

WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION

2022-23 Bound for State Regulations



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Changes from the 2021-22 Golf Regulations are indicated in bold type and shaded.

After the event, each school will be assessed and billed a \$40.00 entry fee for each individual participating in the State Championships.

Practice Round

There is only one designated tournament practice round. Specific start times of the practice rounds can be found in the coaches packet. Each player is expected to check in at the course prior to on the day of the practice round. Alternates and coaches are not automatically registered for the practice round. Schools must call in advance to see if there is room for alternates and coaches in the practice rounds. For additional practice rounds, schools may contact the courses for availability. Any expenses involved will be paid by the school/individuals practicing on the course.

Entries/Allocations: 1B-2A

Each WIAA District will qualify individual entries to the State Tournament. Allocations are based on 80 participants in a 16-entry tournament, 60 participants in a 12-entry tournament and 40 participants in an 8-entry tournament. Allocations in golf are made to the WIAA Districts. A school may qualify an unlimited number of individuals for the state golf championships. Only the top six (6) players from the qualifying tournament(s) for each school, however, will be calculated in the team scoring when determining the team championship. Any ties for the last allocation must be resolved at the District level, i.e., sudden death playoff, etc.

Entries will be submitted by the District manager to the state tournament manager and will list the golfers in the order of their finish, with the best golfers listed as number one, second best listed as number two, etc. To be considered as an official entry, entries must be received or phoned to the tournament manager's office no later than the Monday prior to the tournament. A qualifier(s), in addition to District allocations, by virtue of meeting the minimum standard must have his/her score card submitted along with District entry list. Entries must again be verified by the coach at the time of registration, which shall be no later than 30 minutes prior to the first tee off time.

Entries/Allocations: 3A & 4A

Each WIAA District will qualify team and individual entries to the State Tournament. Allocations are based on 12, 16 or 20 teams and at least 28 individuals. Allocations in golf are made to the WIAA Districts. Any ties for the last allocation must be resolved at the District level, i.e., sudden death playoff, etc.

12-Entry Tournament:

Twelve (12) Teams x Five (5) Players = Sixty (60) Golfers

The tournament will consist of twelve (12) teams and at least twenty-eight (28) individuals.

Each WIAA District team allocation will be multiplied by a factor of two (2) to determine the individual qualifiers unless the District has only one (1) team allocation. When a district has one (1) Team allocation it will have a guarantee of four (4) individuals; i.e. one (1) Team allocation= four (4) individuals.

A district will have a maximum of fourteen (14) individual qualifiers no matter how many team allocations it has. If a district has Eight (8) Team allocations it will have fourteen (14) individual allocations.

A School may have only six (6) golfers total qualify, (five (5) from team plus one (1) individual). The seventh (7th) golfer can only be the alternate for that school.

16-Entry Tournament:

Sixteen (16) Teams x Five (5) Players = Eighty (80) Golfers

The tournament will consist of sixteen (16) teams and at least thirty-two (32) individuals.

Each WIAA District team allocation will be multiplied by a factor of two (2) to determine the individual qualifiers unless the District has only one (1) team allocation. When a district has one (1) Team allocation it will have a guarantee of four (4) individuals; i.e. one (1) Team allocation= four (4) individuals.

A district will have a maximum of fourteen (14) individual qualifiers no matter how many team allocations it has. If a district has Eight (8) Team allocations it will have fourteen (14) individual allocations.

A School may have only six (6) golfers total qualify, (five (5) from team plus one (1) individual). The seventh (7th) golfer can only be the alternate for that school.

20-Entry Tournament:

Twenty (20) Teams x Five (5) Players = One Hundred (100) Golfers

The tournament will consist of twenty (20) teams and at least forty (40) individuals.

Each WIAA District team allocation will be multiplied by a factor of two (2) to determine the individual qualifiers unless the District has only one (1) team allocation. When a district has one (1) Team allocation it will have a guarantee of four (4) individuals; i.e. one (1) Team allocation= four (4) individuals.

A district will have a maximum of fourteen (14) individual qualifiers no matter how many team allocations it has. If a district has Eight (8) Team allocations it will have fourteen (14) individual allocations.

