

## NORTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

### GIRLS' GOLF

#### I. SEASON LIMITATIONS

Practice may begin the Wednesday of week 6 of the I.H.S.A. standardized calendar. The first contest may be no earlier than Monday of week 7. The season shall end no later than Saturday of week 15..

#### II. CONTEST LIMITATIONS

- A. Varsity - 18 dates, plus I.H.S.A. series
- B. Frosh/Soph - 18 dates

#### III. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

- A. Varsity
- B. There may be an additional level when possible by mutual consent.
- B. Participation: Refer to Article IX of the N.S.C. Constitution regarding eligibility.

#### IV. COACHES' MEETING

The Conference coaches' meeting will be held at the Conference Golf Meet after all players are on the course.

#### V. CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. The Conference championship will be determined by a combination of a single round-robin plus the Conference meet. Schools will receive the number of points equal to their Conference dual meet standings (1st - 6 [or # equal to number of Conference schools] ; 2nd - 5, ...) and the number of points equal to their finish in the Conference meet (1st - 6 [or # equal to number of Conference schools]; 2nd- 5,...). The school (s) with the most total points will be the Conference champion (s). Ties in the dual meet standings will not be broken. Points will be split between/among the schools which are tied.
- B. In the case of a tie, the winner of the Conference Tournament will be awarded the trophy and a duplicate trophy will be ordered for the Co-Champion.

#### VI. CONDUCT OF CONTESTS

- A. All North Suburban Conference matches, including the Conference Championship, will be played utilizing soft spikes. Players must follow the dress code established by the IHSA for the State series.
- B. Rules of Conduct for Competitors, Coaches, and Spectators:

All spectators should stay a minimum of 75 feet from all competitors, with the following exceptions: traffic congestion points (such as bridges), competitors/spectators searching for lost balls, providing creature comforts (adding or removing jackets, providing beverages or snacks), and between nines of an 18 hole round. Communication between spectators and participants shall be limited to laudatory (i.e. "nice shot") or encouraging (i.e. "hang in there") comments. Communication between participants and spectators shall be limited to appropriate responses (i.e. "thanks"), requests for comfort (i.e. "please hold my jacket"), or requests for help in searching for a lost ball.

The head coach will be allowed to coach between the green and tee. Coaches must, however, wait until the last player on the green putts out before communication takes place. Coaches may not delay teeing off on the next hole. No advice can be given to players between 9's unless it is from the coaching staff. Verbal or nonverbal communication at any other time of the round is prohibited.

Penalties:

- 1st offense: Warning from coaches and/or observers.  
2nd offense: For spectators and coaches - removal from course  
For players - 1 stroke penalty (can only be called by a coach or member of rules committee)  
3rd offense: For players - disqualification (can only be called by a coach or member of rules committee)

C. Dual Match

1. Matches will be scheduled on Monday and Wednesday, or when the course is available depending upon the 2 year scheduling #'s.
2. In dual meets, four to six players constitute a team on both varsity and frosh/soph levels.
3. If five holes or more are completed by both teams, it will count as a match in the event play cannot be continued. If play is temporarily suspended, all balls will be played where they lie. If play is continued the following day, the match must be replayed.
4. All matches are scored on the basis of medal play. The total of the four low scores determine the team score, based on nine holes. If a tie occurs with 4 players' scores, the fifth player's score will be used to break the tie. If a tie still remains, the 6th player's score will be used to break the tie. If the score remains tied, the dual meet is a tie. If one team does not have more than 4 players and a tie occurs after 4 scores are counted, the team with more than four players wins.
5. Contest times will be determined by home course restrictions.
6. Visiting teams do not pay greens fees.
7. No outside school will be invited to NSC dual meets unless mutually agreed upon by the conference schools. If it is necessary to make up a postponed NSC meet, an NSC triangular could be arranged if no change in meet site is involved. Only the results between the teams from the scheduled dual for that date and the makeup dual will count toward the standings.
8. Any match not played before the Conference meet shall be scored on the front nine of the Conference Tournament.
9. By mutual agreement, the site of dual meets may be changed to the opposite site.

D. Conference Meet

1. Starting time to be determined by host school/host course. The host school shall determine the site of the Conference Tournament.
2. A team will consist of four to seven players and the four lowest scores count. In the event of a tie with four scores, the fifth score will be used to break the tie. If a tie still remains after five scores, then the sixth player's score will be used to break the tie. If a tie still remains after six scores, then the seventh player's score will be used to break the tie. If a tie still remains after seven scores, then the team with the lowest #1 score will be declared the winner.
3. Medal play based on eighteen holes. In the event of a tie, the Varsity medalist shall be determined by a hole-by-hole play-off beginning at the 18th hole, unless the club professional in agreement with the games committee determines another beginning hole. Ties for other positions shall be broken on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes, and finally the 18th hole score.
4. The meet shall be scheduled the week preceding the Regional golf meet.

5. Rain Outs /Wash Outs

- a. In the event of inclement or potential inclement weather, the Resource and Host Athletic Directors will determine, prior to the start of the varsity tournament, the 1<sup>st</sup> nine holes to be completed in order to crown a Conference Champion.

5.1 Rain Outs /Wash Outs if Option D.5. is not implemented.

- a. Reschedule at same course if possible.
- b. Players start where they left off. The tournament is started again on the tees. If a hole was not completed, it is started over.
- c. If rescheduling on same course is not possible, the Conference Championship will start over again.
- d. Games Committee - Host school and two (2) other coaches selected by the host school.

VII. OFFICIALS

No officials

VIII. AWARDS

Medals will be awarded according to the awards formula in the Constitution. A team trophy will be awarded to the Championship team(s).

**Selected Highlights from the NSC Constitution**

**From Article VIII:** The Resource Athletic Director for each respective Varsity sport shall be responsible for compiling and distributing Conference Varsity standings and scores on a weekly basis. Each school shall be responsible for reporting Varsity scores to the Resource Athletic Director each week. The North Suburban Conference only recognizes championships at the Varsity level.

**From Article IX:** A player may participate at only one recognized level of competition on any given playing date or round of play against a Conference opponent, except where noted in individual sport Guidelines. In sports where there is a Conference tournament at the Varsity level, if a Conference school also hosts a Prairie-Lake (under-level) Invitational in that sport, an athlete is prohibited from competing at more than one level. Only freshmen may compete at the freshman level in any sport or contest. Member schools are required to field teams in recognized levels from the top down.

**From Article X:** It is agreed by all member schools that the use of video equipment for the purpose of scouting is allowed unless prohibited by individual NSC sport Guidelines or NFHS rules.

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