GOLF

SEASON OF SPORT

2018-2020

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SOP date ends (gains eligibility on)
Girls September 22, 2018            Boys March 27, 2019
September 28, 2019                   April 1, 2020

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTACTS: 15 (tournaments count as one contact per day)
Scrimmages: 2
In the Northern Section, for the purposes of definition a “contest” is defined as a competitive encounter with another school or athlete. A scrimmage is considered a contest per all CIF and NS bylaws.

Note: All dates and sites are subject to change.
NSCIF GOLF PLAYOFF QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

I. DIVISIONS
Division playoff participation will be based on CalPads enrollments from the previous year, published by the NSCIF Office. The divisions will be divided as follows:

Division I  1,000 plus student enrollment
Division II  400-999 student enrollment
Division III  Less than 399 student enrollment

II. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The Golf Advisory Committee consists of representatives from each of the following leagues: Eastern Athletic/North and South, Northern Athletic, Butte View, Feather River, Mid Valley, Shasta Cascade, and Five Star Leagues.

In the event of a tie, the committee chair will have the tie-breaking vote.

III. SEEDING COMMITTEE
There is no Seeding Committee. Teams and/or individuals are seeded by their qualifying scores in the qualifying tournaments. (See Section IV and V)

IV. GAMES SITES AND TIMES
A. Boys
   1. NSCIF Masters Tournament Qualifying
      a. Division I Section Championship
      b. Division II Section Championship
      c. Division III Section Championship
      d. Director, Site and Date to be Determined by the Advisory Committee

   2. NSCIF Masters Tournament
      a. Site and Date to be Determined by the Advisory Committee
      b. Director: Advisory Committee Chair

B. Girls Finals
   1. NSCIF Section Championship
   2. Site and Date To be Determined by the Advisory Committee
   3. Director: Advisory Committee Chair

Note: Teams and/or Individuals that fail to make their tee time will be disqualified as per USGA rules!

V. QUALIFICATION AND SEEDING CRITERIA
Note: The NSCIF Divisional Section Championships and NSCIF Masters Tournament will be scored the same as the NorCal Tournament (Currently-play 6 and score 5).

A. Boys-There will be Division I, II, and III Section Championships with qualifiers advancing to the NSCIF Masters Tournament.
1. **NSCIF Qualifying tournaments are as follows:**

   *Division I, II and III league champions automatically qualify for their respective division tournaments. Also, any team scoring 485* or lower in any league match qualifies for their respective division championship. Individuals who averaged 90 or less in league play from non-qualifying teams also qualify for their respective division championship. Non-qualifying teams may send a maximum of four individuals.

   (*All scores and averages are based on 18-hole matches played on courses of par 70 or higher, see Section VIII)*

2. **Northern Section Masters Tournament**

   a. **Scoring:** The scoring format used in the NorCal Championships with respect to number of participants shall also be used in the Northern Section Masters Tournament.

   b. **Boys**

      1) The Northern Section Boys Masters Tournament will be held in the spring of each year at a site selected by the Golf Playoff and Rules Committee.

      2) Participants will include the top two (2) teams from the Division I Section Championship and the top two (2) teams from the Division II Section Championship and the top (2) teams from the Division III Section Championship. Adding the sixth players’ score will break team ties. If the teams are still tied, the tie will be broken by using the USGA recommended tie breaking procedure which totals the scores of all six players on each student for holes 10-18. If still tied holes 13-18. If still tied holes 16-18. If still tied hole 18.

      3) **Division Champions and any team shooting 430 or better at their Division Section Championship will automatically qualify.**

         *The teams that finish second must have shot 450 or better at their respective Division Championship.*

      4) Individual qualifiers will include the top four individuals plus ties not on a qualifying team from each Divisional Section Championship. Any golfer shooting 79 or better at their Division Section Championship will automatically qualify.

   c. **Girls**

      1. The Northern Section Girls Championship will be held in the fall of each year at a site selected by the Golf Playoff Committee.

