

MSHSAA BOYS STATE GOLF **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Please review the following information regarding the tournament.

DRESS CODE: The MSHSAA and the State Championship Golf Courses have a strictly enforced dress code. Players, coaches, and spectators shall wear appropriate golf attire. Shirts must have collars. Shorts shall be Bermuda-length. Jeans and jean shorts are prohibited. **This dress code applies during practice rounds as well as the tournament. No metal spikes!**

TOURNAMENT FEES: Tournament fees include practice round and green fees for Monday and Tuesday. **Cost: \$58.50/player.** \$10 optional driving range fee. **Do not pay the Golf Course! MSHSAA will invoice your school for the player fee(s) and driving range fee(s) after the conclusion of the state championship tournament. Once you have received your invoice, send your payment to the MSHSAA office.**

PRACTICE ROUND: Practice rounds are available Tuesday, May 9th thru Saturday, May 13th (based on availability); and Sunday, May 14th after 11:00 a.m.(Tee Times). Please call the Twin Hills Country Club golf shop on **Tuesday, May 9th** between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm to schedule your tee time. Only one practice round per team/individual is permitted between the Sectional tournament and the State tournament. Violating this rule could result in team/individual disqualification.

COACHES MEETING: A meeting will be held for coaches in the clubhouse on Sunday, May 14th, at 4:00 pm. **All coaches shall attend this meeting.** It is requested that Coaches volunteer to be starters and scorers. Please contact Greg Stahl at MSHSAA to volunteer.

GOLF SHOP & RANGE HOURS/TEE TIMES: Golf shop and range hours open at 7:30am daily. Tee times start at 8:00 am on both days of the tournament.

SCORECARDS: Players will be called to the starter's table 10 minutes prior to their tee times. At the starter's table, players will receive their scorecards and will identify the golf ball with which they will play. (Marked for identification) Players will report to the designated scoring area immediately upon conclusion of their round. Prior to signing the card, all rules questions should be resolved. The cards are to be turned into the scorer at the score tables. Please remember that each golfer is responsible for the accuracy of hole play score and not the addition.

RULES: USGA Rules of Golf shall govern play. Unless weather/course conditions indicate otherwise, the ball will be played "down." An information sheet outlining special course rules will be available at the golf shop during practice rounds. These rules will also be addressed in the coaches meeting on **Sunday, May 14th**. When in doubt as to procedure, play a 2nd ball, Rule 3-3.

CARTS: Carts are optional on practice round. Participants must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's license to drive a cart. There will be a cart rental of \$15 per person for practice rounds and spectator carts; carts are not part of the tournament fee and must be paid at the time of use.

SPECTATORS: Spectators will be allowed on the course. Cost \$8/day. Spectators must check in each day at the Gallery Table to receive a Gallery Pass hang tag and a copy of the rules and regulations for spectators.

LUNCH: Lunch and hospitality area will be provided to coaches. A dining menu available at the 19th Hole for players/spectators.



2017 BOYS CLASS 4 STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

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2017 - BOYS CLASS 4 – COMPETITION RULES

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MSHSAA LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association and of the MSHSAA govern play. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current *USGA Rules of Golf*. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: *Two strokes*.

BALL AT REST MOVED BY PLAYER, PARTNER, CADDIE OR EQUIPMENT – Please note that although the USGA recently approved (January-2017) a Local Rule that permits a tournament committee to remove the penalty for accidental movement of ball or ball marker on the putting green, this local rule “WILL NOT” be in effect for the 2017 Boys Postseason since the MSHSAA Golf Advisory Committee has not had the opportunity for full discussion on whether or not to incorporate this local rule into the MSHSAA postseason.

USGA Rule 18-2 (ball at rest moved by player, partner, caddie or equipment) and USGA Rule 20-1 (lifting and marking) would still apply and result in a one stroke penalty for moving a ball or ball marker, unless they were moved accidentally in the act of “marking” or “lifting” a ball under rule.

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, and/or property fence posts. When defined by a line on the ground, the line by itself is out of bounds. Rule 27.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES – When both stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes identify hazards and lines define margins.

WATER HAZARDS are defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines. Rule 26.

LATERAL WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL HAZARDS are defined by red stakes or red lines. Rule 26.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by enclosed white lines. Rule 25-1.

EMBEDDED BALL – Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by enclosed white lines. Rule 25.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS, WORN AREAS ADJACENT TO AND APPROACHES AND EXITS FROM THESE SURFACES AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS – Have the same status as the roads and paths, and other obstructions.

STAKED TREES – If lie of ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is interfered with by the stake attached to a tree, the stake and/or wire is treated as an Immovable Obstruction. Relief without penalty from the tree alone is not permitted.

GOLF BALLS – Only brands of golf balls on the posted USGA's latest List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used. **PENALTY FOR USE OF BRAND NOT ON LIST:** *Disqualification*.

TIME OF STARTING – Note under Rule 6-3 and Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 shall be in effect.

PRACTICE – A player shall not play a practice stroke either during the play of a hole, between the play of two holes, or on the green of the last hole of the round. This does not preclude a player from finishing out a hole, where the outcome has been decided or that his score may not be used in team competition. **PENALTY FOR BREACH:** *Two strokes at next hole*.

CELLULAR PHONES (Electronic Communication Devices) – The use of cellular phones and electronic communication devices while on the golf course is prohibited. The Penalty may be Disqualification.

PACE OF PLAY – The player must play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play. The rules committee will be monitoring the pace of play. If a group is slow in playing the course, that group will be timed by a member of the rules committee. If the situation requires, the following penalties will be invoked: First Offense – one stroke; Second Offense – two strokes; For any subsequent offense – disqualification.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE: PLAYING A SECOND BALL – Player may play a second ball ONLY after declaring that he intends to do so AND announcing to his fellow competitors which ball he intends to count if the rules permit. Upon

completion of the round, the player must inform the committee (at scoring table) BEFORE signing the card, regardless of the scores for both balls. (For more information, read Rule 3 completely.)

ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITION: MSHSAA Approved Head Coaches and Assistant coaches with athletes participating in the State Tournament shall receive a pass. Per USGA rules each school may appoint up to two MSHSAA approved coaches to coach (give advice) at the state tournament. One of the appointed coaches must be the Head Golf Coach. The appointed coaches must be the same for both days of the tournament and must meet all MSHSAA requirements to be an approved golf coach. **Coaches may not be on the putting greens. They may not give advice once the player's ball is on the green and the player has reached the green area (10 yards).**

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LOCAL RULES AND INFORMATION

1. **Out of Bounds:** Fence behind 1 and 7. Fence Left of 2, 3, 4, 11 White Stakes: 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15
2. **Hazards:** Creek on 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and Lake on 5, 7, 8, 11, 13
3. **Obstructions:** Pump House between 16, 17, 11, and 13.
4. **Power Lines:** If a ball strikes the poles or the power lines on 16 & 17, the player must disregard that stroke, abandon the ball and play another ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played.
5. The fans and fan poles on 4, 7, 8, and 14 are temporary immovable obstructions. Relief is allowed when the obstruction interferes with the player's stance or intended swing, or if any part of the obstruction intervenes directly between the ball and the hole. The player shall drop, without penalty, at a point not nearer the hole which avoids interference of the obstruction.
6. **Drainage Lines:** Played as Ground Under Repair, proceed under rule #25
7. **Drop Areas on #5 and #11:** Are an additional option for the player.