

Section 1260: GOLF PLAN

- (a) **ATHLETIC PURPOSES, CODES, PLAN APPLICABLE.** Rules in Sections 1200-1209 apply to the Golf Plan.
- (b) **DIVISIONS.** There shall be the following divisions in girls' and boys' districts: (1) singles and (2) teams consisting of five (or a minimum of four) entries from the same high school. The singles representatives may also be a member of the team. The medalist for each respective meet is singles champion, regardless of whether he/ she is a member of a team or a single entry.
- (c) **REPRESENTATION.**
 - (1) *Team Limit.* At the district meet each high school may enter three singles and two teams in each division.
 - (2) *Qualifiers to Regional Meet.* Each district may qualify the first and second place teams and the first and second place individuals to regional competition. If one of the first two individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If both of the first two individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. Meet director shall authorize play-offs to break ties. (See manual.)
 - (3) *Qualifiers to State Meet.* Each region may qualify the first and second place teams and the first and second place individual finishers, to state competition. If one of the first two individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If both of the first two individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance.
 - (4) *Certification.* Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the meet director.
 - (5) *Team Member Changes.* Teams qualifying to the next meet qualify as a school team and members can be changed before the next qualifying meet begins.
 - (6) *Boys', Girls' Team Restrictions.* No girls' teams shall compete against boys' teams and vice versa.
 - (7) *Closing of Entries.* Entries shall not be allowed for district meets unless submitted to the director on or before the tenth day before the first day of the tournament. Districts may authorize a later meeting after the entries are due, to allow for substitutions.
 - (8) *Disqualifications.* A player disqualified (for other than an unsportsmanlike conduct violation) shall have the disqualification apply only to the 18-hole round in which the infraction occurred.
- (d) **SUBSTITUTION.**
 - (1) *No Singles Substitution.* There shall be no substitution allowed in the singles.
 - (2) *Team Substitution.* Once a meet has started no substitution shall be allowed to the school team composed of five players. Exception: Injury or illness certified by a physician prior to any 18-hole competition.
 - (3) *District Tournament.* In districts playing more than 36 holes, district executive committees shall authorize substitution standards prior to the beginning of competition.
- (e) **INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.**
 - (1) *Number of Meets.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in more than eight tournaments during the school year, excluding one 36-hole maximum district tournament, the regional tournament and the state tournament. Each tournament a school team enters counts as one tournament for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee. Tournaments which are limited to three or fewer schools, do not count as a tournament for participants, provided there is no loss of school time.
 - (2) *School Week Limitation.* No student 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). 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.

- (3) *End of Season.* Students and teams shall not represent a participant school in any golf tournament after the date of the state golf tournament.
 - (4) *Scoring.* In invitational tournaments consisting of 36 holes or less (e.g., a 27-hole tournament), team honors shall be determined by totaling the best four scores for all holes actually played.
 - (5) *Cancellation or Continuation.* A tournament is considered a tournament when all contestants have played one half of the predetermined length. (It is recommended that in order to prevent additional loss of school time, the tournament be called and a champion determined on less than the scheduled number of holes.) However:
 - (A) 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.
 - (B) 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 8 tournaments. (If there was a loss of school time, the tournament must be counted.)
 - (6) *Time and Order of Starting.* The players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the committee or director. The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.
- (f) **TIES.**
- (1) *Individual Ties.* Individual (singles) ties shall be determined by playing additional hole or holes until the tie is broken.
 - (2) *Team Ties.* Team ties shall be broken by the 4 players with the best scores on the final 18 holes being involved in the playoff of additional hole or holes until the tie is broken.
- (g) **PLAYOFF STRUCTURE.**
- (1) *Individual Medalist.* The individual with the lowest score will be the medalist. The medalist may be the representative in the singles and/or may be a member of the team. The individual, regardless if team member or singles qualifier, who has the lowest score will win the medalist honors and be the singles winner.
 - (2) *Team Honors.* Team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18-hole round of the five players who enter as a team.
 - (3) *Team Winners.* The team with the lowest score will be the team winner.
 - (4) *Ties.* In case of a tie, the four players with the best scores on the final 18 holes will be involved in the playoff.
 - (5) *Monitors.* In district, regional and state competition, golf coaches or qualified volunteers should be assigned to foursomes for monitoring play.
 - (6) *Regional, State Meets.* 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 (a minimum of 9 holes must be played).
 - (7) *Practice Round.* Individuals and/or teams qualifying for regional and/or state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the regional and/or state golf tournament if permitted by the regional and/or state director. Schools shall not use more than one hour during the school day for practice rounds. There shall be no more than one day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. Once a practice round has been completed, neither teams nor individuals are allowed to return to the site on another day to chip and/or putt. See Section 1206.
 - (8) *Electronic Equipment.* No electronic equipment is allowed at the district, regional or state tournaments.