts.** Exception: If a team is hosting the state meet and this is their home course, practice is permitted throughout the sectional and district play on this course by the host school only.

### WALKING THE COURSE

There is no rule against a team/individual arriving at the district and/or state site to walk the course provided they do not cause any confusion with regard to people who may be playing the course. **Players who walk the course are not to have any clubs with them while they are walking the course, nor are they permitted to role balls on the course playing greens.** Any violation of this rule will result in player disqualification from the entire one or two day tournament.

**Players may use the practice driving range, chipping green and putting green at the district or state site, if available. Teams traveling to the state site the night before the state meet, may use the practice driving range and chip or putt on the practice greens only, if available, with host/course permission. Coaches/players who walk the course the night before or the morning of the district or state tournament are permitted to use rangefinders/electronic devices.**

### GREEN FEES (DISTRICT & STATE TOURNAMENT)

A **\$10** per player green fee is assessed for participation in all district tournaments, paid directly to the course management by the participating schools up to a total of **\$60** green fees per school per tournament. Please have a **check made out directly to the course** where you will be participating in the tournament in advance of your participation and present it to the host school management upon arrival. The host school management will present the green fees check for all participating teams to the course management. **State tournament green fees will be paid directly to the host golf course by the IHSAA.**

### DISTRICT & STATE TOURNAMENT TEE TIMES

**District tournaments will be determined by the host school within reason with 10:00AM preferred. The district hosts should notify all the Athletic Directors of participating schools. The State Tournament will start at 10:30 on Friday and 9:00AM on Saturday, weather permitting.**

### STARTING & PAIRING METHOD

A **“Shotgun start”** is the best method to start all IHSAA tournament play. **Match up the number one golfers with other schools number one golfers. Individual qualifying golfers should play with the other individual qualifiers in the competition.** In the state meet, second day pairings are to be based on first-round team scores. No players from the same school should be assigned to the same group, threesomes or foursomes.

### GOLFER WITHDRAWING FROM COMPETITION

Any player who fails to finish play in the district or state tournament competition is considered to have withdrawn from the tournament and his score(s) will not count. **If this should occur during the state tournament on day one, he will not be able to participate on day two.** NOTE: See additional information under substitutions at state tournament events earlier in the manual.

### DISQUALIFIED PLAYER FOR UNSPORTING LIKE ACT

If a player is disqualified for any unsporting like act, he is ejected from the entire one or two day tournament. If a player is deemed disqualified from any two day tournament on day one, for a misapplication of a rule, illness/injury after he has put his ball in play/started competition (not unsportsmanlike conduct), the player is disqualified and his score will not count the day he is disqualified. This individual would be able to compete and his score would count on the second day only of a two day event. The three coach rules jury at this particular tournament site would make the final ruling pertaining to any unusual circumstances dealing with a disqualification except for unsportsmanlike behavior.

### WEATHER ISSUES/POSTPONEMENTS DURING COMPETITION

If district tournaments are postponed (no more play that day) once competition has started, play will continue from the last completed hole by every player in their group. If three of the four players have puttied out and the players are called off the course and do not return that day, all players will be required to play the hole over.

If play is halted and players are called off the course, all players should mark their ball and if play continues that day, players would resume play at their marked spot.

In districts, if you are required to return a second day because of a rain-out and you are rained out a second time, and have finished nine holes, those nine hole scores will determine which teams and individuals qualify for state competition. Remember, this is only true on the second time you return. **Example 1:** Districts were scheduled for Tuesday and you were rained out. You come back on Wednesday and you are rained out but everyone gets at least nine holes played. Those nine holes on the Wednesday will determine the teams and individuals that advance on to state competition. **Example 2:** District play has begun, groups finish at least nine holes and are rained out, everyone returns the next day and begin play from the last completed hole by everyone in your group. If rain again forces competition to end for that day and everyone has **not** completed competition (nine holes), the first days nine holes will determine the teams and individuals that advance to the next level of competition.

**In state tournament competition**, if eighteen holes are played on Friday and it is impossible to play Saturday due to rain, the first eighteen holes will determine the champion. Likewise, if Friday is rained out but we are able to play eighteen holes on Saturday, those eighteen holes on Saturday will determine a winner. Under no conditions will competition be held on Sunday. If both Friday and Saturday are rained out, then the tournament will be reset by the tournament manager and each school will be notified accordingly. When the tournament is rescheduled, competition will be eighteen holes. If play is halted and players are called off the course, players should mark their ball and if play continues that day, players would resume play at their marked spot.

#### **EXPENSE ALLOWANCE**

**A prerequisite for receiving any expense allowance from the IHSAA is that your school must travel to another town for the tournament participation.**

**District:** For district tournament participation, the IHSAA will reimburse each traveling school at the rate of 48¢ per mile one way from its school to the site of the meet. There will be no lodging or meal expenses for district golf. Each school's expense allowance check will be mailed directly from the IHSAA Office after the report is received from the district tournament manager; therefore **no expense allowance card will be needed for district golf.**

**State:** For state tournament competition, the IHSAA will reimburse each traveling school at the rate of 48¢ per mile one way for individual qualifier(s) and teams \$1.20 per mile one way per team.

#### **AWARDS**

In the district tournament, there will be 22 medals: Six medals for the team winning first; six medals for the team winning second and six medals for the team winning third; one medal for the medalist; one medal for the medalist runner-up, one for third and fourth place, (4<sup>th</sup> place ties, additional medals will be mailed).

In the state meet, there will be medals awarded to the top four teams, six medals per team.

All individual ties will remain as ties except for medalist honors (a sudden death play-off would be held if we have a tie for medalist honors), duplicate awards will be presented and the ties will remain ties for individuals places 2-7<sup>th</sup> place. If we have a three-way tie for third place, our next medal presented will be sixth place and duplicate third place medals will be ordered.

In the state meet, a championship, runner-up and third place trophy will be given, along with a banner for the champion and runner-up team.

#### **STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS PICTURE PLAQUE**

Teams and individuals who qualify for the state meet will have their pictures taken with their coach when they arrive at the State Golf Meet site. Individuals in the picture will be identified after the meet by each school and then made into a picture plaque to be presented to each of the participating team member(s) and head coach, compliments of the IHSAA. An online picture identification and order form will be sent to each school/A.D. following the state meet. **Please make sure your Athletic Director verifies the player(s)/coach in a timely manner and purchases any additional plaques needed.**

#### **STATE MEET PIN PLACEMENT**

No practice is permitted by a host school on the state golf meet site, once pin placements have been made for the first day's competition. Meet management should, in coordination with the course superintendent, make the determination as to how late they might wait prior to making pin placements for the first day's competition.

#### **SCORING FOR THE STATE MEET**

In determining the winner at the state meet, the first-day scores will be the four best scores recorded for the **team**. The next day will be a new day and the four best scores on that day will be recorded. The total of the two days will determine team winners. If a team tie exists at the end of the second day, and **the team tiebreaker rule does not resolve the tie**, the four members whose scores counted the last 18 holes will be the four players involved in the play-off. Please review the team tiebreaker procedure elsewhere in this manual.