



**NYSPHSAA  
Section VI Boy's Golf  
Sectional Championship &  
Qualifier  
2018**



**TOURNAMENT RULES PACKET:**

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# I. FORMAT AND GUIDELINES



NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
SECTION VI BOYS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP & QUALIFIER

**Tournament Format and Guidelines**

1. Players representing each league will be chosen on the basis of a league qualifying tournament to be held at some date prior to the Sectional Qualifier, *but not later than the Wednesday before*. The LEAGUE CHAIRPERSON shall notify to the Section VI Chairman as soon as possible following their qualifier, before the start of play, their league's sectional qualifiers and alternate. Alternates are expected to play in the qualifier.
2. The NYSPHSAA Section VI Golf Individual Championship and Qualifier will be a 27-hole stroke play event. 18 holes will be played, the field will be trimmed to the top 20 and ties, another 9 holes will be played and the 9 Players with the lowest scores will represent Section VI in the State Championships. The player with the 10th best score will be the alternate on stand by.
3. The NYSPHSAA Section VI TEAM Championship will be an 18 hole medal play event. Count the four (4) lowest scores per 5-player team, drop the (1) highest score per 5-player team. The aggregate of the four (4) lowest 18-hole scores will constitute that team's overall score. The lowest team score wins the Section VI TEAM Champion Title.
4. Practice round availability will be announced on a site-by-site basis each year. Every effort will be made to accommodate player practice rounds.
5. For the Individual State Qualifier, in the event of ties within the top 9: Players within the top 9 spots will not playoff for position except for the medalist and 9<sup>th</sup> place position. If a tie for the 9th spot exists, the players tied at the end of regulation will play a sudden-victory playoff for the final spot utilizing the designated hole(s) as specified by the Section VI Chairman as the sudden-victory playoff hole(s). If a tie for the medalist spot exists, the players tied at the end of regulation will also play a sudden-victory playoff for the medalist honor utilizing the designated hole as specified by the Section VI Chairman. If it is impossible for the players to have a sudden-victory playoff, then the final spot will be determined by matching player's cards, beginning with the number one handicap hole, then proceeding to the number two handicap hole, etc.
6. For the Individual Championship and Qualifier, There will be Section VI Certificates and NYSPHSAA Patches for the top 9 players. There will also be Section VI Participation Certificates given to all players in the field as they are to be commended for reaching the Section VI Qualifier. For the Section VI TEAM Championship, the winning school will receive a plaque and medals for each member of the team.
7. The Section VI Chairman will name a Rules Committee from the league coordinators, PGA Professionals, and USGA/NYSGA Rules Officials to render decisions on any question that may arise during play.
8. The local rules for the tournament will be declared before the start of play either in writing or verbally during pre-tournament announcements.
9. There will be NO coaching of the competitors either by coaches or other spectators during the course of play – for both the individual and team competition. This includes during any resulting playoffs as well.

10. To prevent nearby teams from having any advantage of being able to secure caddies, all competitors will utilize pull/push carts (operated by the player only) or carry their own bag.
11. There will be no gambling allowed among the competitors.
12. The official scoring area at all sectional qualifiers will be defined as the entire venue grounds.
13. Any questions concerning the playing of a hole or scoring of a hole, or procedural questions should be cleared up by the ruling of the committee as soon as possible, prior to posting the score. No member of the rules committee will make a final decision when a player from their league is involved.
14. The competitor is responsible only for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole (Rule 6-6d). The Committee is responsible for the addition of scores (Rule 33-5). If the competitor records a wrong total score, the Committee will correct the error, without penalty to the competitor.
15. All coaches/district-representative(s) will be present at the course at all times their competitor(s) are on the course. These coaches are also expected to be available for duties as assigned by the Section VI Chairman. We depend on all of our coaches for supervision and the ability to conduct a fair and valid competition – something we all value.
16. USGA Rules will be in force except where modified by local rules established by the Section VI Chairman in conjunction with the rules committee.
17. Competitors are expected to act as gentlemen (and ladies) at all times. The throwing of clubs, the use of foul language, or other types of inappropriate conduct will be penalized. Penalties include a two-stroke penalty or disqualification.
18. All tournament participants are forbidden to use “vape” type/style devices, tobacco, intoxicants, and any other illegal substance as outlined by most NYSPHSAA member schools in their local school rules. Violators will be disqualified and referred to their school official(s) for further discipline.
19. All coaches and/or adults accompanying the participants to this tournament will be responsible for their conduct during the time of arrival through departure from the qualifying site.
20. Competitors and coaches are required to abide by the following dress code:
 

