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**2022-23 CIAC BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF SPORTS PACKET**

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## 1. CIAC RULES AND BY-LAWS

All coaches are expected to follow the CIAC rules and by-laws which can be found at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org).

All coaches must adhere to the medical guidelines defined by the CIAC, the State of Connecticut, and the school district in which they are employed.

Coaches are expected to exemplify the highest order of sportsmanship and to teach sportsmanship to their student-athletes. Guidelines for sportsmanship are listed in the CIAC Handbook which can be found at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org).

## 2. IMPORTANT DATES

Fall First Practice Date	Monday, August 15, 2022
Fall First Match Date	Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Fall Last Date to Count	Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Fall Tournament Forms Due	Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Fall Individual Entry Form Due	Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Fall Pairings Meeting	Thursday, October 20, 2022
Fall Tournament Dates	Monday, October 24, 2022

Spring First Practice Date	Saturday, March 18, 2023
Spring First Match Date	Monday, March 27, 2023
Spring Last Date to Count for Boys/Girls	Wednesday, May 31, 2023
Spring Tournament Roster Due	Wednesday, May 31, 2023
Spring Tournament Forms Due for Boys/Girls	Wednesday, May 31, 2023
Spring Individual Entry Forms Due	Wednesday, May 31, 2023
Spring Pairings Meeting	Thursday, June 1, 2023

### Fall State Tournaments

Division I	Monday, October 24, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.	Stanley Golf Course, New Britain	1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
Division II	Monday, October 24, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.	Chippanee Country Club, Bristol	1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>

### Fall New England Tournament

Monday, October 31, 2022	Mohegan Sun
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### Spring Boys State Tournament (Tentative)

Division III	Monday, June 5, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.	Stanley Golf Course, New Britain	1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
Division I	Monday, June 5, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.	Tallwood Country Club, Hebron	1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
Division II	Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.	Fairview Farms, Harwinton	1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>

### Girls State Tournament (Tentative)

Division I	Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.	Timberlin Golf Course, Kensington	1 <sup>st</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
Division II	Monday, June 5, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.	Tashua Knolls, Trumbul	Shotgun

### State Open (Tentative)

Saturday, June 10, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.	Black Hall Club, Old Lyme	Shotgun
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### New England Tournament

The New England Tournament WILL NOT be held in the spring.

### 3. ALERTS

- 1) **New! Lift, Clean and Place** – Teams are strongly encouraged to play by regular rules without preferred lies. Coaches must consult the course pro (if a pro is available) prior to allowing teams to employ “Lift, Clean and place” rules. When agreed on “Lift, Clean and Place” for the match, it can only be employed on the fairway or green and never in the rough. Everywhere else on the golf course that isn’t the fairway or green of the hole the golfer is currently playing, the golfer has to play the ball down, as it lies, without cleaning or moving it.
- 2) **IMPORTANT! Course Ratings** – It is imperative that coaches check the course rating at the beginning of the season and during the season. Course ratings change, often without notice. Schools must use accurate course ratings. Submission of scores should include the most up-to-date rating and should accurately reflect the correct tee used during the match. It is important that both teams use the same ratings and tees. Coaches can check course ratings at <https://ncrdb.usga.org/> .

- 3) **New!** – Girls who participate on boys’ teams because the school does not offer a girls’ program, may enter either the boys’ or the girls’ tournament, provided they qualify, but not both. Girls who choose to participate on a boys’ team when the school offers a girls’ team, may only enter the boys’ tournament. Boys may not participate on girls’ teams.

Girls who participate on boys’ teams when there is no girls’ team, and want to compete in the girls’ tournament as an individual, must notify the CIAC prior to the last day to count.