      2. The number of participants that constitute a team and the number of scores counted will be the same as for the NorCal Championships.

      3. Schools not playing in the fall tournament season will be allowed to send a maximum of three (3) individual entries to the NSCIF Championship. Participants will include all girls’ teams and individuals as follows:

         Individual entries to the NSCIF Girls Championships must have shot 105 (52 for 9 hole matches) or better during a league match. Teams must have shot 535 scoring 5 (267 scoring 5 for 9 hole matches) or better during a league match. **Non-qualifying teams may send a maximum of four individuals.** If there are not 4 teams that qualify, schools will be added based on their league.
scores to make a field of four (4). The NSCIF Golf and Playoff Committee will decide which school(s) will be added.

Note: Additional rules regarding Teams and Individuals, Boys and Girls, and qualifying scores are listed in Section VIII below.

VI. NORCAL QUALIFICATION
A. Boys or Student Teams.
   1. Teams. The top team at the Northern Section Masters Tournament will qualify for the NorCals. The runner-up must shoot a team score of 450 or lower to qualify for NorCals.
   2. Individuals. The lowest four (4) individual scores not from a qualifying team at the Northern Section Masters Tournament will qualify for the NorCals.
   3. No player or coach will be permitted to play, walk, or be on the tournament site from April 1 until the date of the tournament meeting.

B. Girls Teams
   1. Teams. The top team at the Northern Section Masters Tournament will qualify for the NorCals. The runner-up must shoot a team score of 500 or lower to qualify for NorCals.
   2. Individuals. The lowest four (4) individual scores not from a qualifying team at the Northern Section Championships will qualify for the NorCals.
   3. No player or coach will be permitted to play, walk, or be on the tournament site from October 1 until the date of the tournament meeting.

Note: Adding the sixth players’ score will break team ties. If the teams are still tied, the tie will be broken by using the USGA recommended tie breaking procedure which totals the scores of all six players on each team for holes 10-18. If still tied holes 13-18. If still tied holes 16-18. If still tied hole 18.

VII. STATE QUALIFICATION
A. Boys or Student Teams
   1. Teams: The top three (3) teams at the NorCal Tournament will qualify for the State CIF Tournament.
   2. Individuals: The lowest six (9) scores at the NorCal Tournament will qualify for the State CIF Tournament.
   3. Tournament Directors will determine guidelines for practice rounds prior to State Finals. Refer to State Golf Advanced Bulletin.

B. Girls Teams
   1. Teams: The top three (3) teams at the NorCal Tournament will qualify for the State CIF Tournament.
   2. Individuals: The lowest six (9) scores at the NorCal Tournament will qualify for the State CIF Tournament.
   3. Tournament Directors will determine guidelines for practice rounds prior to State Finals. Refer to State Golf Advanced Bulletin.
VIII. OTHER RULES GOVERNING SPORT

A. Season of Sport
   1. Girls-Fall.
      a) When a school offers a fall girls team program, girls must play only in the Fall
         and not in the Spring with the student team.
         This team would include a girl’s coach and either a girl’s 6-person team or
         individuals playing in school sponsored fall tournaments. If schools do not
         offer a girl’s team or individuals program in the Fall Season of Sport, then
         girls from that school will be eligible to:
            1) Play in the fall girls Section Tournament as an individual, if they can shoot
               105 or lower in their respective League Tournament.
            2) Qualify as an individual from the NSCIF Section Tournament to advance
               to the girl’s CIF NorCal Regional Tournament.
            3) Play on the school’s student team in the Spring. They may not advance as
               an individual.
   2. Boys-Spring (May also be referred to as the Student Team)
      a) Girls may play on the Student Team in the Spring if there was not a Girls team
         at their school in the Fall.
      b) Girls may not advance as individuals in the Spring.
   3. All scores are based on par 72 courses (par 36 for 9-holes). Scores reported on
      courses that are less than par 72, will be adjusted to reflect the difference. If
      course is par 71, one stroke will be added to a reported score. If par 70, 2 strokes
      will be added, etc.

