



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Dear Sectional/District Golf Tournament Manager:

We thank you for hosting a sectional/district golf tournament for the IHSAA this spring. We have posted the Sectional & District Entry Form Online for schools to fill out and send to you. If you do not receive this information from a participating school, we encourage you to contact their athletic director requesting this form. All schools have been notified of this information.

IMPORTANT: We ask that each host manager (sectional and/or district) notify the participating schools of the date and start time of the competition.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING YOUR MEET PLEASE ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO EMAIL THE COMPLETE RESULTS TO Chad Elsberry (celsberry@iahsaa.org). Also include a complete list of each team and individual results.

PERTINENT SECTIONAL/DISTRICT GOLF INFORMATION:

The sectional/district team champion and runner-up will advance to the district/state competition. If a host school (sectional/district **HOST TEAM ONLY** play their regular season matches or regularly practice on this course) finishes first or second, the third-place team will also advance to the district/state tournament. At this particular golf course, the designated **HOST SCHOOL** by the Iowa High School Athletic Association must finish first or second in order for a third place team to advance. The maximum number of teams that could possibly advance from sectional to district or district to state competition would be three. At no time would a fourth team advance to district or state competition. Please refer to the postseason manual for tiebreaker information.

A coaches meeting should be held either virtually before the day of competition or at the course approximately 45 minutes in advance of the scheduled start. The club-pro should cover any pertinent information concerning a hole-by-hole description of the course and answer any questions. Participating teams/coaches would appreciate a hole-by-hole description and pin placement sheet if it is possible.

If you have volunteer spotters on the course, remind them to refrain from making rulings on the course. Inquire at the course which holes may need spotters--this will help move your meet along.

A jury consisting of three coaches should be selected prior to the start of competition. The 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 present—we prefer the PGA rules interpreter make USGA rulings because of his/her knowledge. We still want the 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 rules of golf interpretations/consultations may be directed to the following individuals at the Iowa Section of the PGA -- Casey Harvey, Tournament Coordinator at 319-775-7255 (call first); Tess Goudy, Junior Golf Director at 319-310-8728 (call second); Greg Mason, Executive Director at 319-230-4934 (call third); Mike Downing, Director of Player Development at 828-260-0230 (call fourth); and then general Iowa PGA office at 319-648-0026.

In addition, the Iowa Golf Association (IGA) has USGA Rules interpreters on staff and is willing to assist with high school events and may be contacted at 515-207-1062.

NOTE: When determining pairings at sectional, district and state competition, BOUND shall be utilized as a guide for ranking teams and any individual qualifiers. In state tournament competition, the second day pairings will be based upon first round team results as is the current practice.

For Sectional Play: Pair the number one players (per entry form) up with other number one players, two with two's and so on. **District play:** Again pair the number one player with other number one players and so on and **pair the individual district qualifiers from the sectionals together.**

Make sure at the completion of play that day, all players in the group verify scores before turning in cards.

DISTRICT HOST: Please verify all state qualifying participants and head coach names are spelled correctly (team and individuals) as well as the grades on the form provided. We have a short turnaround time for getting a state program put together so your cooperation pertaining to this information is very important. Please verify this information is accurate when the coaches check-in the day of the meet. Thank you for your cooperation in obtaining the correct information. Please be sure the IHSAA receives this information.

Sectional hosts will find the sectional tournament medals enclosed. District hosts will find the district tournament medals and two (2) state qualifier banners enclosed. If a third team should advance due to the above regulations a state qualifying banner will be ordered by the IHSAA and sent to the additional qualifying school.

Both the Spring Regular Season and Postseason Golf Manuals are online under "Golf" on the IHSAA website. Thank you for your assistance and best of luck with your tournament. Please let me know if you have any questions (515-432-2011 ext. 216) or via email at celsberry@iahsaa.org.

Best Wishes,



Chad Elsberry
IHSAA Assistant Director
Golf Administrator

GOLF COACHES MEETING

The coaches meeting may be in-person the day of the event or you may set-up a virtual coaches meeting online before the day of the event.

Make sure you have a jury consisting of three coaches and a PGA Pro if available. The entire jury must hear the views/concerns of both sides of the issue before making any decision. Understand that **NO** jury member will be involved in any decisions pertaining to his/her own team or player. He/she should not even be allowed in the meeting room.

