



2026 State Co-ed Golf Meet Information



Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Locations:

- Class 1A – American Legion Golf Course, Marshalltown
- Class 2A – Westwood Golf Course, Newton

Classification:

- Class 1A - BEDS number of 349 or below
- Class 2A - BEDS number of 350 or above

Schedule:

- 8:30 AM - Registration opens
- 9:15 AM - Mandatory player/coach meeting
- 10:00 AM - Shotgun start.

Practice Rounds: Tee times can be made with the respective clubhouse management.

Registration

- Fee: \$50/twosome. The fee includes a lunch for each golfer.
 - Maximum two (2) teams per school.
 - Registration will be capped at 68 twosomes per class.
 - **Registration deadline is June 1st, by the end of the day...or when field is filled.**
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2026 State Co-ed Golf Regulations

All play shall be under the Official USGA Rules of Golf with the following exceptions:

- Cell phone use is not permitted except for the use of distance / yardage apps.
- All play shall be under Rule 22, Foursomes, with the following exception:
 - **GIRLS will tee off from all ODDS numbered holes with BOYS teeing off from all EVEN numbered holes** and thereafter for the play of each hole, the partners shall hit every other shot. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play. (Example: tee shot is hit out-of-bounds by the girl. Next shot is hit by the boy from the spot where the girl hit the original shot or vice versa). If partners play a stroke or strokes in incorrect order, such stroke or strokes shall be canceled, and the team shall incur a penalty of two strokes. The team shall correct the error by playing a ball in correct order at the spot from which it was first played in incorrect order. If the team plays from the next teeing ground without first correcting the error or on the final hole of the round, before turning in their scorecard, the team shall be disqualified.
- Contestants shall be allowed preferred lies anywhere on the course, except, within the confines of a penalty area or a bunker. The ball may be moved with the club head OR may be lifted and cleaned without penalty and placed within six inches of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole, and to preserve as nearly as possible the stance required to play from the original lie. A ball so lifted is back in play when the player addresses it, or if they do not address it, when they make their next stroke at it. (If the ball moves after address, the penalty shall be one stroke and the ball shall be replaced. A player may not gain relief from an unplayable lie under this rule).
- If a player(s) observes a rules violation by themselves or another player in the group, it should be brought to the attention of the entire group as soon as practical. If any player has doubt as to how to proceed properly under the rules, then they should consult a member of the Rules Committee. If no member of the Rules Committee is immediately available, they should play two golf balls under Rule 20.1(c)(3). They should say which ball they would like to count if the rules permit both procedures and they should inform a member of the Rules Committee as soon as practical to get a ruling on which ball does ultimately count.
- In no way should a player purposely wait to inform another player of a potential rules violation if the purpose of waiting to inform them was done to increase the potential penalty against the player (such as waiting until they tee off on the next hole to inform them because the penalty would then escalate to disqualification). If a player purposely waits to escalate the potential penalty for another player this will be considered a breach of the Standards of Player Conduct under Rule 1.2 and could be subject to disqualification.
- Roads, paths, and bare patches of ground shall be deemed Abnormal Course Conditions, and contestants shall drop the ball without penalty on ground which avoids these conditions within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief from the condition, but not nearer the hole.
- Each player may play his/her own ball. (Example: Boy tees off with a Nike ball. The girl may replace the Nike with a Titleist through the preferred lie rule above. The boy may then replace the Titleist with his Nike during his next shot.)

- Only coaches who have the proper credentials may talk/instruct their golfers from tee to the green. Once their golfer and his/her golf ball is on the green (no delay by the golfer) there can be no more communication with the golfer until every group on the green has holed out. When providing advice, the coach must NOT enter a bunker. Coaches may not leave the grounds during the competition. Violation will force disqualification of the team.
- Each team will record the hole scores of one other team in their group on their respective scorecards. Teams will verbally exchange their scores to the group at the next tee box.
- Upon completion of the round, both members of the team shall sign their official scorecard before submitting their scorecard to the official scorer(s). Teams will leave their official scorecard with the official scorer(s).
- Ties will be broken by carding back starting with the number one handicap hole until the tie is broken. There will be no play-offs.
- Spectators may not converse or instruct participants anywhere on the course until their round is complete and their scorecard has been turned in (exception: spectators can offer a drink or food to their golfer). Spectators are welcome to applaud and encourage their golfers, however golf etiquette must be adhered to when doing so. Walking immediately alongside a player is deemed to be conversation. Spectators may help look for a lost ball but may not offer advice or any rulings. Any spectator disrupting play in the opinion of the Rules Committee will be removed from the course. Competitors may be disqualified if they recognize a violation of this rule and do not stop it immediately (i.e., if a spectator offers unsolicited advice the player must put an end to it promptly). Spectators must remain on the cart path or in the rough and be adjacent to the golfers.
- Continuous putting shall be employed whenever possible.
- Power carts and caddies are prohibited. Pull carts are allowed.
- No practice is allowed on the course, including the putting green, after competition has begun.

The State Co-ed Meet was established to be a fun and competitive event, enjoyed by golfers, coaches and spectators!

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