

## **Golf**

Section 1 Rules The United States Golf Association Rules shall govern all NJSIAA matches. All matches must play summer rules and enforce stroke and distance for all lost balls for all matches. Coaches are encouraged to teach your players the proper use of a provisional ball in order to keep play moving.

Note 1: Concerning playing the ball down – Under extreme course conditions Coaches and/or Club Pros may make the recommendation to lift clean and place one club length, no closer to the hole. This recommendation may not be used to speed up the pace of play. This modification must be noted on the entry form each match. See Appendix 1, USGA Rules of Golf.

Note 2: In the extreme case a host course will not let a team use USGA Rule 27 concerning stroke and distance for lost balls and balls hit out of bounds, teams are required to do the following:

1. Download the NJSIAA Letter and get it signed by the Club Pro or Course Manager. A copy of this letter must be sent to the State Rules Interpreter and kept by the coach. This letter states that Course is forbidding the Varsity Golf team from playing by The USGA Rules of Golf concerning lost balls and balls out of bounds.
2. Out of bounds – Players must add a 2 stroke penalty and drop within two club lengths from the point the ball crossed the boundary (white) stakes lining the course. Lost ball – 2 stroke penalty – Drop a ball the nearest point where the ball was thought to have been lost.

This provision is to be used on a course by course basis only and is not to be adopted by a conference as a whole.

Section 2 Start of Practice Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 6.

Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 8.

Section 4 End of Season Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 10.

Section 5 Transfers A student who transfers after the NJSIAA Competition Start Date for each sport, regardless of whether the transfer was the result of a bona fide change of residence, shall be ineligible to participate in any post-season championship competition at the new school.

Section 6 Team A team shall consist of a minimum of four (4) players and a maximum of six (6) players.

Section 7 Match An interscholastic match shall consist of nine (9) holes; if a match is not completed, the winner will be based upon those holes completed by all players of the teams. If less than five (5) holes have been completed by the teams, the match will be replayed.

*CL: The girls will use the same tee as the boys in State, Sectional, and Championship Tournaments. During the regular season, girls will use the next forward tee which includes all conference, county, etc. tournaments that take place during the regular season.*

## Section 8 Scoring

Type of play – Medal (stroke) Play

The winner of the match will be the team with the lowest total strokes for any 4 out of six players. In case of a tie each team will add their 5<sup>th</sup> lowest score to the team total, if still a tie, the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest score will be added to the team total. If both teams are tied after using 6 members, the team with the low medalist is the winner. If the low medalist is a tie, then the match is a tie.

Note: All conferences MUST play medal play to decide their teams' wins and losses.