



2020 High School Golf National Invitational Rules Sheet

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The Rules Committee consists of Matt Weinberger, Matt Barksdale (PGA), and the PGA Professionals at course No. 6, No. 8, and No. 9.

Upon arrival to the competition rounds, ALL players must check-in at the NHSGA Green Tent for a temperature screening. Players will also receive their \$10 food card for the day. See "The Daily Guidelines" on Page 2 for more information.

As a precaution for potential rain, we will be playing lift, clean, and place in closely mown areas (fairways and fringe) throughout all rounds of competition. Players may mark their ball one time and place it within one (1) scorecard length in the same condition.

NHSGA Rules:

- Boys will play from the Blue Tees and Girls will play from the Green Tees
- Top 4 scores count towards the team total each day
- Subs may be made at scoring prior to the next day. Subs cannot have played previous competition rounds as individuals
- No caddies are permitted
- Players may not take rides from coaches or spectators during competition (one warning will be issued and 1 stroke penalty for future breaches). If play is suspended players may take rides
- Phones may only be used to receive tournament email updates or for course maps (see next)
- Distance measuring devices and course map apps are permitted (except if slope is provided)
- Bunkers will be played without rakes. Players may lift and clean the ball, smooth the sand with their club or hand, and place the ball within one scorecard no closer to the hole without penalty
- Flagsticks must be left in the hole at all times. Removing the flag the first time constitutes a warning. A two shot penalty will be given for each subsequent offense
- Cart path relief is only available for paved roads (not packed dirt)
- Fans are considered Temporary Immovable Objects - players receive additional relief option of line of sight
- Measures have been taken by the committee to ensure that the object in the hole will indeed allow the ball to come to rest completely below the surface of the ground and will have as little chance of affecting play
- The event will be paperless with the exception of scorecards. Each player will receive a scorecard of another player in the group and scores will be verbally attested adhering to USGA guidelines. Verbal score verification will take place outside with players standing 6 feet apart from one another in designated standing areas
- Scoring will be conducted socially distanced with no physical scoreboard
- In the event the number of holes is reduced where competitors cannot compete on the same courses, co-champions will be awarded. No partial scores will be taken for shortened rounds
- Awards will be distributed to the top 3 teams and the top 10 individuals
- The NHSGA will not tolerate players or spectators who do not adhere to guidelines put in place. We reserve the right to penalize and/or disqualify players who knowingly, willingly and or repeatedly disregard our policies to promote social distance. Players are also responsible for the actions of their family members or spectators

Pace of Play:

- Lead groups that fail to complete their rounds in 4 hours and 38 minutes or do not establish position behind the final group starting on the opposite side will receive a 1 stroke penalty
- Groups will be deemed “out of position” and receive a warning if they the last player holes out more than 14 minutes (par 3), 15 minutes (par 4), or 17 minutes (par 5) behind the group ahead of them
- Groups that do not get back into position by subsequent checkpoints will receive a “red card” status which is subject to a 1 stroke penalty on that hole. All penalties will be null and void if that group gets back into position at a future checkpoint OR if they complete their round in under 4 hours and 38 minutes
- The Committee has the right to penalize individuals 1 stroke after making an initial warning. Players are limited to 40 seconds per stroke. Players are expected to play ready golf and be courteous of all members of the group. If a group is out of position it is recommended to have players walk to the next tee respectfully as other players are completing the previous hole

Tiebreakers:

- Playoff order loops - Girls No. 6 (18, 18, 18, 9). Boys No. 9 (18, 9, 18)
- To determine the champion for teams that are tied, the 4 players with the lowest tournament total for each team will compete in a sudden death playoff with other teams that are tied. Order of play will be determined by lot and teams will alternate tee shots. After each hole, all 4 scores will be accumulated and compared with the other team(s) that are tied. In the event these scores are the same, the playoff will continue until a single team remains. Each hole the order of play reverses. A scorecard playoff will be used to break ties if a playoff cannot occur due to darkness/weather (counting scores each day compared to par on #1 handicap hole, continuing to next hardest hole until tie is broken)
- For the individual medalist playoff after each hole, scores are compared with the other player(s) that are tied. In the event these scores are the same, the playoff will continue until a single player remains. Each hole order of play reverses
- A scorecard playoff is used to break all other individual ties comparing the scores relative to par on the #1 handicap holes on each course played proceeding until the tie is broken

*If a playoff is possible and the team(s) or individual(s) are not available to compete, they forfeit the playoff. If the Committee determines the playoff cannot continue due to darkness, the scorecard tiebreaker will be used

