**SIMCOE COUNTY SPORTS’ PLAYING REGULATIONS**

###### GOLF

**1. Simcoe County Guideline Category:** Preparatory Meets (GBSSA Qualifiers)

**2. Season:** Fall: Senior Boys’ and Open Girls’

 Spring: Junior Boys’

**3. School Classification and Levels:**

 Girls: One County Wide Open Division

Boys: ‘One County Wide Open Division

 Junior & Senior Levels

**4. League Structure and Play-offs:** (including tie-breaking procedures)

 Number of preparatory dates: 2 per division per level

 Two (2) full days are required per division per level:

two (2) in the fall for the Senior Boys and the Girls’ Divisions and two (2) in the spring for the Junior Boys’ Division

1. A team will consist of 4-6 male players.

1. The best four scores will be used for team standings.
2. Schools that are unable to field a full team can have players play as individuals for their school.
3. Players will play 18 holes.
4. The method of start will be determined by the convenor.

 (f) GBSSA Qualification:

 Boys: Top five (5) teams from each preparatory meet including ties along with the top five (5) individuals from non- qualifying teams including ties from each preparatory meet. Max score of 115 for Seniors, 120 for Juniors. If the 4th team member scores above the max score line, they are eligible if the remainder of the team qualified (limit to 1 player over max score threshold per team).

 Girls: Top ten (10) teams including ties from either fall preparatory meet. Max score of 120 to qualify.

**5. Start Times:**

 See the General Guidelines;

 Secondary School Athletic Activities Operating Parameters, as per the SCDSB

**6. Convenorship Rotation:**

1. Convenors are appointed for a two-year term.

 The rotation is by volunteer and then by appointment based on school convening roles.

**7. Eligibility:** as per the GBSSA Constitution (By-Law 2, Sections 1 to 13).

1. Schools must file completed, signed OFSAA Hub eligibility lists (containing the level of competition, names, ages, and birth dates of players, and the required signatures) with the SCAA chair and regional convenor no later than 24 hours prior to any competition. Any player changes require 24-hours notice prior to that player’s first competition in each sport. Note that any events participated in by players of schools that have not filed eligibility lists will result in disqualification.
2. All competitors must comply with the GBSSA transfer policy and procedures.
3. All junior players must be under 15 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.
4. All senior players must be under 19 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.

**8. Rules and Officials:**

1. As per the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA). The use of range finders (distance calculations only) is permitted. No device which measures slope, wind speed, elevation etc. will be allowed. These devices must be checked prior to the start of play by the convenor and/or other event supervisors.
2. Prior to each competition, coaches MUST attest to each player’s capability to play quickly, knowledgeably, and competently.
3. All coaches are to serve as on course supervisors or marshals. Coaches should be assigned to travel with a foursome to authenticate scores (where number of coaches is sufficient). Other duties (scoring/ travelling with an assigned group/foursome) may be assigned at the convenor’s discretion. Coaches are not permitted to golf during the event.
4. During competition the double par rule is in effect. i.e. Par 3, hit it 5 times, pick up, mark at six.
5. Cell phones, music devices, and other electronic devices are not to be used on the course.

**9. Uniforms and Equipment:**

1. Competitors must supply their own clubs, balls, and tees.
2. Competitors must wear golf shirts and long pants (NOT JEANS).
3. Golf shorts are acceptable, but they may NOT be blue jeans, cut-offs, or frayed, tattered, or torn shorts.
4. Attire must be in accordance with these guidelines AND in accordance with the dress code of the Golf Club where each competition is being held.
5. Golf shoes or running shoes as approved by the Host Golf Club must be worn.

**10. Awards:** at the discretion of the convenor

**11. Protest Procedure:**

1. Protests may be lodged on items not under the jurisdiction of the officials or GBSSA Board of Reference.
2. All protests must be made within 24 hours of the incident, by email, to the league convenor and followed by a written report within three (3) school days.
3. The SCAA Jury of Appeal will deal with protests.