- 4) The “X” Rule will apply for the girls state tournament play. It will not be applied to the girls Open tournament.
- 5) **One Man Teams** – If a team has only one player, that player will play with the first three golfers from the opposing team. Should the coach of the single player team agree, that coach can accompany the opponents fourth player as a marker and their opponent’s 4<sup>th</sup> (and/or 5<sup>th</sup>) score. Otherwise the match must be rescheduled when each team can field at least two players.
- 6) **New!** Unattached players may exceed the weekly and seasonal limitations. Example: A player may play in three CIAC matches plus additional matches during the same week as an unattached player.
- 7) Unattached players cannot play or sub in league, or as a team, or partner in another tournament. They can play with a parent in a tournament.
- 8) **Individuals on a Qualifying Team** – If your team qualifies, and you have other players who qualify as individuals in addition to the other five team members who will compete as a team, those individual(s) may compete in the divisional tournament for individual honors. They cannot compete toward the team championship. (Only those on the team tournament roster can compete toward the team championships.)
- 9) **New! Coaches Responsibility During Tournament Play** – All coaches from all schools participating in a tournament are responsible to address spectators and students who do not exhibit proper golf etiquette and sportsmanship during CIAC tournament play. Coaches should address and correct those individuals immediately and directly, and then report any incidents to the tournament director.
- 10) **New!** – For girls playing on a boys’ team, all scores will be recorded from the boys’ tee (the same tee the boys are playing from) using the boys rating.

#### 4. SCHEDULES

- 1) Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up matches. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a match is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest / make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.

#### 5. PLAY AND RULES FOR CIAC GOLF SEASON

To maintain uniformity in interscholastic golf competition, the following format must be used by every CIAC member school that wishes to qualify for the CIAC State Golf Tournament.

- 1) Stroke play is to be used for all matches and will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf.
- 2) A maximum of four (4) players' scores count for any one match. This may include invitational tournaments where the entire team plays. Teams may play five (5) players and count the four (4) lowest scores towards state tournament qualification.
- 3) The CIAC Golf Committee recommends the use of the state-qualifying format for all matches. Low score wins.
- 4) Maximum number of playing dates per season is 16. (In-season tournaments count as a playing date.)
- 5) Number of matches per week on original schedule is 3. (Golfers playing in unattached matches can exceed the weekly limit.)
- 6) **Attire** – Proper golf attire, spikeless golf shoes, shirts with collars, golf shorts and slacks – is mandatory for all players. The inseam of the shorts must be at least four inches. Players may wear pants or shorts at the individual's discretion. No tennis, gym, or cut-off shorts will be allowed. Denim is not considered appropriate attire. Hats with visors must face forward at all times.
- 7) **Advertising** – Advertising of beer, wine, liquor or tobacco products on golfer clothing or equipment will not be permitted. Advertising or logos from local sponsors on clothing is prohibited.
- 8) **Scoring Conflicts** – Individual scores are displayed on the CIAC website. If you have any questions or concerns about other team's posted scores, please have your Athletic Director contact the opponent's Athletic Director to resolve the issue. If the issue cannot be resolved between the schools, your Athletic Director (not the coach) must submit the question or concern to the CIAC office in writing.
- 9) **"X Rule" – Attention Girls' Golf Coaches** – Players who have not holed out by double the par on any given hole will pick up and apply a one stroke penalty. Example: Par 3 – A player not in the hole by 6 strokes will pick the ball up and apply a one stroke penalty for a 7. Par 4 – A player not in the hole by 8 strokes, will pick up for a score of 9. Par 5 – A player not in the hole by the 10<sup>th</sup> stroke, will pick up for a score of 11.
  - a. The "X" Rule applies to the girls' divisional championships.
  - b. The "X" Rule does not apply to the girls' Open.
- 10) **Unattached Matches** – Golfers have the opportunity to participate in a maximum of eight (8) matches as "unattached athletes" during the season. Choice of such outside matches to be made by golfers with the approval of the golfer's school administration. Present weekly limitations will be maintained.

- a. Unattached players cannot play or sub in leagues, or as a team, or partner in another tournament. They can play with a parent in a tournament.
- b. Unattached players may exceed the weekly and seasonal limitations. Example: A player may play in three CIAC matches plus additional matches during the same week as an unattached player.

11) **Certify Scores** – Should a team have less than five players, coaches must make sure that ALL scores are certified per USGA guidelines.

Pairings must have both teams represented.

<u>Four-Man Teams</u>	<u>Three-Man Teams</u>	<u>Two-Man Teams</u>
A1 vs B1	A1 vs B1	A1 vs B1
A2 vs B2	A4	A3 & A4
A3 vs B3	A2 vs B2	A2 vs B2
A5	A5	
A4 vs B4	A3 vs B3	

**One Man Teams** – If a team has only one player, that player will play with the first three golfers from the opposing team. Should the coach of the single-player team agree, that coach can accompany the opponents fourth player as a marker and attest their opponent’s 4<sup>th</sup> (and/or 5<sup>th</sup>) score. Otherwise the match must be rescheduled when each team can field at least two players.

