

# UOVHSAA Golf Playing Regulations (Boys and Girls)

September 23, 2025

## **1. Date**

The UOVHSAA golf championship shall be held during the week prior to the day of the EOSSAA championship.

## **2. Location**

The location of the UOVHSAA golf championship shall be decided at or before the June AGM prior to the championship. The course of play must be in good condition for the tournament. For example, the greens and fairways must not be punched and leaves must not cover most of the field of play. Convenors are responsible for ensuring that the course selected is in acceptable shape in the fall. Convenors must establish a rain date.

## **3. Events**

There shall be both a boys and girls UOVHSAA golf championship each year. The boys event shall be 18 holes and the girls event shall be 18 holes. The championships will be conducted on the same day, at the same course, unless numbers prove impractical.

Both boys and girls shall play a team division and an individual division. Each school shall be permitted to enter two boys teams and Two girls teams, each consisting of four players, with the lowest three scores counting towards each team's total. Team members must be declared on each school's entry form. If a school enters a team with three players, they may compete for the team title, with all scores counting towards their team total. Schools may enter fewer than 3 players whereby the participants will compete for the individual title.

## **4. Championship Structure and Procedures**

- a) No one from the same school shall be paired together in a foursome if possible.
- b) Players will mark the score of another player in their foursome. After the round, the player and the marker (who keeps the player's score) must certify that the player's score for each hole is right and the player must return the scorecard to the Committee. Both player and marker must sign the scorecard.
- c) Teacher-supervisors are **required** to complete assigned responsibilities (i.e. marshalling, fore caddying, or other duties as assigned). Any person who has not been assigned a spotting role by the Convenor must not be on the course with the exception of grounds crews and other golf course employees.
- d) Any coaching/communication with the players will not be permitted on the course.

(Communication includes but is not limited to coaches, parents, spectators, cell phone/text messaging).

- e) Caddies will not be permitted. Motorized carts may be used by participants with **prior** medical exemption.
- f) Coaches shall provide handicaps for all entries when possible. When not possible, an approximate handicap will be provided.
- g) Spectators will need to abide by course rules & UOVHSAA playing regulations.
- h) Convenor should provide and make available a pin position sheet for all participants.
- i) A coaches meeting will be held thirty minutes prior to the first tee time. Each coach is responsible for communicating information to their players.

## 5. INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:

To represent an UOVHSAA school in girls/boys golf coordinated by UOVHSAA a student must:

- (a) Be eligible for competition under the constitution and by-laws and playing regulations of UOVHSAA.
- (b) Students who have fewer than twenty-two (22) credits must be registered in a minimum of three (3) full day school credit courses in the semester in which he/she participates. Students who have achieved twenty-two (22) credits must be taking two (2) full day school courses per semester.
- (c) Meet the following age requirements:  
The individual has not reached his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- (d) be in Grades 9-12;
- (e) Be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy; (By-Law 5, Section 4(f)). Any student transferring into an UOVHSAA school who has been registered in another school, as per EOSSAA/OFSAA policy, is **ineligible** to play until a transfer form has been submitted and approved by the UOVHSAA transfer committee.
- (f) Any student who registers and attends one term at a post secondary institution and then returns to any high school is ineligible for UOVHSAA competition for the remainder of his/her high school career.
- (g) OFSAA Hub forms must be “in the hands or email” of the Tournament Convenor 24 hours before the first game in which the players listed participate.
- (h) Additions to the OFSAA Hub form may be submitted during the season. The OFSAA Hub form listing the complete team must be re-signed by the Principal and Athletic Director and submitted to the UOVHSAA Athletic Convenor before the individual can play.
- (i) As per the UOVHSAA constitution individuals must be registered and in attendance at an UOVHSAA member school for no fewer than ten (10) school days prior to participation in an UOVHSAA

event.

(l) Any student in an UOVHSAA member school who has participated in an official UOVHSAA competition and then registers in another UOVHSAA member school shall be ineligible to compete in that same sport in the same season.

(o) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));

(r) have participated as a member of a 'bona fide' high school program as outlined in (a) above and attended the majority of practices and competitions.

(s) Be eligible under OFSAA Transfers-Policy

## **6. EOSSAA qualification:**

Boys: UOVHSAA may enter two school teams composed of four (4) members and two (2) low individual golfers, who are not on either team entry to represent UOVHSAA at EOSSAA

Girls: The top 8 individual scores at UOVHSAA, for female golfers, as long as the score is under 110 strokes, will qualify to represent UOVHSAA at EOSSAA.

## **7. Entries**

Entries to UOVHSAA shall be accepted from local coaches only.

Entries must be received by the convenor five (5) days before the date of the UOVHSAA Championship using the appropriate UOVHSAA form provided by the convenor.

## **8. Expenses**

An entry fee (determined by the appropriate course official along with the convenor) shall be charged to cover the operating costs of the event. The convenor will provide a list of everything covered by the entry fee (i.e.: all or some of green fees, range balls, beverages, food) to all coaches prior to the event.

Each UOVHSAA coach must pay the fee determined by the convenor before being permitted to play in the UOVHSAA championship. The convenor will provide each school with a receipt.

**9. Eligibility:** To represent a school in any UOVHSAA activity a student must:

\*be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of UOVHSAA

\*Comply with the age requirement in the OFSAA Constitution \*be in grades 9-12

\*be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy

\*be eligible for no more than five(5) consecutive years from the date of entry into Grade 9

\*have signed the Rules of Behavior form for the competition

\*Be a full-time student

\*be certified eligible by the Principal of the school

## **10. Rules and Officials:**

The laws of the current version of the RCGA Rules and host course adaptations of the RCGA Rules shall govern play at the UOVHSAA championship with the exception of tie breakers. The convener must designate or act as the head official for the UOVHSAA championship.

#### **11. Tie Breakers:**

**Individual Tie Breaking:** UOVHSAA shall use Golf Ontario's Tie Breaking Policy, as follows.

For an 18-hole competition, use the best back 9, thence to the best score on the last 6 holes, thence to the best score on the last 3 holes, and thence to the best score on the last (18th) hole.

If this fails to break the tie then go to the best score on the second last hole (17th hole), then to the best score on the third last hole (16th hole), then to the best score on the fourth last hole (15th hole), and continue through holes one by one to the best score on the first hole.

If the players are still tied after this, the Committee shall flip a coin.

#### **Team Tie Breakers:**

The team with the player with the lowest individual score shall be declared the winner of the team competition. If teams are still tied, the second lowest score on each team will be used with the lower of the two being declared the winner. If the teams are still tied, the third lowest score will be used in the same manner. If the teams are still tied, the fourth team member's score will be used. If the teams are still tied, the lowest players' scores will be consulted once again and the individual tie-breaking format will be used to determine the winner.

#### **12. Uniforms/Attire:**

All competitors are expected to match, if not exceed, the dress code of the host course. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure the dress code of the host course is followed.

#### **13. Awards:** Is there a trophy floating around the county somewhere?

#### **14. Deportment:**

All participants are expected to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour for Participants at an EOSSAA championship." All competitors are expected to demonstrate respect for and compliance with the rules of golf.

#### **15. Jury of Appeal:**

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three individuals: the convenor and two(2) other individuals appointed by the convenor. The jury of appeal should include one RCGA Professional if possible. A dispute must be submitted in writing to the convenor prior to the signing of the scorecard at the conclusion of the game (within thirty(30) minutes) in which the incident occurred. Decisions of the Jury of appeal shall be final.