B. Tournament Length
   The Section Qualifiers and Finals will be 18-hole tournaments. The host school will
   determine the length of other matches and/or tournaments.

C. Teams (Boys and Girls)
   The number of participants on a golf team and the number of scores counted will be
   the same as will be used in the NorCal Championships for that year.

D. Team/Individual Qualifying
   1. If individuals wish to compete and their school does not have a golf team they
      must have an eligibility statement signed by the principal. A certified coach or
      designated school representative (must have letter from school principal) must
      accompany all golfers to the league matches and qualifying tournaments. (See
      Certification of Authorized Personnel Form at the end of the Golf Section).
   2. In order for teams to qualify for section play-offs they must be affiliated with an
      existing league currently established in the play-off structure.
   3. New leagues must contact the NSCIF Golf Rules and Playoff Chairman before the
      May Board of Managers meeting on even years in order to participate in the
      following two year cycle.

E. Players will carry their own clubs or use a pull cart providing a pull cart is allowable
   on the golf course. No motorized or self-propelling carts or caddies are allowed.

F. No coaching is allowed on the course of play.

G. All team matches in the NSCIF will be conducted under the USGA rules of golf and
   golf course rules listed on the scorecard or determined by the course Pro.
H. Players may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. Any questions about such devices should be resolved before the start of the stipulated round. The penalty for breach of this rule is a 2 stroke penalty, any subsequent offense is disqualification. The use of wireless handheld devices (smart phones) on the golf course is prohibited by players. Coaches and Spectators will be allowed to text, email or view scoring (if available). Talking on cell phones is prohibited.
NSCIF GAME MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

I. OFFICIALS
The Golf Committee will assign a Tournament Director for each qualifying tournament. The Director shall establish a committee to determine any appeals that occur during that tournament. All decisions of this committee regarding rules and appeals shall be final.

II. OFFICIAL BALL
No official ball has been adopted.

III. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY
Any player whose name appears on the official Varsity or Junior Varsity roster for the last league game and who is currently eligible under CIF guidelines is eligible to participate. Alternates may be used on teams after the Division Championships, but no alternates may be used for individual qualifiers.

IV. UNIFORMS
The following “Dress Code” will be strictly enforced:
1. Collared or mock-collared golf shirts will be worn and kept tucked in at all times
2. No denim jeans or shorts with rivets will be allowed.
3. Walking shorts are permitted at most golf courses.
4. Hats must be worn with the “bill” forward.
5. Teams should be prepared to wear “soft spikes” at all tournaments.

Note: Failure to comply with the NSCIF Golf Dress Code may result in disqualification. Additional regulations may be required by individual courses. These regulations must also be adhered to.

V. GAME SUPERVISION
The Golf Committee will assign a Tournament Director for each qualifying tournament. The Tournament Director will determine appropriate supervision for that tournament. A certified coach or designated school representative must accompany all golfers to the league matches and qualifying tournaments. (See Appendix A-Form 506-Certification of Authorized Personnel Form).

VI. ENTRY FEES (All entry fees are subject to change)
A. Boys
   An entry fee of $45.00 per team is required for entry into the Division I, Division II, and Division III Championships. Individual entry fees are $7.50 per golfer.
B. Girls
   An entry fee of $45.00 per team is required for entry into the Girls Division I Northern Section Championships. Individual entry fees are $7.50 per golfer.
C. All entry fees should be made payable to NSCIF and sent directly to the Northern Section CIF Office.
VII. **ADMISSION FEES** (All admission fees are subject to change)
There are no admission fees. Spectators are allowed on the course but must remain 30 yards from players. Carts are not allowed for spectators. No coaching or instructing by coaches or spectators is allowed on the course of play.