12) **Handicap System** – The CIAC Golf Committee, in partnership with the Connecticut State Golf Association, is pleased to provide a USGA handicap system for students, teachers and administrators. Log onto [www.csgalink](http://www.csgalink) – click on “Become a Member,” fill out the profile information and it’s that easy. There is no cost for students below the age of 18.

13) **Two Putt Rule** – There is no such thing as a “two putt” rule. Some schools have attempted to use this (non) rule particularly when there are poor course conditions on the greens. All holes must be puttied out, even on temporary greens.

14) **New!** – For girls playing on a boys’ team, all scores will be recorded from the boys’ tee (the same tee the boys are playing from) using the boys rating.

## 6. **FALL GOLF OPTION RULES**

1) The CIAC Golf Committee will organize the number of tournaments for each season relevant to the number of schools who are playing golf in that season. For the purpose of organizing state championship tournaments there must be the following minimums for either spring or fall.

- a. Under 20 schools – No state tournament
- b. 20 to 37 schools – 1 state tournament
- c. 37 to 71 schools – 2 state tournaments
- d. 72 to 111 schools – 3 state tournaments
- e. Over 111 schools – 4 state tournaments

If there are fewer than 20 schools that opt for a season, thereby negating a state tournament for that season, those schools would be given the option to change seasons as long as they notify the CIAC by February 1.

2) Divisions will be decided on the basis of enrollment for each season.

- 3) Students can only compete in the state tournament during the season in which they compete. Qualifying standards for the state tournaments are determined by the CIAC Golf Committee.
- 4) If a school has a boys' team then boys can only play on that school's team. (A boy whose school plays in one season cannot play golf in the other season for another school such as for a team of one, or on a cooperative team.)
- 5) Only those competing in the fall season will be considered for the New England Tournament
- 6) Girls can play on the boys' team in the fall or the girls' team in the spring but not both. Girls can only play golf in one season during the academic school year.
- 7) If there are three or more divisions in either season then there will be an Open tournament during that season.
- 8) The rules for qualifying procedures, season limitations, out-of-season coaching rules, outside matches, shall remain the same for each season in accordance with CIAC Rules.
- 9) Schools must notify the CIAC by May 19, 2023 to change seasons for the 2023-24 school year. Schools must be approved by their league in order to change seasons.

7. **QUALIFYING AND ENTRY FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT**

- 1) **Tournament Fee** – For both boys' and girls' golf tournament, the team entry fee is \$175 -- \$30 per individual -- \$50 per individual at the Open.
- 2) **Entry Process** – Please note the following important information for golf coaches and athletic directors:
  - a. Enter all scores and indicate individual entries as soon after the match as possible.
  - b. All scores must be entered by the "last date to count".
  - c. If you have any multi-opponent matches that are listed on your schedule as two or more matches (one against each opponent), then you should only enter the one score that your team shot that day. You can only use a score you shot one time for qualifying purposes, even if you shot it against multiple opponents.
  - d. It is essential that any team that has any chance of qualifying enters its tournament roster by the due date with its top five players ranked in the correct order.
  - e. Rosters may be entered either via the Online Eligibility Center (for athletic directors) or via the golf coaches form submission page ([http://content.ciacsports.com/forms\\_submit\\_golf.shtml](http://content.ciacsports.com/forms_submit_golf.shtml)).
  - f. The only changes which can be made are substitutions and substitutes will play in the spot of the player that they are replacing.
  - g. If any names on your roster are spelled incorrectly, athletic directors can fix them by correcting them on your eligibility list.
  - h. If you will not qualify as a team but have players that may qualify as individuals (differential average of five or less for boys, ten or less for girls), you should submit individual entry forms for those players. Individual entry forms may be submitted from the same places listed above for submitting tournament rosters.

i. You do not need to enter players for the Open Tournament. Those students will automatically qualify and will be placed in the tournament based on their average. **The top three medalists and ties in each division automatically qualify for the Open tournament.**

j. If you have a girl that plays along with your boys team whom you wish to enter as an individual competitor in the girls tournament you need to perform the following steps to do so:

