



Golf (Boys)

Sport Information

Sport Director

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Regular Season Information

In-Season Activities-

- In-season practice with a school coach present - in any sport - is prohibited outside the sport seasons designated in the following table. (Summers are exempt.)

	BEGINS	ENDS
Spring Season	Monday, February 12, 2024	Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Game Limits-

Boys Golf	25 contests plus Spring Break
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Out-of-Season Activities-

- Out-of-season activities are allowed, but are subject to the following:
 - Dead Periods:
 - Only apply to sports not in season.
 - Out-of-Season activities are not allowed during the following periods:

Season	Period
Fall	Starts the first week of fall season through August 31st.
Winter	Starts 1 week prior to the first day of the winter sport season and extends 3 weeks after Nov. 1.
Spring	Starts 1 week prior to the second Monday of February and extends 3 weeks after the second Monday of February.
May	Starts on the spring seeding meeting date and extends through the final spring state championship.

Sport Rules:

- USGA rules will prevail except where modified and approved by the Sport Director.
- It is important for athletic directors and coaches to annually review rules changes each season. Rule Books are also available for online purchase on the USGA website. Use these links to find specific rules and annual updates.
 - USGA Rules Hub
 - USGA Rules of Golf
- Rules-
 1. Heads of schools and athletic directors are responsible for seeing that these rules and concepts are understood and followed by their coaching staff without exception.
 2. Enforcement of all NCISAA rules is the responsibility of each school, each conference, the NCISAA Board of Advisors, the NCISAA Board of Trustees and the NCISAA State Office.

- During regular season matches if players are allowed to improve their lie, the following procedure must be used.
 - A player may lift, clean and place his ball one club length - not closer to the hole - in the fairway only of the hole being played. All other local rules apply.
- Rulings, if necessary, will be made by the host professional.
- Regular Season ONLY - Par Plus 3 Rule is in effect. No player shall score more than three over par on any hole.
 - Example: On a par 4, once a player has hit his 7th shot, the player should then pick up his ball and advance with the group. His scorecard would show a seven on that hole.
- Caddies are prohibited in all play. However, motorized carts are allowed for those with documented medical needs.
- Players are permitted to use electronic measuring devices that measure yardage only.
- In the state championships, players will play from tees ranging from a minimum of 6100 to a maximum of 6700 yards on courses rated by the USGA.
- The local pro and/or CGA official will be the final authority on all rules interpretations; in case of any questions during play, a second ball will be played, and the local pro will rule on the question. All playing rules will be provided to each player before the tournament play begins.
- Coaching during play:
 1. The Head Coach (and only the Head Coach) is allowed to coach from tee through green.
 2. Teammates playing in the same group may give advice to one another.
 3. Parents are not permitted to give advice, in any situation, at any time.
- Team scores for Division III will be determined by the three lowest scoring players per team.
- Team scores for Division I and II will be determined by the four lowest scoring players per team.
- In case of a tie, all team members will go into sudden death play. The lowest scorers on the team will then count.
- In case of a tie for State Medalist, players will go into a sudden death playoff starting on the first playoff hole.

Postseason Information -

Division III Specifics

Deadline for entering scores:

Last date for regular season play is Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Results must be entered by 11:59 pm on May 7, 2024.

State Championship Date & Site:

Monday-Tuesday, May 13th-14th; Jamestown Park Golf Course

Division II Specifics

Deadline for entering scores:

Last date for regular season play is Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Results must be entered by 11:59 pm on May 7, 2024.

State Championship Date & Site:

Monday-Tuesday, May 13th-14th; Greensboro National Golf Club

Division I Specifics

Deadline for entering scores:

Last date for regular season play is Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Results must be entered by 11:59 pm on May 7, 2024.