VIII. **HALF-TIME ACTIVITIES**
Does not apply to Golf.

IX. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
Following each Section tournament the host school will forward a financial report to the NSCIF Commissioner’s office within 30 days. A 10 % penalty will be imposed on the host school for reports not received within 30 days. (See Financial Report form in the General Information Section of these Guidelines). This report shall include:
1. All schools who had entries in the tournament.
2. All schools who have not submitted entry fees.
3. A check made payable to NSCIF for the net amount of entry fees.
4. The host school retains program and concession revenues if applicable.

X. **PERMISSIBLE GAME EXPENSES**
The NSCIF Commissioner must approve all expenses prior to the start of the tournament.

XI. **PUBLICITY/REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES**
A. The host school should provide local newspapers with advance publicity of the teams involved in the play-offs, including tournament times and locations as well as any admission prices.
B. The host school should provide the local newspapers with a summary and highlights of the play-off tournament.
C. Play-off teams should provide their own local newspaper with summaries, details and outcome of the tournament.
D. It is imperative that all schools report their scores to the MaXPreps.com (when available) so that the information posted on the website is accurate. Both schools are responsible for reporting any errors to MaXPreps.com (FAX 934-7394) or to the Section office (528-9300, FAX 528-9333) before the Section seeding meeting.

XII. **RADIO/TV**
The Section Commissioner must approve all commercial radio and TV coverage of section play-off contests. The broadcast fee is $ 100.00 payable to NSCIF prior to the contest.

XIII. **VENDORS**
A fee of $100 at 10% will be charged per vendor payable to prior to any Section Playoff contests where vendors will be present. The Fee will include all Divisional and Section Championships. The fee **DOES NOT** include Regional and State CIF Contests. Any and all display materials are to be provided by the vendor.
XIV. AWARDS (Golf)
The following awards have been approved by the Northern Section. Any additional awards must be approved by the Section office. Additional awards may not have any financial impact on member schools.

Medalist Trophy (Perpetual*)
   Jay Bell Award (Boys)-Awarded at Masters Tournament (Boys)
   Women's Club Award (Girls)-Awarded at NSCIF Championship (Girls)
Master's Championship (Perpetual*)
   Master's Cup (Boys)
(*School represented by winning golfer/team) is responsible for engraving)

Championship Shadow Boxes (4 total)
   NSCIF Championship (Girls)
   NSCIF Division I Championship (Boys)
   NSCIF Division II Championship (Boys)
   NSCIF Division III Championship (Boys)

Runner-up Shadow Boxes
   NSCIF Championship (Girls)

Plaque to Host Golf Course for hosting Divisional and Masters Championships (5 total)
   2 Gold Medals w/ribbon hanger-2 ½” (1 Boys and 1 Girls 1st place)
   2 Silver Medals w/ribbon hanger-2 ½” (1 Boys and 1 Girls 2nd place)
   4 Bronze Medals w/neck ribbon-2 ½” (2 Boys and 2 Girls 3rd and 4th places)
   Duplicate medal(s) will be awarded for 4th place ties

24 Individual Championship Patches (18 Boys and 6 Girls)
24 Individual Pins (18 Boys and 6 Girls)

Note: Additional patches and pins may be purchased from the Section Office.
CIF BYLAW 506-WHO MAY COACH
A. All public school teams must be coached by a person who meets the requirements of the California Education code and the California Administrative Code Title V.
B. In the case of a non-public school, a person engaged by that school on a yearly contract basis as a regular member of the school teaching staff and certified by the administrator of that school as competent for the position held.

CIF BYLAW 508-OUT OF STATE COACHING CERTIFICATION
Teams of affiliated California Interscholastic Federation member schools must be coached by staff members certified in their own state (for certain schools outside California).

School: ___________________________ School Team: _________________
Coach’s Name ______________________ School Phone: _________________
Coach’s Address ____________________

(City) (State) (Zip)

I hereby assert and verify that the person named above is authorized by __________________________
High School to coach the above team and meets the requirements of the above bylaws as of this date.

(Principal signature) (Date)

(Print Principal’s name)

PLEASE MAKE SEPARATE COPIES FOR EACH CERTIFIED COACH