



Attention Coaches and Tournament Directors: Be sure to read this bulletin carefully as some policies and procedures have changed as a result of the actions of the member school principals at the LHSAA Annual Meeting held in January 2012. The items that have been amended are underlined and written in red.

2012

DIVISION III (3A) REGIONAL &
STATE BOYS GOLF BULLETIN

*Regional Entry Form Deadline:
Monday, April 16, 2012*

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15.3 **GENERAL**

15.3.2 A school's student-athlete shall compete in accordance with the United States Golf Association's (USGA) rules and a course's rules which shall be clearly defined in writing to coaches and his/her golfers. In questionable situations involving the rules of play or the course, golfers shall abide by the decisions made by the local professional and his/her staff.

15.3.4 Anyone, including coaches, parents, and/or marshals, shall be allowed to assist a golfer in searching for a lost ball. Five minutes shall be the maximum time a golfer may search for a lost ball. Afterwards, the "lost ball rule" shall be in effect.

15.3.5 A student-athlete shall **NOT** be allowed to have a **GPS device**, cell phone, CD player with headphones, or any other communication device on the course at any time during the actual competition. **Use of a range finder is permitted. On the first violation of this rule the individual golfer shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty. The individual golfer shall be disqualified by tournament officials for a second offense of this rule.**

15.3.6 No participant shall use any form of tobacco at the competition site. **On the first violation of this rule, the individual golfer shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty. The individual golfer shall be disqualified by tournament officials for a second offense of this rule.**

15.4 **COACHES' RULE**

15.4.1 In all regular-season, regional, and state matches/tournaments, a team shall be accompanied by a faculty coach/representative. An LHSAA approved non-faculty coach may accompany the team and act as the school representative.

15.4.2 If the team is accompanied by a faculty coach/representative or an LHSAA-approved non-faculty coach from any other school/school system in the tournament, affected schools shall have written agreement available to the tournament director on request.

15.4.3 Coaches shall be prohibited from playing golf during the regional and state golf tournaments.

15.5 **GOLF MEDALIST**

15.5.1 A medalist is defined as any individual golfer who records a legal score. A medalist may be a member of an official LHSAA team or an individual golfer from a school that does not have enough golfers entered in the regional/state tournament to field an LHSAA defined team.

15.7 **GENERAL RULES FOR REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS**

15.7.1 During the tournaments, **only** coaches shall be allowed to coach and/or converse with his/her golfer(s) **only from the green to the next tee box** and **only once all players in that playing group have completed the hole.** *Example: Once a player of Team A steps onto the tee box to tee off, the coach of Team A shall have no further verbal contact with him.* **On the first violation of this rule, the individual golfer shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty and the coach shall lose coaching privileges for a second offense of this rule.**

15.7.2 During the tournament, non-coaching spectators (*parents, friends, and other golfers*) **shall be allowed** on the course to observe golfers during play. The following rules shall apply to **observers**:

1. **Spectators shall be notified that they are spectators, and it is not their responsibility to report possible rule violations.**
2. Spectators shall remain a reasonable distance (*at least 50 yards*) from golfers at all times.
3. **After play has started**, spectators shall not **"coach or advise" players by having** either verbal or visual communication with golfers nor interfere with play in any way at anytime. **On course encouragement, support, applause, etc. is not considered coaching or advice; therefore, it is permissible.**
4. **On the first violation of this rule, the individual golfer shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty and the spectator shall be warned. The individual golfer shall be disqualified by tournament officials if the coaching continues and the spectator shall be removed from the course.**

15.7.3 Golfers who have completed play shall not be allowed on the course in golf carts. If they walk onto the course after completing play, they assume the role of spectators. A player who has completed play discovered on the course in a golf cart shall be disqualified and his score in his last round of play shall be declared null and void.