IHSAA SCORING METHOD – KEEPING OF SCORECARDS: The IHSAA Golf Advisory Committee resolved that a uniform scoring method be adopted by the IHSAA in review of ongoing scoring issues within high school golf. The committee felt the process of having each player serve as a marker for all others within the group was an effective way to encourage communication amongst players. Players shall keep their own card and serve as a marker for all others in the group. At the end of the round, the players then simply compare cards and turn in their own card after it has been attested to by all in the group. Each card requires the signature of all members in the group.

Remember: It is against the rules to have coaches play golf on the course the day of the sectional, district, or state meets. If this takes place, the team will be disqualified because of the coach's actions even if the tournament manager has given permission for the coaches to play.

Cell Phones: If a coach/spectator cell phone rings while a player's swing is in progress, the player may take his original shot or hit a second ball. If the player elects to hit a second shot, the player must take the second shot regardless of the outcome.

Make sure if weather is an issue on the day you are playing, you discuss how the golfers will be called back in off the course. Make sure they are informed to mark their ball, so when/if play resumes, everyone knows where their ball was when play was interrupted.

One cart (if available and feasible) is usually provided for head coaches. Make sure each authorized coach (maximum of two per school) is wearing a wristband before play starts.

Players Advancing: The top two overall individual players (plus ties) at each site from among the non-qualifying teams will advance from each Sectional to District tournament. Similarly, the top two overall individual players (plus ties) at each site from among the non-qualifying teams will advance from each District to the State Tournament. This will create opportunities for at least two individuals from among the non-qualifying teams to advance from each site in the postseason. This also creates a uniform qualifying process in the postseason. **The process for team qualifiers from Sectional to District to State remains the same as in the past.**

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IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM/CHECKLIST

This entry form/checklist must be emailed to the appropriate tournament manager according to your team's assignment, at least four (4) days prior to the meet. Please find your tournament manager, **date of your meet** and tournament assignments listed on the IHSAA's web site at www.iahsaa.org.

_____ High School, wishes to enter the following golfers in the
meet being held at _____:

GOLF ENTRIES/CHECKLIST

All golfers should be ranked as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 for the purpose of pairing.

1. _____ Grade _____
2. _____ Grade _____
3. _____ Grade _____
4. _____ Grade _____
5. _____ Grade _____
6. _____ Grade _____

COACH _____ Cell Ph. # _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR _____ Cell Ph. # _____

COACH ACCOMPANYING OUR GOLFERS _____

No entrants will be allowed to compete unless they are accompanied by a faculty representative.

Please read your 2022 Spring Sports Manual and 2022 Postseason Golf Manual for regulations pertaining to postseason golf. The information may be found on our website (www.iahsaa.org) under "Golf".

KIND OF PLAY: Tournament play will be eighteen (18) holes of stroke play. For all regular season and post season tournament play, the USGA playing rules will be followed unless modified by the local course management. All golf matches shall be played in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf--The ball shall be played as it lies, except as otherwise provided in the rules.

ENTRIES: A school may play no more than six players in the meet. The four best scores on that day will count to determine the total score for the school. A school entering less than four players may compete for individual honors only.

SCHOOL _____ SIGNED _____
(School Administrator)

**GOLF REPORT FORM -- IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SECTIONAL & DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT**

CLASS: _____ *Sectional* *District*

Tournament held at _____

Tournament Managers: Email this form to celsberry@iahsaa.org along with complete results.

PLEASE LIST TEAMS IN YOUR MEET THAT ARE ADVANCING, ACCORDING TO ORDER OF FINISH

	School Name	Coach (Use correct spelling)	No. Players	Team Score
1)				
2)				
3)**				

****Only two teams advance unless the host school is one of the top two teams--then three may advance.**

PLEASE LIST YOUR INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS FROM NON-QUALIFYING TEAMS:

	Name (Use correct spelling)	Grade	School	Coach	Score
Individual Qualifier					
Individual Qualifier					
Indiv Qualifier (Tie)					
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INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL & DISTRICT TIEBREAKER SYSTEM: Individual ties in sectional & district competition for **first place only (medalist)**, will be broken using a sudden-death playoff. If the tie is not broken after the first sudden death playoff hole, play will continue on a sudden-death schedule until the tie is resolved. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** For the purpose of awarding individual medals at Sectional, District and State Golf, a cardback approach will be used in accordance with hole handicaps to determine all medals beyond overall medalist. For 9-hole courses, please make sure you have established (and communicated with participants prior to play) handicap holes 1 thru 18 and proceed with cardbacks based on hole handicap from that point. In sectional and district competition four medals are awarded and in state competition seven medals are awarded.