- Add girls' golf as a sport in the eligibility center if you do not already have it in your listing of sports.
- Go to the "submit individual entry form" option under girls golf. You do not need to submit a girl's eligibility list, as any females on your boys eligibility list will automatically be available as options to enter.
- When entering scores for girls who played from boys tees you need to adjust the course rating accordingly using the adjustment table available at [http://content.ciacsports.com/pdfs/rating\\_adjustment.pdf](http://content.ciacsports.com/pdfs/rating_adjustment.pdf)

3) **Divisions** – Based on the grade 9-12 enrollment for preceding year

- a. **Boys Fall Divisions** -            Division I – 610 and Over                            Division II – Up to 609
- b. **Boys Spring Divisions** -    Division I – TBA            Division II – TBA            Division III – TBA
- c. **Girls Divisions** -            Division I – TBA            Division II – TBA

4) **Minimum Playing Dates** – A team must play a minimum of ten (10) varsity playing dates against CIAC member schools to qualify for CIAC tournaments. List varsity matches played in order of play. Use course rating for specific 9 holes played. List scores for ALL playing dates. League tournament scores cannot be used for tournament qualification.

5) **Tournament Rosters** – Tournament rosters can be submitted on the Eligibility Center or the submit scores/forms option under the CIAC for Coaches menu at ciacsports.com. Tournament rosters must be submitted by the last match date as indicated under "Important Dates" for fall and spring seasons, for both boys and girls teams and/or individuals.

6) **Individual Tournament Entries** – It is recommended that for any individual that has a course rating average that qualifies them to enter the tournament as an individual, an individual entry form should be included with the team entry form. No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.

If a school team does not qualify and any team member does qualify, please indicate under entry – individual the golfer(s) to participate as individuals. The appropriate entry fee will be taken from the team entry fee and the balance returned to the school.

7) **Corrections** – Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the website, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.

All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. No phone request will be considered.

## 8) Team Rankings

- a. **Fall Boys** – A boys team must be one of a maximum of 15 ranked teams whose rankings will be determined as follows: Teams meeting qualifications will be ranked on the basis of their average difference of strokes from the average rating of courses played from the first date of play to the last match date as listed under “Important Dates”. Only scores attained during the sixteen (16) regular season matches against teams on a school’s original schedule may be used for tournament qualification. The team with the lowest average difference from its average rating will be ranked #1; the team with the next lowest average difference #2, etc. Teams tying for the 15<sup>th</sup> place will qualify.
- b. **Spring Boys** – The number of teams to qualify is TBD whose rankings will be determined as follows: Teams meeting qualifications will be ranked on the basis of their average difference of strokes from the average rating of courses played from the first date of play to the last match date as listed under “Important Dates”. Only scores attained during the sixteen (16) regular season matches against teams on a school’s original schedule may be used for tournament qualification. The team with the lowest average difference from its average rating will be ranked #1; the team with the next lowest average difference #2, etc. Teams tying for the TBD place will qualify.
- c. **Girls** – A girls team must be one of a maximum of fifteen (15) ranked teams in each division whose rankings will be determined as follows: Teams meeting qualifications will be ranked on the basis of their average difference of strokes from the average rating of courses played from the first date of play through the last match date. Only scores attained during the sixteen (16) regular season matches against teams on a school’s original schedule may be used for tournament qualification. The team with the lowest average difference from its average rating will be ranked #1; the team with the next lowest average difference #2, etc. Teams tying for 15<sup>th</sup> place will qualify. (Note: An individual girl may play as a non-scoring member of her home school’s boys’ team if granted permission to do so by the coach of that team. In such cases, the girls would play with the team’s #5 boy player and have her score certified accordingly. The purpose is to provide an additional opportunity for individual girl players to participate in matches for tournament qualifying. If your school has a girls’ team, a girl can play on the girls’ team or the boys team. They cannot play on both. Therefore, a girl who plays on the girls’ team cannot play in a boys match for the purpose of using that score to qualify for the state tournament.

## 9) Girls Playing on Boys’ Teams – If your school has a girl’s team, a girl can play on the girls’ team or the boys’ team. They cannot play on both during the same school year.