- 15.7.4 School team members shall be attired in the same color shirts (consisting of a collar for boys or a mock turtle neck shirt that meets local course rules) and the same color pants or shorts, the pants or shorts may be a different color from that of the shirt. Golfers shall not be allowed to wear blue jeans, denim, or "cut-off" shorts, including cargo pants and shorts. Additionally, all shirts must be tucked in at all times and all caps must be worn with the bill facing forward at all times during play. In summary, all golfers must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. A golfer that is not in compliance with this rule shall not be allowed to compete in the state tournament.
- 15.7.5 All golfers shall walk during the round(s) of play. A golfer shall carry his own clubs or use pull carts. **Golfers shall not be allowed to use a caddy.**
- 15.7.6 If possible, the tournament director shall arrange for a practice round prior to the round of play. A golfer shall arrange his practice round tee time. Participating schools shall pay their own green fees. Participating schools may be required to pay green fees for tournament participation.
- 15.7.7 Practice on the playing course shall be prohibited after the tournament begins, except as outlined in Rule 7 of the USGA Rule Book.
- 15.7.8 A coaches' meeting shall be scheduled before the round of tournament play begins. All coaches/faculty representatives **and adult monitors** shall be present at the meeting. If this rule is violated, the school shall be fined \$50 for one golfer or \$100 for two or more golfers to allow them to participate in the tournament.
- 15.7.9 After receiving all entry forms, the tournament director/committee shall group golfers and assign each group a tee time for each round of play. If possible, each group shall be formed so that groups consist of golfers from different schools in each round of play. On the first day of a tournament, golfers shall be grouped according to the qualifying scores reported on the team's entry form.
- 15.7.10 If a golfer fails to make his tee time, he shall be disqualified from the tournament. *If a golfer is not on the tee box at the appointed time, he shall be ruled as missing his tee time.* In the state tournament, he shall be disqualified from the tournament as a medalist but not as a team member. He can still complete on the second day as a team member.
- 15.7.11 **Golfers shall be required to adhere to proper sportsmanship while on the course. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as profane, vulgar and/or abusive language audible to others; carelessly and/or deliberately throwing clubs and/or slamming a club to the ground; verbalizing with intent of intimidation; or exhibiting behavior not in accordance with the spirit of fair play. Violation of this rule shall result in the following penalty structure:**
First Offense – Warning
Second Offense – Two stroke penalty
Third Offense – Disqualification
(Note: If a golfer is disqualified because of an unsportsmanlike act, the act shall be reported in writing to the LHSA.)
- 15.7.12 If a golfer is disqualified during the round, his recorded score to that point shall be disregarded for team or individual honors.
- 15.7.13 In the state tournament, if a golfer is disqualified, for any reason other than unsportsmanlike conduct (acts), he shall be allowed to participate in the other round of the tournament. If disqualified in the first round, he may participate in the second round. If disqualified in the second round, he may use his/her score from the first round.
- 15.7.14 **Scoring:** (Regional & State) A golfer should record his own score on each hole, total his own score and sign his own score card after each round.
- 15.7.15 **Each school shall provide** an adult **to serve as a monitor who shall** be assigned to each group to observe play, assist with rulings, request professional rulings and unofficially compute scores for each golfer in the group. **These individuals should not be placed in positions of making decisions about students from their school.**
- 15.7.16 A "marker" is one who is appointed by the tournament director to record a competitor's score in stroke play. He shall be a fellow-competitor. After each hole the marker should check score with the competitor and record it.
- 15.7.17 After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the tournament director. He shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card himself and return it to the tournament director.

- 15.7.18** The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he shall be disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.
- 15.7.19** The tournament director or committee shall be responsible for the addition of scores.
- 15.7.20** The posted scores of the individual golfers shall be used to determine medalists' scores.
- 15.7.21 Ties for Team Honors:** If team scores are tied for first and/or second-place after the final round of play, the tie shall be determined by the following method: Each tied team's coach shall select a golfer to represent the team in a sudden-victory playoff beginning with the first hole. All sudden-victory playoffs shall be decided independent of each other.
- 15.7.22** If a tie exists between first, second, and/or third-place medalists, the tied golfers shall settle the tie in a sudden-victory playoff beginning with the first hole.
- 15.7.23** The LHSAA shall not present awards at regional tournaments.
- 15.7.24** In regional and state competition, after a player hits two consecutive shots into a hazard, his next shot shall be played from a designated drop area between the hazard and green if permitted by the tournament director. In regional and state competition, a player shall pick up his ball and record a ten (10) after the ninth (9th) stroke of the hole. If a player continues to play, the player is not disqualified, but must count all shots played.

