

~ GOLF REGULAR SEASON REGULATIONS ~

~ GENERAL INFORMATION ~

Conferences. Participating schools shall be divided into conferences according to UIL spring meet alignments.

Divisions. There shall be the following divisions in girls' and boys' districts: (a) singles and (b) teams consisting of five (or a minimum of four) entries from the same high school. Singles entries may also be a member of the team. This must be designated. The medalist for each respective meet is singles champion, regardless of whether he/she is a member of a team or a single entry.

Official Rules. All matches shall be played under the United States Golf Association rules. Contestants may not use caddies or electric carts during district, regional or state tournaments. A pull cart may be used. **Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver. Contact the UIL office for details.** *By district executive committee approval in district play, and in regional and state competition, the player shall pick up the ball and record a score of 9 after the 8th stroke on a hole.*

For example: If a player picks up his/her ball after the 8th stroke, a score of 9 is recorded. If a player picks up his/her ball after the 9th stroke, a score of 10 is recorded.

Number of Tournaments.

- a. Number. No student or team representing a member school shall participate in more than eight tournaments during the school year, excluding district, regional and state tournaments.
- b. Weekly Limitations. A student or team representing a member school shall participate in no more than one dual or tri-meet or tournament per school week. Exceptions: Post-season competition, as well as district contests postponed by weather or public disaster may also be scheduled during the school week. School week means the week beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week and ends at the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.
- c. School Week Limitation. No student or team representing a participant school shall participate in more than one tournament per school week (the first instructional day of the week through the last school day of the week). See Section 5(a) for definition of calendar week. Exceptions: The regional and state tournament, and district varsity tournaments postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week. Schools shall not enter invitational golf tournaments scheduled on more than one school day per any one tournament.
- d. District Tournament. A district tournament schedule may be comprised of as many holes as the district executive committee authorizes to determine a district champion. However, no more than the last 36 holes of play to determine district representatives will count as the one allowable district tournament. All other district rounds count against the eight tournament limitation.
- e. Student Absence. A student who is absent from school to attend a non-school sponsored golf tournament does not count the tournament as one of the eight tournaments allowed unless they are representing the school.
- f. Individual Limit. No individual player may participate in more than eight school tournaments. Any school tournament in which an individual participates shall count as a school team tournament.
- g. Tournament Defined. A meeting of more than three teams with loss of school time shall be considered a tournament.
- h. Non-School Tournament. If a student participates in a non-school tournament, it will not count as one of his/her school tournaments providing he/she is not representing the school.
- i. Double Entry. A school may, if permitted by the tournament director, play more than one team at the same varsity tournament. This would constitute one tournament for the team and for each golfer of the eight school tournaments allowed.

- j. **Junior Varsity.** A bona fide junior varsity team may represent a school and attend junior varsity tournaments. This team would also be limited to eight junior varsity tournaments.
- k. **Change Levels.** A golfer could move from the junior varsity level to the varsity level, but a combined total of eight tournaments (at any level) would still be in effect for the player.
- l. **Tournament Cancellation or Continuation.** A tournament is considered a tournament when all contestants have played one half of the predetermined length. (It is preferred that in order to prevent additional loss of school time, the tournament shall be called and a champion determined on less than scheduled number of holes.) Refer also to 4(b) above.
 - 1) If the second half of the tournament has not begun and the tournament cannot be continued, the remaining holes may be played at a later date without counting as another tournament provided there is no additional loss of school time.
 - 2) If less than half of the tournament has been played, and the tournament cannot be continued, the tournament may be canceled and does not have to count as one of the allowable eight tournaments. **(If there was a loss of school time, the tournament must be counted.)**

School Tournaments. A meeting of more than three schools or a match in which there results in a loss of school time is defined as a school tournament. It could also be considered a school tournament if, in a nonschool tournament, a student is wearing school uniforms or equipment, using school transportation, or is being directed in the tournament by a coach paid by the school.

Classifications. Each high school may enter three singles and two golf teams in each division.

Team Scoring. In district, regional and state tournaments, team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18 hole round (when more than 18 holes are played, the best four scores for each round are added together). The team with the lowest score will be the team winner. In case of a tie, all five players will be involved in the playoff. All entries in the regional and state golf meets will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes.

Invitational Tournaments. In invitational tournaments, consisting of less than 36 holes (e.g., a 27-hole tournament), team honors shall be determined by totaling the best four scores for all holes included in the tournament to avoid dividing team play into increments of less than 18 holes. Hosts may still schedule a 9-hole competition if desired.

Awards. High school participants may receive trophies or medals. They cannot accept anything of valuable consideration. Using the students' names for advertising purposes, if paid, is prohibited.

Clothing. Individuals and teams representing member schools in golf shall wear school approved clothing. It is recommended that clothing be in school colors, similar in design, and/or have the school identifying logo or name. All clothing does not have to be identical, but the school officials must approve whatever is worn.