<p>Proper dress includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. collared shirt</li> <li>b. dress slacks or trousers</li> <li>c. golf shoes or sneakers</li> <li>d. dress shorts or walking shorts</li> </ol>	<p>Not allowed: (no longer than knee level)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. gym shorts, jean shorts and cut-offs</li> <li>b. tee shirts</li> <li>c. muscle shirts</li> <li>d. tank tops</li> <li>e. painter pants or jeans</li> <li>f. pants which are ripped, torn or patched</li> <li>g. any clothing deemed obscene or offensive</li> <li>h. boat or dress shoes</li> </ol>
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21. If inclement weather occurs, the Section VI Chairman in conjunction with the League Coordinators may shorten the tournament to 9 or 18 holes. Please refer to the NYSPHSAA Heat, Cold and Thunder/Lightning policies for clarification on mandatory suspension or cancellation of play.

## II. GENERAL/LOCAL RULES



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**General Rules and Procedures:**

**I. Ball will be played down from tee to green. (Exceptions: See Local Rules)**

(Subject to change based on course conditions,  
at the discretion of the Rules Committee).

**II. DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE RULE 3-3.** In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the competitor must announce to his marker or a fellow competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit. If he fails to do so, the provisions of Rule 3-3b (ii) apply. The competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his scorecard. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified.

**III. Score Card:** After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. **He shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card himself, and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.** (6-6b)

**LOCAL RULES:**

**I. Stones in bunkers and Stones around and adjacent to paved and/or gravel cart paths shall be declared moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1):**

24-1. Movable Obstruction

A player may take relief, without penalty, from a movable *obstruction* as follows:

- a. If the ball does not lie in or on the *obstruction*, the *obstruction* may be removed. If the ball *moves*, it must be replaced, and there is no penalty, provided that the movement of the ball is directly attributable to the removal of the *obstruction*. Otherwise, Rule 18-2a applies.
- b. If the ball lies in or on the *obstruction*, the ball may be lifted and the *obstruction* removed. The ball must *through the green* or in a *hazard* be dropped, or on the *putting green* be placed, as near as possible to the spot directly under the place where the ball lay in or on the *obstruction*, but not nearer the *hole*.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Rule.

## II. Ground Under Repair

1. **Depressed drainage lines** IN YOUR OWN FAIRWAY ONLY are deemed to be ground under repair by this committee. Relief may be taken under Rule 25:

25-1b (i) Through the Green: If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green....

The ball may be cleaned when lifted under Rule 25-1b.

2. **Bare ground around and adjacent to paved and/or gravel cart paths** is deemed to be part of the obstruction (path). Relief is available under Rule 24. PLEASE CONSULT WITH A FELLOW COMPETITOR BEFORE TAKING RELIEF.

24-2b (i) Through the Green: If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green....

The ball may be cleaned when lifted under Rule 24-1b.

## III. Local Embedded Ball Rule

Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

### Exceptions:

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

## IV. Distance Only Measuring devices will be allowed:

(Local Rule Permitting Use of Distance-Measuring Device).

In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of this rule, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

### \*NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Please be advised that in NYSPHSAA Boy's Golf competition (Local, Sectional and State), competitor **cell/mobile** phones are **NOT** allowed nor any other multi-functional device that has the capability to connect to the internet. This includes, but is not limited to various internet capable devices such as smartphones, tablets, or PDA's.

## **Section VI Thunder and Lightning Policy**

(adopted 1/20/99 – revised 3/03, 11/04) Policy #420 [Policy Manual](#)

“Thunder and lightning necessitates that all contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion – thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning. If lightning and/or thunder is observed, all outdoor activities will be suspended immediately. Players and spectators shall be directed to report to a shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car).

The officials and responsible authorities shall make every reasonable effort to resume and complete the contest, with full consideration of the weather and site conditions (as they affect safety and playing conditions). The official/coaches shall wait 30 minutes from the time the last boom is heard and/or the last strike is seen before starting or resuming play.

### **CLARIFICATIONS:**

#### **PRIOR TO CONTEST**

If thunder/lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the officials/coaches 30 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that contest, the official/coaches and the responsible school authorities shall not permit the contest to begin. Before the contest can begin a 30-minute period void of any strike or boom must be observed.

#### **DURING THE CONTEST**

If thunder/lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the officials during the playing of the contest, the official/coaches shall immediately cease play for 30 minutes. Play may not resume until there has been a period of at least 30 minutes in which a boom or strike has not been observed. The rules of the particular sport shall determine whether the contest is ‘official’ or must be resumed at a later date