



## 2021 High School Golf National Invitational Rules Sheet

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***Upon arrival for competition rounds, all players must check-in at the NHSGA Green Tent. Players will also receive their \$10 food card for the day. See "The Daily Guidelines" below for more information***

### **NHSGA Rules - All play is governed by USGA Rules of Golf along with the following:**

- Boys will play from the Blue 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
- Phones may only be used to receive tournament email/text updates and live scoring (see additional allowable app)
- Distance measuring devices and course map apps are permitted (except if slope is provided)
- Fans are considered Temporary Immovable Objects - players receive additional relief option of line of sight
- 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 at course No. 9
- Parents, spectators and coaches are not allowed to provide advice/coaching to players during competition rounds. Spectators are asked to remain on the cart paths (maintaining at least 30+ feet from competitors at all times)
- 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 policies

### **Local Rules:**

- **STROKE and DISTANCE:** Any out of bounds shots will be required to take stroke and distance and play from the previous location. There is NO local rule that allows players to drop in the fairway.
- **No. 8 - PROVISIONAL BALL FOR A BALL IN A PENALTY AREA :** Course No. 8, Hole #14 If a competitor does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area the competitor may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3.
- **No. 8 - CLUB HOUSE & BRICK PATH:** The brick path, club house, and shrubbery beds behind #18 green are deemed to be immovable obstructions. A competitor may use the closest drop zone on either side of the green
- **SANDY AREAS:** All courses will be played with no bunkers. All sandy/natural areas are deemed to be part of the general area. Note: no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas.
- **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** A) Areas completely encircled by white lines. B) French drains filled with rocks or stone. C) Areas in sandy areas in the General Area where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair. D) New tree watering wells
- **MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** A) Log posts & rope near cart paths B) trash boxes C) beverage coolers & their benches (if not readily movable, they are Immovable Obstructions.)
- **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Sprinkler control boxes C) Water fountains D) Staked trees. Relief is for the stakes and rope not the tree itself E) Starter's house, restroom or any other like structure. F) Bird houses attached to posts G) Soil-erosion netting H) Exposed irrigation piping or wiring
- **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:** The competitor may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an Immovable Obstruction is on the line of play and is either on or within two club-lengths of the Putting Green and within two club-lengths of the ball. Relief under this Local Rule is only allowed when both the ball and the Immovable Obstruction lie in the general area cut to fairway height or less

- **ROADS AND PATHS** : Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course. Where areas of damaged ground are right next to an artificially surfaced road or path they are treated as a single abnormal course condition whether marked and tied into the road or path or not
- **OUT OF BOUNDS**: A) Defined by the nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes B) The inside edge of any paved public road. A ball which crosses a public road that is out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is deemed to be out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course

**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 for all players in the group
- Groups will be deemed “out of position” and receive a warning if 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
- Checkpoints are defined by Rules Committee members who are tracking out of position groups
- Groups that do not get back into position by defined 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 holes will be announced by The Committee and will be conducted at Pinehurst No. 9 after play concludes
- 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. If two players are tied for the 4th lowest score the playoff participant may be chosen of the two. 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)
- All other team ties will be decided by comparing team scores on Pinehurst No. 9, then Pinehurst No. 8, then Pinehurst No. 7
- 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 cumulative 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

## **Daily Guidelines:**

### Daily Check-in and Pre-Round

- Upon arrival players must proceed directly to green NHSGA tent
- Players are asked to be at their starting hole 15 minutes prior to their tee time
- The starter will hand out scorecards and each group will receive a Golf Genius GGID code to conduct live scoring for the group

### During the Round

- Live scoring is unofficial
- Texts, emails, and NHSGA Tweets will be sent out if there are any in-round announcements or weather updates
- Push carts are permitted – players may bring their own or rent on a first come first serve basis from the clubhouse

### After the Round

- Scoring will be done near the 18th green of each course
- Results will be posted online only and there will be no physical scoreboards
- Players may use their \$10 food cards at a Pinehurst dining facility
- After the final round awards will be given to the top 10 players along with the top 3 teams at Pinehurst No. 9

### Severe Weather and Evacuation Plan

- In the event play must be stopped, a message will be sent to players to either find nearby shelter to hold in place or return back to the clubhouse for a longer stoppage