15.7.26 In boys' tournament play, the scores of the four boy golfers posting the lowest legal scores each day will be totaled to determine the team's score.

Example of Team Scoring:

GOLFER	1ST ROUND SCORE	2ND ROUND SCORE	TEAM SCORE	
#1	76*	78*	1st Round	303
#2	81*	70*	2nd Round	<u>300</u>
#3	74*	85	Total Team Score	603
#4	83	79*		
#5	72*	73*		

* Four best scores each day

15.8 REGIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

- 15.8.1** A regional tournament shall be over one round of 18 holes.
- 15.8.2** If a tournament is canceled because of inclement weather, it shall be rescheduled and completed prior to the date of the state tournament.
- 15.8.3** If a golfer is disqualified in a regional golf tournament and his/her team qualifies for the state tournament, he/she shall be permitted to compete as a team member only in the state tournament.
- 15.8.4 Follow-up Responsibilities:** At the completion of regional tournaments, each tournament director shall:
1. Immediately send a copy of his/her regional tournament results to the state tournament director.
 2. Maintain a copy of results in the event the state director does not receive them.
 3. Immediately send a copy of tournament results to the LHSAA with entry forms, entry fee checks, and checks for imposed fines (*if applicable*) by fax at **(225) 296-5919**.

15.8.5 The following formula shall be used to determine the number of teams and individual medalists that shall qualify from regional tournaments to the state tournament.

<u>TEAMS</u>	
<u># TEAMS ENTERED & PARTICIPATION</u>	<u># QUALIFYING TEAMS</u>
1-9	3
10-12	4
13-15	5

ALL ENTRIES ARE MEDALISTS	
# OF MEDALIST ENTERED	# OF QUALIFYING MEDALISTS
1-9	3
10-12	4
13-15	5
16-18	6
19-21	7
22-24	8
25-27	9
28-30	10
31-33	11
34-36	12
37-39	13
40-42	14
43-45	15
46-48	16
49-51	17

*If more entries qualify, one (1) for every three medalists

15.8.6 When teams are tied in qualifying for the state tournament, all tied teams shall advance to the state tournament.

15.8.7 All medalists tied in a regional tournament shall qualify for the state tournament.

15.8.8 **Entry Information:** In boys' Division III, a maximum of five golfers may be entered in a regional or state tournament.

15.8.9 To participate in the state tournament, a golfer shall be a member of a team that qualifies to the state tournament from the regional tournament in his division, or he shall qualify as an individual medalist at the regional tournament.

15.8.10 To compete for team honors and qualify as a team for the state tournament in boys' Division III, a team shall have at least four qualifiers post complete scores.

15.8.11 A school's official entry form shall be completed, signed by the principal, and sent to the regional tournament director **and the LHSAA** by certified, return-receipt-requested mail postmarked no later than **April 16, 2012**.

15.8.12 The entry form **sent to the LHSAA** shall be accompanied by school check payable to the LHSAA, totaling \$10 per golfer entered, up to a maximum of five for a total fee of \$50. If a school fails to submit its entry form and entry fee to the **LHSAA** by the deadline, its golfer(s) shall be allowed to participate in the tournament only if the school pays a \$50 fine for one golfer or a \$100 fine for two or more golfers by the end of the coach's meeting on the first day of play.

15.8.13 Names of the competing golfers and alternate golfers shall be listed on the official LHSAA entry form. Substitutions shall be on the alternates' list.

15.8.14 Tournament directors shall not accept entries from schools located outside of their region.

15.8.15 The course selected shall be an 18-hole course, if one is available, unless agreed upon by all participating schools.