PLEASE LIST THE 4 INDIVIDUALS EARNING SECTIONAL/DISTRICT MEDALS

If there is a tie for second, third, or fourth, utilize cardback method based upon hole handicap.

Placement (1,2,3,4)	Name (Use correct spelling)	Grade	School	Coach	Score
Medalist					
Medalist Runner-up					
Third					
Fourth					

These are the lowest four individual scores regardless if on a qualifying or non-qualifying team.

The medalist and medalist runner-up are included in the lowest four scores.

Tournament Mgr _____

School _____

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Please ask your spectators to gather together before the meet starts and ask that they pass this information on to spectators who arrive later in the day.

Spectators, thank you for being here today to support these young men participating. We do have some items we need to share with any of you who will be out on the course.

There shall be no coaching of golfers by parents or spectators. No spectator may instruct a player about any shot selection a player may make. If interference with play in any way, shape, or form continues, the individual(s) is subject to being asked to leave the premises by the tournament management.

Parents & spectators are to remain approximately 25-30 yards away from the golfers while watching so as not to hinder play. Once players reach the green, spectators should be up with the players even with the green on or near the cart path, so the approach shots of the next group of golfers are not hindered. Spectators **should not follow players in the fairway**. The only time spectators should be in the fairway is to cross to an adjoining hole, etc.

Spectators may cheer and offer words of encouragement to players. However, extended conversations and other interference with play is subject to warning. If interference with play in any way, shape, or form continues, the individual(s) is subject to being asked to leave the premises by the tournament management.

Players and coaches appreciate your support, but please let the players enjoy and play the game of golf. Remember, it is only a game.

Spectators may only use cell phones (talk) while in the clubhouse. Spectator cell phones need to be on silent or vibrate while on the course. Spectators are allowed use of their cell phones as a camera but should not use flash during play.

Thank you for your cooperation pertaining to these matters. Please enjoy your day!!

2022 Sectional/District Golf Host

Sectional/District Golf Host: Please make sure all participating teams in your sectional or district tournament are notified of the **playing date and starting time**. Please inform each participating school that they need to have their **green fee money/payment with them when they arrive to participate**. Golf Courses host for a minimal green fee, \$10.00 per player, and participating schools need to pay their green fees up-front. Please give a friendly reminder, in advance, regarding the green fee to each participating school.

We thank you in advance for hosting a sectional/district golf tournament. High school golf would not be possible without willing hosts and dedicated coaches and we appreciate your commitment to help make the post-season a positive experience for the students.

INDIVIDUAL TIES FOR AWARDING MEDALS

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The cardback process will go on by moving to the next handicap hole until the tie is broken for awarding medals beyond overall medalist. The overall medalist will be determined via sudden-death playoff.

Weather Issues (Sectional and/or Districts)

- **If thunder is heard, or lightning is seen, immediately suspend the contest** and instruct everyone to take safe shelter.
- Once the contest is suspended due to lightning, **wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder or seeing lightning before having teams & spectators, leave safe shelter and resuming the contest.**
- Remember, **lightning kills, play it safe!**

Keep in mind that if weather appears to be an issue, it would be ideal to start the groups on consecutive holes that will allow for the same nine holes to be played by all golfers. For example, start the groups on 1, 18, 17, 16, etc. which will allow for the front nine to be completed by as many golfers as possible. The same would hold for starting the groups on 10, 9, 8, 7 etc. which allows a full back nine to be completed by as many golfers as possible. The overall idea is to at least get the same nine holes completed by all golfers as soon as possible.

Procedures for suspension versus postponement:

If play is halted (suspension due to thunder and/or lightning) and players are immediately called off the course, all players should mark their ball (if applicable) and if play continues that day, players would resume play at their marked spot. If sectional/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 putted 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.

Further guidance for postponement:

If you are required to return the second day because of postponement, and you are postponed a second time, if you have finished nine holes that will determine the sectional and/or district champion. Individual and team qualifiers will be determined from the nine-hole scores.

Example 1: Sectionals/Districts were scheduled for Wednesday and you are postponed. You come back on Thursday and you are postponed again, but everyone gets at least the same nine holes played. Those nine holes will determine the teams and individuals that advance to the next level of competition.

Example 2: Sectional/District play has begun, groups finish at least nine holes on day one and are postponed, everyone returns the next day and begins play from the last completed hole by everyone in the group. If you are postponed a second time, the nine-hole scores will determine the sectional and/or district champion and qualifiers.