- a. If a girl competes on a boys’ team and her score counts toward the boys’ team average, in any match at all, then she is on the boys’ team.
- b. If they compete along with the boys because there is no girls’ team, and they play in the second group with an opponent player, who will attest their score, and their score does not count for the boys team, they can count that score toward qualifying for the girls’ tournament as an individual.
- c. Girls who participate on boys’ teams because the school does not offer a girls’ program, may enter either the boys’ or the girls’ tournament, provided they qualify, but not both. Girls who choose to participate on a boys’ team when the school offers a girls’ team, may only enter the boys’ tournament. Boys may not participate on girls’ teams.

Girls who participate on boys’ teams when there is no girls’ team, and want to compete in the girls’ tournament as an individual, must notify the CIAC prior to the last day to count.

- d. In addition, it is against CIAC rules to compete on two different teams during the same season. Therefore, a girl cannot be in a boys’ tournament and compete in the girls’ tournament simultaneously.



- e. If a girl competes for the boys' team and their individual average qualifies them for the Open, then they can compete in the girls' Open tournament, which is not a team tournament.
- f. For the purpose of girls playing along with a boy's team, who wish to qualify for the CIAC Girls' State Tournament as an individual, the coach must submit the OCR using the women's course rating and can play from the forward tee, using the forward tee rating. (Their score cannot count toward the boys' team's average if they play from a different tee than the boys during a boys match.)

10) **Team Qualifying Scoring** – Only scores attained during the sixteen (16) regular season matches against teams on a school's original schedule may be used for tournament qualification.

- a. Teams may not use their league tournament to make up a match or for tournament qualification.
- b. All make-up matches must be outside of the league tournament and prior to the last match date.
- c. The scores made in any match during the regular season will count only once for the tournament.
- d. For qualification, all matches played within the seasons limitations dates must be reported. One score per date. Maximum 16 dates / minimum 10 dates for qualification.
- e. Qualification will be based on the best ten (10) varsity scores during the regular season.
- f. Teams that play 18 hole matches must submit scores for the first 9 holes played only.
- g. All team scores must be submitted. Contestants must conform in every respect to the eligibility rules of the Conference and be vouched for by the signature of the principal of the school. Final responsibility for the transmitting of the completed entry form rests solely with the coach. Submit scores on the CIAC web site.

11) **Individual Entry** – If a school's team does not qualify, it may enter any golfer for individual honors, provided the golfer has attained an average score of the course rating, plus five (5.00) strokes or less per nine (9) holes for boys and ten (10.00) strokes or less for nine (9) holes for girls. This must be an average of the best ten (10) varsity scores attained on Connecticut State Golf Association approved courses, and must be attested to by the golf coach. This average must be certified by his/her principal. Of these, the top eight (8) will qualify as individuals.

**Individuals on a Qualifying Team** – If your team qualifies, and you have other players who qualify as individuals in addition to the five team members who will compete as a team, those individual(s) may compete in the divisional tournament for individual honors. They cannot compete toward the team championship. (Only those on the team tournament roster can compete toward the team championship.)

12) **Regular In-Season Tournaments** – A school may schedule a maximum of 16 dates during the season and the team's ten best aggregate scores will be used for tournament qualification.

- a. Schools that enter invitational events such as the Wildcat Invitation, Avon Invitational, or other similar events where a team of at least four players scores must be listed as one of the school's 16 allowed dates. In such events the scoring for qualification will be based on holes one through nine.
- b. Schools can count in-season tournaments as one of the 16 regular season matches that count toward qualifying for the CIAC State Championship Tournament provided they list them on their schedules and follow the guidelines specified in this tournament packet. Do not exceed the season limitations by scheduling 16 regular season dates and then adding an in-season tournament.

- c. In-season tournaments must count as one of the 16 allowable dates whether they are counted toward qualifying for the state tournament or not.
- 13) **Boys Scoring** – Any player on a boy’s team qualifying for state tournament play may not submit scores using the “X” rule.
  - 14) **Make-ups** – Make-up matches must be completed on or by the last match date in order to count for the state tournament. Matches played after the last match date will not be considered for the state tournament.
  - 15) **Entering Scores** – In order to ensure that standings and rankings on both the CIAC’s web site and other sites, which draw their data from us, are timely and accurate, all regular season scores must be entered online on the day of the match or as soon as possible following the match’s completion. Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the “submit scores/forms” option of the “CIAC for Coaches” menu at ciacsports.com, or the “submit scores” button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper access code. Those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from the school’s athletic director.
  - 16) **Open Qualifying** -- If a coach has an individual golfer who wishes to be considered for the State Open Championship he/she must submit via the CIAC Online Eligibility Center all individual scores on or by the last match date.

