

## **2011 CLASS A GIRLS' GOLF REGULATIONS**

1. The beginning date of the season is set by the Board and concludes with the State Tournament.
2. Practice sessions shall start at least 4 days prior to the first competition and there shall be at least 4 daily sessions. Individuals must have participated in 4 daily practice sessions before being permitted to participate in an interscholastic contest.
3. Summer rules will be in effect.
4. Golfers participating in any summer tournaments/competitions may advance and continue to play in any Junior Golf events including state, sectionals, regionals, nationals, even if these events take place after the start of and/or during the high school season. Participating in these events will not be a violation of the NDHSAA rules. Participants will not lose eligibility for high school meets, nor will it prohibit the participants from playing in high school events.
5. Collared shirts are required for competitors.
6. All Class A schools are eligible to enter the regional as assigned.
7. Teams shall consist of 6 players with the four low scores from each day counting for team scores. The fifth best score from each day will be used to break ties. If still tied, the sixth remaining score from each day will be used to break the tie.

NOTE: Should there be a team that does not have a fifth/sixth score, the other tied team will win the tie breaker provided they have a fifth/sixth score.

8. Region registration shall be handled individually by each regional tournament manager. Coaches are requested to submit each participant in order (#1, #2, etc.) as an aid to the manager in arranging the foursomes. Schools may enter a maximum of six players, with the four lowest scores from each day counting as the team score. The fifth score will be used to break ties. If still tied, the sixth score will be used to break ties. Note: A team may not substitute a player on the second day of the tournament.
9. Competitors in each assigned group are required to exchange score cards. At the conclusion of the round, each competitor must check before signing (attesting) the score card of the competitor they marked as well as checking before signing their own score card received from their marker.
10. State Qualifiers: Team qualification for the state tournament will be determined by advancing the top two-thirds of the complete teams that participate and post a team score at each of the regional tournaments. If the 2/3 of the teams total in a given region is an uneven number, the higher number of teams will advance. Example: 2/3 of 11 teams is 7.33, therefore 8 teams would advance. Also, individuals may qualify for state by one of the following:
  - a. Top ten individuals (ties included) from regional play will advance to state plus any individual that scores 15 strokes above medalist or fifteen strokes above par, whichever is higher.
  - b. The top ten all-conference selections from regular season play in their respective regions.
  - c. Each regional site will designate one invitational tournament that will allow individuals to qualify for state. Qualifying mark will be 15 strokes above medalist or fifteen above par, whichever is higher.Note: The maximum number of strokes that a player must take on a hole will be 10. Picking up will cause ineligibility for "allstate" awards, but player is still eligible to contribute toward team score.
11. The State Class A Girls' Golf Tournament will be hosted at Fargo Edgewood, October 3 & 4, 2011 with Troy Cody, athletic administrator of Fargo North as manager. The tournament will be a two-day, 36-hole event.
12. After the first day of play, groups will be reassigned according to the first day score. Care will be made to not have more than one athlete from a school in a group.
13. NEW AS OF 2011 SEASON: Class A golf coaches may coach "through the green" as per below:
  - a. Each team shall designate TWO COACHES who will be able to offer advice at any point during a round (Exception: as stated in #2 below). A COACH is defined as a person that is a paid or non-paid employee designated as a golf coach by the school's coaching staff.
  - b. Before the day's play, the designated coaches must be identified to the games committee by signing in and wearing the appropriate credential (designated coach) at all times.
  - c. The designated coaches will not be allowed on the tee, within 10 yards of the green or bunker during play.
  - d. A coach does not give advice to or ask for advice from another team's player or coaches.
  - e. The advice is given in a private manner that does not disrupt play.
  - f. Coaches will be allowed contact with players following play of a hole between the green and the next tee box.
  - g. Players receiving advice during a hole will still be bound by the 40-second time limit to play a shot.

h. Each tournament shall have a tournament manager who has the authority to enforce the slow play rule and oversee the coaching rule.

i. Coaches using carts – 90 degree rule, no carts on fairways, carts 30 yards from all players

j. Violation - Penalty

- By a coach—two-stroke penalty with a maximum of four-stroke penalty to a team, followed by a team disqualification.

- By a player—two-stroke penalty with a maximum of four-stroke penalty to a player with final disqualification.

The tournament committee/manager is responsible for assessing the penalties.

14. Practice rounds may be played prior to the tournament provided it is held on a day where none of the team's schools are in session. There will be no practice on the course prior to the starting time on the days of the tournament.

15. Players shall exchange score cards.

16. USGA official cards with the perforated card will be used for the state meet.

17. A player is to be assessed a 2-stroke penalty for using a cell phone or other electronic communication device during any round of play.

**2011 REGION SITES (deadline for region play is September 26, 2011):**

East Region – Fargo

West Region – Bismarck

**2011 STATE SITE:**

Fargo – Edgewood, Troy Cody, Fargo North, Manager

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