Pinehurst Daily Guidelines:

Daily Check-in and Pre-Round

- Players are asked to arrive no earlier than 60 minutes prior to their tee time
- Upon arrival players must proceed directly to green NHSGA tent for a temperature screening
- Temperature screenings will be taken prior to each competition round. Players must record a 100.4 degree temperature or lower to be able to compete that day. If players subsequently screen under the required temperature on the same day they will be permitted to compete in a different pairing or with a marker
- Players are asked to be at their starting hole 15 minutes prior to their tee time
- The starter will hand each player in the group another player’s scorecard. Scorecards should not be exchanged. Each player should also record their unofficial score on the card to reference post-round
- Players are encouraged to use masks on the practice range and putting green and follow Pinehurst’s socially distance regulations

During the Round

- Live scoring will not be conducted in 2020
- Players are encouraged to bring their own snacks and water for the course. However, water will be available for players at Pinehurst water stations (sanitized by Pinehurst). Optional bottled water will be distributed at the NHSGA tent at registration
- Push carts are permitted – players may bring their own or rent on a first come first serve basis from the clubhouse
- Players are asked not to use ball washers or other shared items not removed from the course
- Bathrooms on the course will be open and cleaned throughout the day. Players should wash their hands after using the bathroom and use hand sanitizer if they touch the door

After the Round

- After scoring is complete, no gatherings will be allowed in clubhouse or any other common area
- Scoring will be done near the 18th green of each course. There will be a table set up for scoring staff. There will not be any chairs and players will review scores socially distanced
- Players will verbally confirm scores with their marker and then visually inspect the hole-by-hole score to confirm accuracy. Once scores are confirmed, there will be a bin to deposit the scorecard
- Results will be posted online only and there will be no physical scoreboards
- Once scoring is complete, players will be encouraged to leave the course and limit any post-round practice. Practice facilities close each day at 5:00pm
- After the final round awards will be provided in a socially distanced manner for the top 10 girls and boys along with the top 3 teams in each event

Severe Weather and Evacuation Plan

- In the event play must be stopped for a short delay, players will be notified to follow the provided evacuation plan to the designated shelter area. In the event of a longer suspension of play, players will be asked to proceed back to their cars or socially distance in the clubhouse
- Emails will be sent out when it is safe to return to the golf course
- Due to social distancing guidelines and likely time constraints, practice may not be allowed before the resumption of play
- In the event of a shotgun start has to be used to complete a stipulated round, rendezvous points will be utilized to get players out and in from starting holes. Most players will walk back but carts will be used to transport players at further points from the clubhouse.

Weather Evacuation Plan- Based on which hole you are on and where you are on that hole you will proceed to the listed evacuation point for short delay. In the event of a long delay proceed to the clubhouse. You will receive an email for short or long delay. Players are permitted to take rides to their evacuation point.

Course No. 6			
Hole	On Tee	In Fairway	On Green
1	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
2	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
3	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
4	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
5	Bathroom 6T	Bathroom 6T	Bathroom 6T
6	Bathroom 6T	Bathroom 6T	Bathroom 6T
7	Bathroom 6T	Bathroom 6T	Clubhouse
8	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
9	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
10	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse

11	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
12	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
13	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Restroom 15G
14	Restroom 15G	Restroom 15G	Restroom 15G
15	Restroom 15G	Restroom 15G	Restroom 15G
16	Restroom 15G	Restroom 15G	Clubhouse
17	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
18	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse

Course No. 8			
Hole	On Tee	In Fairway	On Green
1	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
2	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
3	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
4	Clubhouse	Restroom 6T	Restroom 6T
5	Restroom 6T	Restroom 6T	Restroom 6T
6	Restroom 6T	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
7	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Restroom 6T
8	Restroom 6T	Restroom 6T	Restroom 6T
9	Restroom 6T	Restroom 6T	Restroom 6T
10	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
11	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
12	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T
13	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T
14	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T
15	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T
16	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
17	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
18	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse

Course No. 9			
Hole	On Tee	In Fairway	On Green
1	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse

2	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
3	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Restroom 4G
4	Restroom 4G	Restroom 4G	Restroom 4G
5	Restroom 4G	Restroom 4G	Restroom 4G
6	Restroom 4G	Restroom 4G	Restroom 4G
7	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
8	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
9	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
10	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
11	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
12	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
13	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T
14	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T
15	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T
16	Restroom 15T	Restroom 15T	Clubhouse
17	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse
18	Clubhouse	Clubhouse	Clubhouse