Students who qualify for the Open do not need to be entered as an individual for that tournament. All students who qualify for the Open will automatically qualify and be scheduled into the tournament.

- 17) If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

## 8. **STATE TOURNAMENT PLAY**

### 1) **Tournament Divisions**

- a. The fall golf championships will consist of two tournaments of eighteen (18) holes.
- b. The spring boys’ tournament will consist of three tournaments of eighteen (18) holes.
- c. The spring girls’ tournament will consist of two tournaments of eighteen (18) holes.

- 2) **Weather** – Teams/individuals should come prepared to withstand weather delays. Further, it is to be clearly understood by all that the course managers make the decisions about play or no play; the tournament director does not have control over any aspect of that decision. The tournament, in the case of poor weather, may be reduced from an 18-hole event to a 9-hole tournament or cancelled.

- 3) **Tournament Rules** – USGA and local rules will govern the tournament. No practice or play will be allowed on the tournament course, except on the putting green or practice fairway (if available) on the day of the tournament.

- a. No caddies are allowed unless granted a waiver by the CIAC Golf Committee.
- b. Stroke and distance will apply during the tournaments. Should a player lose a ball out-of-bounds off the tee they must return to the tee to re-hit and take a one stroke penalty.

- 4) **Tournament Start Times** – Contestants must report at the prescribed time for each site – times will be posted on the CIAC web site.
- 5) **Disabled Athletes** – The CIAC Golf Committee will make reasonable accommodations for disabled athletes in the state tournaments. Please alert the tournament director with such requests well in advance of the tournament. A golfer who has qualified for the CIAC State Tournament and/or the CIAC State Open and requires the use of a golf cart must get a doctor's note which will be sent to Joe Velardi at the CIAC office for CIAC approval. The driver of the cart must be a designated school official and cannot be a parent or relative. The CIAC strongly recommends that all conferences adopt this rule.
- 6) For state tournaments, push carts are allowed, electric push carts are allowed, ridden golf carts require a medical note. Medical notes must be forwarded to the CIAC office prior to the start of the tournament.
- 7) Schools will bear their own expenses going to and from the tournament.
- 8) **Determining the Champion** – A team consists of five (5) players, each of which is considered an individual honors entrant.
  - a. If a team wishes, they may bring only four (4). A school should enter either a team or as many individuals that qualify.
  - b. Champions in each division shall be determined by the best four of five scores.
  - c. Each of the team entries is eligible for individual honors.
  - d. The team with the lowest total score will be awarded the championship in each division. The second lowest score in each division will be considered the runner-up. In the event of a tie for first place, a three-hole aggregate playoff will be held to determine the championship team. In the event that there is still a tie, co-champions will be declared.
- 9) **Spectators** – During the CIAC State Championship tournaments for boys and girls, and for the State Open Tournament, spectators will be allowed on the course providing the course hosting the event allows spectators. Spectators must follow the course and PGA regulations for proximity to golfers. Spectators may cheer but may not have any communication with the golfers.
  - a. The rules for spectators should be disseminated by the school's coach and/or athletic director to parents prior to the tournament. Spectator rules are available at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org) on the golf web site.
  - b. Parents and spectators may not give scores of other competitors to golfers during the state tournament nor in the State Open. This is considered coaching and violates the spectator code of conduct.
- 10) **Ties** – Plaques will be given to the winning school and the runner-up school in each division. Medals will be awarded to the winning team members and the winning individual player and the runner-up in each division. In the event of a tie for a team championship, a three-hole aggregate score playoff will be used to determine the champion. If this does not resolve the championship, co-champions will be declared. In the event of a tie for individual honors, duplicate medals will be awarded to each individual involved in the tie.
- 11) **Distance Measuring Devices** – The CIAC Golf Committee, in accordance with USGA Rule 14-3 will allow a player (not a coach) to use a distance-measuring device at the state championships. Players may not use measuring devices, including smartphones, to measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.)

12) **“X” Rule for the Girls Tournament** – The “X” Rule will apply for the girls’ tournament.