A School may have only six (6) golfers total qualify, (five (5) from team plus one (1) individual). The seventh (7th) golfer can only be the alternate for that school.

Minimum Standards

Additional entries to State will be allowed for individuals who meet or exceed the minimum standard at the District Tournament, and who are not among the allocated qualifiers for that District.

Minimum standards are computed as follows:

1. For each tournament classification, average of third (3rd) place score of the three previous state tournaments.
2. From this number subtract the USGA course rating for this year's course.
3. This resulting differential is then added to the course rating of this year's District course to determine the minimum standard for that District.

For example: Assume the average in (1) above is 75.4. If the course rating of this year's course is 71.2, there is a differential of 4.2. If the course where District II golfers will qualify has a rating of 69.9, then the minimum standard for District II would be 74.1 (69.9 + 4.2). A District qualifying on a course rated 68 would have a minimum standard of 72.2 (68 + 4.2).

Faculty Representative

The golf coach or a school faculty representative must accompany all participating golfers to the State Meet. This coach or representative must stay at the course site until the team or school individuals have completed play. Coaches will not be allowed to play golf at the tournament site on the day of the tournament.

Coach Assigned to Groups

The tournament manager may assign a golf coach as a monitor to each group at the state event. Coaches and players from the same school will not be assigned together.

Starting Times

The tournament manager will determine groupings. No two players representing the same school may play in the same group. Starting times will be determined by the tournament manager.

Rules

1. Rules of Golf will govern play, in addition to local rules in effect as provided by the Rules of Golf. The Rules of Golf Committee will serve as final arbitrator in all questions involving rules.
2. The tournament manager may provide an official scorer for each group. In the event there is no official scorer, players will keep each other's score within the group. The tournament official scorer will not accept scorecards unless they are signed by both the individual player and their scorer. Scorecards must be exchanged among the playing group. Penalty for unsigned scorecards is automatic disqualification.
3. The Girls Championships will be played tees based on WIAA guidance for girls.
4. Each player must be wearing appropriate golf attire, including golf type shirts and shorts. Cut offs, jeans and halter tops are illegal. Females may wear golf skorts, golf shorts, pants or dress shorts yoga attire is not allowed. Shoes are required. If a violation occurs, the tournament manager or designee is empowered to disqualify the player.
5. All putts must be holed out according to Rules of Golf (See Rule 3.3c). Failure to do so will disqualify the player.
6. The following violations will result in disqualification:
 - a. Smoking, use and/or possession of tobacco substances
 - b. Drinking of alcoholic beverage, use and/or possession
 - c. Abusive language – swearing
 - d. Betting

All players must report violations of this provision to the tournament manager at the first opportunity.

7. Club Throwing - there shall be a two-stroke penalty for throwing a club. Should a second offense occur, the individual will automatically be disqualified from further tournament play.
8. No caddies or motorized carts will be permitted. Players with a permanent physical disability, which prevents a player from being able to walk the course, must have a doctor's note specifying the disability and requesting a motorized cart. This request will be reviewed by a WIAA representative and tournament director. It is permissible for a player to pull his/her own golf cart.
9. "Point and Shoot style" Range Finders will be allowed for use during the practice round and both rounds of tournament play with the following stipulations:

Devices that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are permitted, provided the player disables the device features for slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. prior to the start of their round. If the device features that calculate slope, wind, speed, temperature, etc. are not disabled prior to the start of the round, that player and any player that utilizes the information will be disqualified.

GPS devices on cell phones and GPS watches are not permitted. Use of either will result in disqualification.

In each pairing if any player or coach uses a measuring device then all players in the pairing will have access to the information. Failure to share information, if requested, or providing inaccurate information constitutes a sportsmanship violation.

