

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
GIRLS GOLF BY-LAWS  
Updated August 3, 2021**

1. Play will be under the current United States Golf Association Rules and the local rules of the course being played.
2. League Play:
  - a. Local club rules must be covered before tee off.
  - b. Scoring for all **regular season** matches will be medal play, four-person team\*, score the best three. The fourth golfer is to be used to break a tie. If a tie still exists, then refer to league scoring.
  - c. Due to the number of teams that play on private courses and that we are playing under local rules, players are to wear collared shirts, pants or shorts and NO JEANS will be allowed. Players not following this standard will not be allowed on the course. This rule will also be consistent with the Section and State standards.
  - d. Players shall wear appropriate footwear - soft spiked shoes, spikeless shoes or sneakers.
  - e. Teammates will be allowed to discuss course strategy. This shall include club selection and reading putts. Each player is required to carry their own bag.
  - f. All scores **MUST** be reported to the league via the rSchool Today mobile app. Coaches are also encouraged to send the scores to local media outlets.
3. Division Champions: The Golf League will consist of four divisions\*. The divisions will recognize a champion based on win/loss record within division play only.

**\*In order to qualify for a division title, a team must have a minimum of four members. Teams with less than four members will play a non-league schedule and can still win a match based on taking the three best scores. Players will also still be able to qualify as individuals for the Section IX and NYSPHSAA Tournaments.**

- a. Team scoring for division
    - (1) 2 points for a win
    - (2) 1 point for a tie
    - (3) 0 points for a loss
  - b. If there is a still a tie based on the above point(s) system, the following will be used to determine that division champion.
    - (1) Head to Head overall for current season between teams that are tied.
    - (2) Points allowed between tied teams
    - (3) Record vs. the team occupying the next highest position in division standings
    - (4) Points allowed vs. the team occupying the next highest position in division standings
4. Weather/Official Match  
If inclement weather interrupts play, refer to Section IX Lightning and Thunder Policy. A match is declared official at the completion of 5 holes. An abbreviated match may be used as one of the official qualifying matches, but will not factor into their scoring average.

5. Section Tournament: This is a 2 day 36 hole tournament that will be conducted for the top golfers in the Orange County League determined by stroke average throughout the season. All players are allowed to use their six (6) best nine (9) hole scores when calculating their average over par. The top 18 scores including ties will advance to the second day of play. A player must compete in at least six (6) matches to qualify. Awards will be presented to the top nine (9) finishers. A 10<sup>th</sup> place finisher will be determined to represent Section IX, if necessary, at the NYSPHSAA Tournament.

**Section IX Team Tournament** - Each Division Champion will compete for the Section IX Team Title. This is a 1 day 18 hole tournament. A team MUST consist of 4 players. ALL players must have competed in a MINIMUM of 6 matches during the regular season. At the conclusion of play ALL 4 players scores will be used to determine the winning team. The winning team will advance to compete at the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship.

If for any reason a qualifying tournament needs to be shortened, the chairperson or designee, golf club pro, or course superintendent will make a decision as to how many holes will be considered official for scoring.

6. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:
- a. When a coach is ejected from a game please refer to the NYSPHSAA Handbook, Sportsmanship Standard #27.
  - b. When a player(s) is ejected from a game for fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct, the following action is required by the NYSPHSAA Regulations, detailed in Standard #27b.
    1. First ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled match.
    2. Second ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests.
    3. Third ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled matches including Sectional play or any higher level of competition.
    4. There is no appeal to a player(s) ejection. The official's decision is final and includes the following contest(s).
  - c. The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator. The Athletic Administrator will then contact the Athletic Coordinator's Office to confirm that the player or players will not be allowed to participate in that school's next scheduled match or matches as required above. The Athletic Administrator must report the ejection to the Athletic Coordinator's Office.
  - d. A player(s) who is ejected from a game, will not be allowed to be present at the site of any game that player(s) has been disqualified from participating in (home or away).
  - e. For an unsportsmanlike violation that occurs during the OCIAA season, penalties will carry over into sectional play. Once penalties are served, sectional unsportsmanlike conduct rules apply.

7. In the OCIAA and Section IX Tournaments, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. **Cell phones are not allowed nor any other multi-functional device that has the capability to connect to the internet.** This includes, but is not limited internet capable smartphones, tablets, or PDA's which may be used as a distance measuring device, even if no other features or applications installed on the device are not actually used. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
8. Awards:
  - a. Plaque: Division Champions (Team)
  - b. Awards: Individual - 1st through 9th place
  - c. OCIAA Patches: Each individual school may purchase their own patches if they choose to do so.
9. Schedules:
  - a. Will be developed by the Athletic Coordinator.
  - b. Each varsity team may not schedule more than 20 total matches.
10. Mixed Competition:

NYSPHSAA Handbook page 65 and 66.

The NYSPHSAA requires that the names of girls and boys who participate on a team of the opposite sex be submitted to the league and section before any interschool contest in that sport.

NOTE: Teams organized for one sex may only practice and compete against teams of that same sex. Furthermore, once an individual competes on a team for one sex during a season, he/she may not compete for or against a team organized for the other sex during that season.