13) **Coaches** – Teams must have a certified coach or bona fide faculty member as an advisor with them. Coaches or other faculty members will not be allowed to play the course. Coaches or other faculty members accompanying teams shall accept marshaling assignments as assigned by the chairman of the committee / site director if they are not coaching on the course. Only one certified coach will be allowed to coach on the course during the championships. Any individual or team entering the tournament must have a certified coach with him/her as an advisor. Unaccompanied teams or individuals will be disqualified.

14) **Coaching on the Course** – The following provisions for the CIAC Golf Championships are intended for coaches to provide as much support as possible while remembering that players compete themselves during competitions and to help improve the pace of play. During the CIAC Championships one school designated certified coach with proper lanyard ID will be allowed to coach/advise players from his/her school team during play.

- \* The USGA definition of “advice” will be adhered to in the state championship competition. “Advice is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his/her play, the choice of club or method of making a stroke”.
- \* Information on the rules or on matters of public knowledge, such as position of hazards or the position of the flag stick on the putting surface is allowed.
- \* Coaching may begin (give advice) once all players have completed teeing off. Coaches may continue to provide advice and support until play has reached the putting surface at which time coaching shall cease. Coaching from green to tee is allowed but once the players are on the tee, coaching is suspended until all players have teed off.
- \* Players must proceed immediately to the next hole without delay – the pace of play in the state championship is of paramount importance to all the competitors. Any violation of USGA Rule 5.6a. “Unreasonable Delay of Play” may be subject to a two-stroke penalty for the first offense and disqualification for the second offense. Coaches should assist in monitoring not only their own player(s), but all players in the competition.

15) **Guidelines for Coaching During the Championship**

**COACHES MAY:**

- \* Talk to their player after all players have teed off and until the player has arrived on the putting surface.
- \* Give advice to their player on matters such as club selection, wind direction, stance, grip, hole strategy, swing adjustments and mental adjustments.
- \* Talk to all players about rule options when asked by a player for advice.
- \* Answer public knowledge information to all players in the group when asked to do so.
- \* Help players look for a lost ball, provided that the USGA rules governing lost balls are adhere to. (USGA Rule 18)
- \* Although it is preferred that coaches walk the course when coaching their players, motorized carts may be rented by the coaches at their expense with the site director’s and club pro’s approval. A coach may share a cart with another designated coach from another school.
- \* Coaches may monitor sportsmanship and report unsportsmanlike behavior to the tournament management.
- \* Contact the rules official via cell phone (a cell phone may only be used by the coach when seeking an official rules interpretation or in an emergency) for a rules interpretation when requested to do so by a player.

### *Additional Examples to Help Improve Place of Play:*

- \* Coaches may fix ball marks as needed on the putting surface when players are exiting the green.
- \* Coaches may rake the bunkers, which would help the pace of play.
- \* Coaches may advise players where to leave their bag in proximity to the next tee.

### **COACHES MAY NOT:**

- \* Provide advice to their player once the player is on the putting surface.
- \* Read putts for a player at any time.
- \* Offer advice to players from another school.
- \* Caddy for their player.
- \* Keep the official scorecard for their player.
- \* Raise their voice in such a manner to interrupt play anywhere on the course.
- \* Coaches may not assess penalties to a player.
- \* Coaches may not give rule interpretations. They can only remind players of option and the need to follow the rules.

## **9. STATE OPEN TOURNAMENT**

- 1) The Open Tournament will only be played during the spring season for the 2022-23 school year.
- 2) To qualify for the Open boys need to achieve a (3.00) average or better during the regular season or medal in their state divisional tournament. Girls need to achieve an (8.00) average or better during the regular season or medal in their state divisional tournament. Head coaches should inform players who are eligible for the Open of the date and time of the tournament. Coaches should anticipate if their players may be in contention for qualifying throughout the season and communicate the date, time and site of the Open to the student.
- 3) The top three medalists and ties in each division automatically qualify for the Open tournament.
- 4) Each golfer must have a coach attend the Open.
- 5) You do not need to enter a player into the Open tournament. Players will automatically qualify and be seeded into the tournament.

