

**NJSIAA State Tournament Boys
Raritan Valley Country Club - Bridgewater, NJ
Monday- May 15, 2023**

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A govern play. And the NJSIAA Golf rules as posted on the Web Site.

1. **ALL PLAYERS WILL USE THE BLUE TEE MARKERS TO TEE OFF TODAY.**
2. **OFFICIAL CARDS-** Coaches that are monitoring your group will have the "Official Card" . It is the PLAYERS responsibility to Visually check the card before teeing off the next hole. All players and Monitors must sign the card at the conclusion of the round prior to turning in the card.
3. All decisions made by the rules committee will be final today.
4. The ball is played down today.
5. **PACE OF PLAY:** Pace of play guidelines have been established by the committee. Your position is directly behind the foursome in front of your group. **No practice is allowed between holes.**
6. **PROVISIONAL BALL-** Players that opp to play a provisional ball must announce it before the shot. The ball must be clearly marked differently than the original ball.
7. **LOST BALL-** stroke and distance penalty.
8. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES ARE PERMITTED (RULE 4.3) SLOPE FEATURE MUST BE TURNED OFF. NO PHONES ARE ALLOWED.**
9. **OUT OF BOUNDS** - Stroke and Distance is in play today. The areas are defined by white lines, white stakes, and boundary fences. No relief (without penalty) from a boundary object (fence).
 - a. **Hole 9** – The clubhouse and parking lot (left) are out of bounds, defined by a white line and the curbing.
 - b. **Holes 11 & 18** – The parking lot, pool, patio and clubhouse are out of bounds defined by a white line and the fence.
10. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 16.1) include:**
 - a. ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS / PATHS (INCLUDING CURBING).
 - b. WHITE-LINED AREAS WHICH TIE INTO THESE ROADS / PATHS are part of the road/path.
 - c. **Hole 2** – Behind the putting green, the halfway house, cart path, patio and flowerbed is one immovable obstruction.
 - d. **Hole 9** – The building (right) is an immovable obstruction.
 - e. **Hole 10** – The entry driveway is an immovable obstruction.
 - f. **Hole 18** – The tennis courts, surrounding fence, and maintenance area is one immovable obstruction.
11. **INTEGRAL Objects (relief without penalty NOT available) INCLUDE:**
 - a. Permanent structures, i.e. retaining walls or bulkheads within penalty areas.
 - b. Any wrapping when closely affixed to trees.
 - c. **HOLE 11** – The portion of the blacktop cart path between the two YELLOW lines which extends along the boundary fence (right) is an INTEGRAL OBJECT; no relief (without penalty) from this area.
12. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR** is defined with white lines.
 - a. Unusual damage, i.e. tire ruts, when not marked is Ground Under Repair **only** when declared so by a Rules Official.
 - b. Cut turf/Sod Seams: Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are GUR. If a ball lies in or touches the seam, or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, a player may take relief under Rule 25-1.
13. **HOLE 7** – On the green side of the Yellow Penalty Area (near #8 tee), the blacktop defines the edge of the penalty area.
14. **HOLE 7 DROPPING ZONE** - As an additional option for a ball in the **YELLOW PENALTY AREA**, a player may drop a ball in the designated drop area marked DZ.
15. **DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY** – Practice areas are closed during suspension of play for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open; a player using a practice area is subject to disqualification. In the event of suspension, **a dangerous situation will be signaled by one air horn blast.** All other suspensions will be signaled by three short air horn notes and players will be verbally informed by the Committee of a non-dangerous situation. Resumption of play signaled by two short air horn notes.

2023 Boys Golf State Championship Tournament Information

1. Coaches and Players should arrive no earlier than 9am.

Coaches meeting will take place at 10:30.

2. There is NO Driving range access the day of the tournament at Raritan Valley.

3. Players may walk the course after 3pm on Sunday May 14th. There are no practice rounds available.

4. The Blue Tees will be used for competition.

5. Lunch will be provided after the Tournament.