15.10 **BOYS' REGIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS**

15.10.1 Boys' regional tournaments shall be played in the following divisions:

Division I - 5A	Division IV - 2A
Division II - 4A	Division V - 1A
Division III - 3A	Division VI - B and C

15.10.5 Using the alignment of Class 3A boys' basketball districts, Division III (*Class 3A*) shall be divided for regional golf competition as follows:

Region I	-	Districts 1-2-3-4
Region II	-	Districts 5-6-7-8
Region III	-	Districts 9-10-11

15.11 **STATE TOURNAMENT**

15.11.2 Play shall include 36 holes. However, if one round of 18 holes of play is canceled because of inclement weather, the state championship shall be determined by the recorded scores after one 18-hole round. If a round of play is canceled because of inclement weather before all of the competitors have completed play on that day, the entire round shall be:

1. Canceled if this occurs on the first day of play.
2. Canceled if this occurs on the second day of play and the first day of play has been completed.
3. Suspended if this occurs on the second day of play and the first day of play has been canceled because of inclement weather and shall be completed on the next playable day that is approved by the Executive Director.

15.11.3 If a school that qualifies for the state golf tournament wishes to withdraw from the state tournament, the school's principal shall submit a signed statement to the LHSAA Executive Director requesting not to be entered in the tournament no later than 24 hours after the completion of the regional tournament. If a school fails to withdraw its team from the state tournament and is seeded in the tournament and the team withdraws, forfeits, or fails to show up for the tournament, then the school shall be fined \$200.

15.13.1 Only teams and medalists that have qualified in their respective divisions in regional tournaments or alternates that are listed on the official entry blank shall compete in the state tournament. *Exception: If a team does not qualify for the state tournament, but qualifies four or five medalists, they shall be allowed to compete for team and medalist honors at the state tournament.*

15.13.2 A team shall enter a maximum of five golfers in the tournament. Team member substitutions may be made before or during the coaches' meeting, but substitutions shall be listed as alternates on the regional tournament entry form.

15.13.3 The first, second, and third place medalist winners shall be the three golfers that post the lowest legal scores.

Boys' Regional Golf Entry Form

LOCATION OF REGIONAL TOURNAMENT: _____

SCHOOL: _____

ENTRIES		
	Name	Average (18 Hole Score)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

ALTERNATES		
	Name	Average (18 Hole Score)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

NOTE: Entries may be substituted preceding play at the regional or state tournament but all substitutions must be taken from the list of alternates. Each participant must meet all LHSAA eligibility requirements.

NOTE: A school shall not allow a non-faculty member to coach golf unless he has been properly certified through the LHSAA's Coaches Education Certification Program.

- DIVISION I (5A)
- DIVISION II (4A)
- DIVISION III (3A)
- DIVISION IV (2A)
- DIVISION V (1A)
- DIVISION VI (B/C)

School _____

Region _____ Division _____ Class _____

Print Name of Principal _____

Signature of Principal _____

Print Name of Coach _____

Signature of Coach _____

Name of Monitor (See Rule 15.7.15) _____

Important: This form must be mailed to the regional director and LHSAA by the DEADLINE of MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

New for 2012: This form must also be mailed to the LHSAA at 12720 Old Hammond Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA. 70816 Attn: Kenny Henderson by Monday, April 16, 2012. Your entry blank must be accompanied by your school check in the amount of \$10.00 per participant (up to a maximum of three entries or \$30.00). Make your check payable to the LHSAA.

Entry forms postmarked after **April 16 shall be delinquent and subject to the following:** Schools that fail to meet established deadline dates for entries in regional events shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50) per entry up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100). Late entries will be accepted in writing with the entry fee and the fine up to the end of the coaches' meeting by the meet director. No entries may be accepted after the start of the coaches' meeting.

2012 BOYS' REGIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Regional tournaments shall be held throughout the state during the week of April 23-April 28 to qualify teams and medalists for competition in the LHSAA Boys' State Golf Tournaments.