1st offense – Warning

2nd offense – Two-Stroke penalty

3rd offense – Disqualification

10. On the day of the tournament, practice is restricted to the putting green and the practice range area only. Practice balls will not be furnished by the tournament manager. Practice rounds prior to the tournament must be cleared with the tournament manager or local pro.
11. Galleries are permitted with the approval of the club pro. However, all spectators are to keep a respectable distance from the competitors and observe the etiquette of golf.
12. Tournament managers should cover the regulations and format with the coaches before the tournament. Coaches, in turn, should review these rules and regulations with their players before the tournament.
13. Coaching Rule: 1-2 Golfers: 1 Coach Pass; 3+ Golfers: 2 Coach Passes. Coaches may give advice to their players from the tee to the green and after a player has completed a hole and the player has left the putting green. Once a player steps onto the green, including to repair a pitch mark, coaching shall stop until that player holes out and leaves the green for the next teeing area. Coaches may not go on to the green, but may look for balls in any penalty areas on the course. Coaches may not carry clubs or push player's carts. The coach must not cause a player to delay play.

Type of Play

All championships will be 36 holes, played over two days. After completion of the first 18 holes, the field will be cut in half and only the top half qualifiers will be eligible for play on the second day. Tee times will be determined by the tournament manager.

Ties - If there is a tie following the preliminary round for the final place to qualify for the final rounds, all players will qualify for the final round.

3A & 4A Team Championship

Determined by the best four scores from each day for a two day (36 Hole) total for each school. Individual medalist winners will be determined based upon the two day (36 Hole) total.

1B-2A Team Championship

Determined by the combined scores of two or more players from the same school who play the entire 36 Hole tournament. One player does not constitute a team.

Scoring – 80-entry Tournament

1st place 50 team points; 2nd place 45 team points; 3rd - 40 team points; 4th - 38 team points; 5th - 36 team points; then each descending place receives one less point. For instance, 25th place - 16 points, 40th place and ties - one point. Only those qualifying for the second round of play will be eligible for points.

Ties will be resolved by sharing the points in the places affected. For instance, if there is a three-way tie for second, each player would receive 41 points ($1/3$ of $45 + 40 + 38$). Next place would be 5th.

Scoring – 60-entry Tournament

1st place 40 team points; 2nd place 35 team points; 3rd - 30 team points; 4th - 28 team points; 5th - 26 team points; then each descending place receives one less point. For instance, 13th place - 18 points, 30th place and ties - one point. Only those qualifying for the second round of play will be eligible for points.

Ties will be resolved by sharing the points in the places affected. For instance, if there is a three-way tie for second, each player would receive 21 points ($1/3$ of $25 + 40 + 18$). Next place would be 5th.

Scoring – 40-entry Tournament

1st place 30 team points; 2nd place 25 team points; 3rd - 20 team points; 4th - 18 team points; 5th - 16 team points; then each descending place receives one less point. For instance, 13th place - 8 points, 20th place and ties - one point. Only those qualifying for the second round of play will be eligible for points.

Ties will be resolved by sharing the points in the places affected. For instance, if there is a three-way tie for second, each player would receive 21 points ($1/3$ of $25 + 40 + 18$). Next place would be 5th.

Scoring – 30-entry Tournament

1st place 20 team points; 2nd place 17 team points; 3rd - 15 team points; 4th - 13 team points; 5th - 11 team points; then each descending place receives one less point. For instance, 13th place - 3 points, 15th place and ties - one point. Only those qualifying for the second round of play will be eligible for points.

Ties will be resolved by sharing the points in the places affected. For instance, if there is a three-way tie for second, each player would receive 15 points ($1/3$ of $17 + 15 + 13$). Next place would be 5th.

Awards

In case of a tie, the appropriate awards will be awarded which may result in co-champions.

Ties for Individual Medalist Awards

In the event of a tie for 1st place medalist honors, there will be a playoff. Team points will be awarded prior to the playoff utilizing the sharing system defined above. The playoff will be a "sudden death" and additional holes will be played until the tie or ties are broken. The tournament manager will appoint a neutral person to officially accompany the playoff contestants. This person could be a coach not associated with the school of the players. The tournament manager will determine which holes are to be played in the event a playoff is necessary. If there is a tie for places 2 through 8, like awards will be given. In no event will more than eight individual medals be awarded unless there is a tie for the last position.