State Championship Date & Site:

Monday-Tuesday, May 13th-14th; Bryan Park Golf Course - Champions Course

State Championship Participants:

1. Participation in the state championship is based on their regular season modified USGA nine hole index.
2. Classifications - The following advance to the State Championship:
 - Division III - Top 3 teams, Next 45 individuals or anyone under a 5 index.
 - Division II - Top 3 teams, Next 42 individuals or anyone under a 5 index.
 - Division I - Top 3 teams, Next 54 individuals or anyone under a 5 index.
 - The individuals selected to compete for the state championship are the lowest index not listed on a five person qualifying team in Division III or a six person qualifying team in Division I and II.
 - i. To clarify - if you are on the school's roster but not competing as one of the players on the team participating in the state qualifier AND your index is one of the top on shotstat after all the teams have been determined, then you are eligible to participate as an individual.
 - ii. In Division III - if a minimum of three players are from the same school, those individuals qualify as a team and are eligible to compete for the team championship.
 - iii. In Division I and II - if a minimum of four players are from the same school, those individuals qualify as a team and are eligible to compete for the team championship.
 - Players participating as individuals cannot substitute for a player on the team.
3. Teams in Division III are composed of a maximum of 5 players. The three lowest scores count.
4. Teams in Division I and II are composed of a maximum of 6 players. The four lowest scores count.

Other Information:

1. Eighteen hole matches will be scored as two nine hole matches.
2. Nine hole indices for NC and SC may be found on the <http://ncrdb.usga.org/NCRDB/> website.
3. A team member or individual entry must have competed in a minimum of four contests (either four separate dates for 9-hole events or two separate dates for 18-hole events) during the regular season to be eligible for the state championship. No student may participate in more than 25 nine hole matches.
4. In computing the modified USGA handicap index, each team or individual entry will count a minimum of 80% of matches played with a maximum of 25 nine hole matches. Refer to the following chart:

# of Matches	# of Scores to Drop
1-4	0
5-9	1
10-14	2
15-19	3
20-24	4
25	5
More than 25	Disqualified from State Qualifier

5. During the regular season, a "Par Plus 3" rule is in effect for qualifying scores.
 - a. If a player reaches 3 over par on any hole, he may record that score.
6. In the state qualifier and state championship tournament, every hole is played until the ball is holed out. There is no "Par Plus 3" rule in the postseason.

7. During the season, match scores must be submitted through ShotStat within 24 hours of finishing said match.
8. Failure to report a score as indicated above may lead to forfeiting the opportunity to participate in the state qualifier.
9. Scores will not be accepted after the entry deadline.

Entry Fee:

The entry fee for team and individual participants will be that amount established at the site of the postseason tournament.

Starting Times & Pairing:

Starting times will be assigned by the NCISAA State Office or a designate of the State Office.

Rules:

1. USGA rules will prevail except where modified and approved by the NCISAA State Office or a designate of the State Office.
2. The local pro/rules committee and/or a designate of the State Office will be the final authority on all rule interpretations; in case of any questions during play, a second ball will be played, and the local pro will rule on the question. All playing rules will be provided to each player before postseason play begins.
3. Caddies are prohibited in all play. However, motorized carts are allowed for those with documented medical needs.
4. Non-motorized pull carts are allowed for all golfers.
5. Players are permitted to use electronic measuring devices that measure yardage only.
6. In postseason play, players will play from tees ranging from a minimum of 6100 to a maximum of 6700 yards on courses rated by the USGA.
7. Coaching during play:
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All-State Selection Criteria:

1. Each classification will have its own All-State Team.
2. The ShotStat index calculations for All-State will be tabulated using scores from the regular season AND will include the State Championship rounds indices. The final index will be 50% of the season and 50% of the state championship.
3. The Top Nine Individuals (and ties), based upon the ShotStat individual player index/standings, per classification will be named to the All-State Team.
**Any Medalist and Runner-Up from each classification's State Championship that were not named on the original Top Nine will also be named to the All-State Team.*

State Championship Awards:

AWARDS	Div III	Div II	Div I
Championship Trophy	1	1	1
Runner-Up Trophy	1	1	1
Plaque to State Medalist	1	1	1

Individual Gold Medals to Championship Team	8	11	11
Individual Silver Medals to Runner-Up Team	8	11	11

All-State Awards:

	Div III	Div II	Div I
All-State Awards	9	9	9