DIVISION III – CLASS 3A REGIONALS					
REGION I	MEET DIRECTOR	COURSE LOCATION	DATE OF TOURNAMENT	REPORT TIME	TEE TIME
	Loyola Prep H.S. Steven Geter Cell-318-272-3211 Fax-318-226-6334	Shreveport Country Club 3101 Esplanade Avenue Shreveport, LA Par 71, 6234 Yds.	Wednesday, April 25	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
Green Fees: \$20 day of tournament Practice Round: \$20 green fee, Tuesday, April 24, Call for tee time, After 1:00 p.m. Pro at Course: Martin Stuart, 318-631-1200					
REGION II	MEET DIRECTOR	COURSE LOCATION	DATE OF TOURNAMENT	REPORT TIME	TEE TIME
	Parkview Baptist H.S. B.J. Andrews Hm-225-357-6295 Cell-225-936-2146 Fax-225-357-6295	BEAVER CREEK GOLF COURSE 1100 Plains Port Hudson Rd Zachary, LA Par 72, 6950 Yds.	Thursday, April 26	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Green Fees: \$15 day of tournament Practice Round: \$15 green fee, Wednesday, April 25, Call for tee time Pro at Course: Haze Brignac, 225-658-6338					
REGION III	MEET DIRECTOR	COURSE LOCATION	DATE OF TOURNAMENT	REPORT TIME	TEE TIME
	De LaSalle H.S. Chris Biehl Hm-504-267-0099 Wk-504-895-5717 ext 133 Cell-985-640-8169 Fax-504-895-1300	LAKEWOOD CC 4801 General DeGaulle Ave. New Orleans, LA Par 72, 7002 Yds.	Wednesday, April 25	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
Green Fees: No Information Provided Practice Round: No Information Provided Pro at Course: Brad Weaver, 504-373-5926					

- **Coaches' Meeting shall be held at the report time on the first day of the regional tournament and all coaches and monitors should report at that time.**
- **Tee times will be strictly followed. If a golfer has not reported to the starter by the appointed time, she shall be ruled as missing their tee time.**

2012 BOYS' STATE GOLF TOURNAMENTS

DIVISION III– CLASS 3A				
MEET DIRECTOR	COURSE LOCATION	DATES	TEE TIME	COMMENTS
Haze Brignac (W) 225-658-6338 (Cell) 225-413-2907 (Fax) 225-658-0216	BEAVER CREEK GOLF COURSE 1100 Plains Port Hudson Rd Zachary, LA Par 72, 6950 Yds.	Wednesday, May 2 & Thursday, May 3	7:30 AM	Report Time 6:30 AM
Coaches' Meeting: 6:30 AM on Tuesday, May 2 – All coaches and monitors must be present. Green Fees: \$15 per player on Tournament Day Practice Round: \$15 per player walk, Tuesday, May 1 st . Call for tee times. Additional Info: Must be 18 years old to rent or drive a golf cart for the practice round.				

- *Coaches' Meeting shall be held at the report time on the first day of the state tournament and all coaches **and monitors** should report at that time each day.*
- *Tee times will be strictly followed. If a golfer has not reported to the starter by the appointed time, she shall be ruled as missing their tee time.*

Boys' Golf Regions

Region I	Division III – Class 3A Region II	Region III
1. Buckeye	1. Abbeville	1. Albany
2. Crowley	2. Berwick	2. Amite
3. Iowa	3. Church Point	3. Brusly
4. Jennings	4. Eunice	4. DeLaSalle
5. Loyola Prep	5. Franklin	5. Loranger
6. Marksville	6. North Vermillion	6. St. Charles
7. Notre Dame	7. Parkview Baptist	7. Sumner, Jewel
8. South Beauregard	8. Patterson	8. White, E.D.
9. Westlake	9. Rayne	
	10. West Feliciana	

All of the schools listed above have indicated on the LHSAA web-site they will compete in boys' golf. The list was last updated on January 31, 2012.