

Section IX GOLF BYLAWS

MATCH TIMES: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. as dictated by the host golf course.

TOURNAMENTS:

MHAL:

- The Larry Johnson Memorial will be recognized as the MHAL Team Championship. This will be a 9 hole tournament between the four divisional winners. TIE Breaker for the MHAL divisional championship is a nine hole match held at a neutral course selected by the Golf Chair. This will be used as a tie breaker in the event teams are tied for first place at the completion of the season.
- A MHAL Section 9 qualifying tournament will also be held. It will be an 18 hole stroke play tournament. The field will be limited to the top 48 golfers (based on lowest scores in relation to par) during season matches between schools in the MHAL. The results will not affect league standing. Top 20 scores and ties will continue to play in the first round of the State Qualifier.

OCIAA:

- An OCIAA Section 9 qualifying tournament will also be held. It will be an 18 hole stroke play tournament. The field will be limited to the top 54 golfers (based on lowest scores in relation to par) during season matches between schools in the OCIAA. Top 29 scores and ties will continue to play in the first round of the State Qualifier.

RULES GOVERNING MATCHES:

- All players will be required to report together to the scorer's table. At that time, all scores are agreed upon, disputes resolved, sportsmanship reviewed, and the score cards are signed. A six person team shall play nine holes. The four lowest scores will constitute the team's score and will, therefore, be the winner. If a tie exists, the score of the fifth lowest person will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the sixth lowest player score will be used. If the above procedure still results in a tie, the coach of each will choose two players. These two players from each will play until the low ball decides the match.
- Each player will keep his opponents' score on his card along with his own. Both players must sign and turn in both cards.(1-1,2-2) etc.
- All matches will be played according to USGA rules, amended by the club's local rules
- The home course card, when signed and turned in, will be the official card. Coaches will emphasize that all cards should be legible and that each golfer should turn in a card. Any questions as to rulings or Scoring must be made before the official card is turned in.
- Coaches should be called immediately should any question occur between players. If a coach is not available for the ruling, the player should play two balls out and record the score for both situations, pending a ruling. Once a match begins, only a player can call a penalty.
- The professional at the host site will interpret the rules in case of disagreement between teams. That decision will be final.

- Coaches will encourage their teams to keep play moving as rapidly as possible.
- Cancellations shall be rescheduled by mutual agreement.
- Soft spikes or sneakers are mandatory.
- All players will wear collared shirts.
- Competitors may wear golf slacks or golf shorts if the host club permits. Golf shorts will be Bermuda style in length. No cut-offs, denim jeans, or gym shorts permitted.
- No use of tobacco products is permitted.
- Coaches will review the code of conduct, introduce all players, and the shaking of hands will take place at the beginning of each match.
- All players in each group must be present prior to the signing of the scorecards in the presence of the coaches.
- Seeding for regular season matches are #1 plays #1, #2 plays #2, #3 plays #3. etc.
- Add a 2 stroke penalty for golfers who throw or break equipment, 1 stroke for inappropriate verbal outbursts as either witnessed by a coach or attested to by two or more players. Coach to assess own player after investigation of incident.
- The use of electronic equipment-cell phones, headphones, Walkman, iPods, etc. is prohibited during play.
- Ruling on distance measuring devices:
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, wind speed, 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
- Disqualifications shall be subject to current NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Policy enforcement and the rules of United States Golf Association (USGA).
- Competitors are permitted to use non-motorized push or pull carts during league, sectional and state competition.
- Teams are limited to 16 golf contests. A contest consists of a 9 hole match vs. one or more opponents. Tri and quad matches consisting of one 9 hole match vs multiple opponents is considered ONE contest.