## **10. BOYS NEW ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

- 1) **Eligibility** - Only boys who play golf in the Fall can qualify for the boys' New England Individual Golf Tournament. Boys listed on the school's golf team eligibility form will be eligible to compete in the boys New England.
- 2) **To Qualify** – Boys who finish as one of the top three (3) medalists (and ties) in each of the Divisions for a total of six, plus;

The next six spots will be filled by the Coordinator by going down the individual forms and selecting the next lowest OCR until a minimum of 12 players are confirmed.

- 3) **Information** – All information pertaining to the New England's will be handed to the individual golfers at their division tournament.
- 4) **Coaches** – Coaches are responsible for contacting the New England Coordinator within 48 hours of the division tournament's conclusion to confirm entry. The boys' coordinator is Brett Franklin. (Listed under "Contact")

## 11. GIRLS NEW ENGLAND INDIVIDUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

- 1) **Eligibility** – Only girls who play golf in the Fall can qualify for the New England tournament. This would mean that a girl would have to play on a boys team in the Fall to qualify. Girls listed on the school’s golf team eligibility form will be eligible to compete in the Girls New England. Girls do not have to play in any minimum number of matches.
- 2) **Nominations** – Girls playing in the Fall who want to play in the New England tournament must be nominated by their coach and selected by the golf committee. The student’s coach must send a letter detailing the player’s qualifications. Nominations must be sent to the New England Tournament Girls Coordinator.
- 3) **Information** – All information pertaining to the New England’s will be sent to the accepted players’ coach. The girls’ coordinator is Rich Condon (Listed under “Contacts”)

## 12. CIAC GOLF COMMITTEE

The CIAC Golf Committee members are listed on the CIAC web site at [casciac.org](http://casciac.org).

## 13. SPORTSMANSHIP

Member schools are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Everyone involved has the obligation to see clearly his/her influence and act accordingly. The CIAC acknowledges that the school administration is responsible for the athletic program, including the making of broad and specific policies and procedures relating to sportsmanship and the conduct of activities in the school. To that end, the CIAC urges each school principal to adopt the following sportsmanship procedures and standards for their school and to champion the “Class Act” sportsmanship program as these standards will be used in all CIAC post-season contests.

**CIAC Sportsmanship Guidelines** - The CIAC Standards for sportsmanship as defined in the Class Act program are found at [http://ciacsports.com/site/?page\\_id=10438](http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=10438)

## 14. MEDICAL AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

Medical regulations, expectations and certifications are stated in the CIAC medical handbook. Coaches, trainers, athletic directors are expected to maintain certifications and follow the procedures as described in the CIAC Medical Handbook and as required by law.

## CERTIFICATIONS/COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- Coaching Education Overview - Required coaching certifications, including medical certifications, can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
  - Information on Coaching Permit Renewal for the State of Connecticut can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Coaching-Permit-First-Time-Issuance>
  - Temporary coaching permit application can be found at this link: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed\\_186.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_186.pdf)
  - 5 Year coaching permit application can be found at this link: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed\\_185.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_185.pdf)
  - Coaching Course Registration: <http://ctcoachinged.org/Permit.html>
  - Sudden Cardiac Arrest Renewal: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/coaches\\_sudden\\_cardiac\\_arrest\\_awareness\\_annual\\_review.pdf?la=en](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/coaches_sudden_cardiac_arrest_awareness_annual_review.pdf?la=en)
  - Information on concussion training and certification can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/concussionpage.html>
  - Concussion Renewal Form for Coaches: <https://casci.ac/8237>
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- Mandated Reporter Training: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Mandated-Reporter-Training/Home>
  - Epipen Training: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/preview-kits/anaphylaxis-epinephrine-auto-injector>
  - Coaches Guide to Dehydration and Other Heat Illnesses: <https://www.nata.org/practice-patient-care/health-issues/heat-illness>
  - Heat Illness Legislation for Coaches, Parents and Students: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00087-R00HB-06492-PA.PDF>
  - Exertional Heat Illness Review for Coaches: <http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/22-23HeatIllnessReview.docx>

**Volunteer Coaches** – The State of Connecticut Department of Education does not distinguish between volunteer or paid coaches when considering certifications or responsibilities. All coaches who are responsible for, or instruct students in any way must follow Connecticut State Law for certifications and responsibilities. Therefore, volunteer coaches are required to obtain the same certifications as all other coaches.