

FALL GOLF

COACHES REQUIREMENT: ALL HEAD VARSITY GOLF COACHES MUST VIEW THE ON-LINE FALL GOLF RULES MEETING. Fall golf rules meeting will be on-line from July 30, until August 24. **Failure of any Head Fall Golf Coach to view this on-line rules meeting will make he/she ineligible to coach in the IHSAA state sponsored district /state golf tournaments.**

FIRST PRACTICE AND PLAYING DATE FOR 2012

Class 4A **first legal practice date** is Monday, August 6, 2012, and the **first legal playing date** is Thursday, August 9, 2012.

Each **individual player may participate in 12 dates of competition** during the season.

This means a school may schedule 12 varsity matches and 12 junior varsity matches. The point of clarification here is, no player is permitted to participate in more than a total of 12 competitions.

Please Note: Travel distance may be a factor taken into consideration by the Board of Control when tournament assignments/pairings are developed.

Two options for school(s) who are in a 3A conference, but due to the BEDS document become a Class 4A school.

Option number one: Play a full fall golf schedule with class 4A teams with no spring participation permitted.

Option number two: Play up to ten playing dates in the spring, which includes your one or two day conference tournament, and two regular season dates in the fall. **Under both options, your school is ineligible to participate in the state sponsored spring golf tournaments.**

District tournaments will be held October 2, 2012 (District assignments will be posted under golf, IHSAA home page).

State Tournament will be held @ Tournament Club of Iowa, Polk City, Iowa on October 5 & 6, 2012.

Future fall golf practice and starting dates:

2013 Week 6, first legal practice date August 12, 2013, first legal playing date August 15, 2013

2014 Week 6, First legal practice date August 11, 2014, first legal playing date August 14, 2014

Please note the following IHSAA Fall Golf Rule Manual changes.

1) UNIFORM: Starting with the 2012 season, **individual** players are required to wear school issued or school approved uniform golf shirts/T-shirts, shorts/pants. This **individual** uniform requirement includes appropriate cap/visor, jacket/pullover, if worn, and shorts/pants (jeans are permitted) **but must be school approved.**

NOTE: When/if purchasing new uniform tops (golf shirt/t-shirt), please understand the **same style golf team uniform top for varsity players only, will be required starting with the 2013 golf season, just like other sports.**

Penalty: For the 2012 golf season, each individual player is required to meet this individual school approved uniform requirement before participating. Any player(s) who participate and do not follow these requirements will be disqualified.

Rationale: An increasing number of players are participating wearing shirts and caps that promote alcohol and tobacco products and other inappropriate attire.

2) If a player is disqualified for any unsporting like act, he is ejected from the entire one or two day tournament. If a player is deemed disqualified from any two day tournament on day one, for a misapplication of a rule (not unsportsmanlike conduct), the player is disqualified and his score will not count the day he is disqualified. This individual would be able to compete and his score would count on the second day only of a two day event. The three coaches' golf rules jury at this particular tournament site would make the final ruling pertaining to any unusual circumstances dealing with a disqualification, except for unsportsmanlike behavior.

3) Coaches Cell Phone: If a coach/spectator cell phone rings while a player's swing is in progress, the player may take his original shot or hit a second ball. If the player elects to hit a second shot, the player must take the second shot regardless of the outcome. Understand, if a **player's cell phone** rings during competition the player is disqualified.

4) Food and Drinks At Golf Sites: Coaches may provide water, or sport drink for the players throughout the one or two day event. Coaches will be permitted to provide a sandwich or energy bar for the players. Golf courses are hosting this event for a minimal green fee and we need to respect these people and their opportunity to sell food and drink at their snack shop. **Coaches are not to place coolers out on the course**, they are to keep them in their car or on their cart and provide food to their players only as they see fit. Coaches are not to provide food for spectators nor will spectators be allowed to bring food or drink on the premises. We appreciate your cooperation pertaining to this new regulation. **Please notify your spectators in advance of this new regulation.**

5) Spectators: Spectators are not to interfere in any way, should not communicate with players, should keep their distance from the players, and have no influence on the results. If any interference occurs, spectators may be asked to leave.

It is up to the individual players to abide by the rules or circle the hole and receive a ruling at the earliest opportunity from an authorized rules person or the selected jury at the conclusion of the round before all players sign their scorecard. Once

all scores are posted and approved at the end of that days' competition by coaches/players, all scores for that day are final.

Note:

- Prior to the event, **schools that make exceptions to USGA rules during regular season competition**, must have them in writing and agreed upon by all schools involved, otherwise USGA rules apply and IHSAA manual regulations apply during the regular season and tournament play. All IHSAA sanctioned tournaments will follow USGA playing rules unless otherwise specified in the IHSAA fall golf manual.
- During regular season or IHSAA sanctioned tournament play (district or state meet), players are not allowed to chip or putt on any competition hole on the course, before competition begins. This also applies once competition play begins, regardless if you have completed the hole in tournament competition, excluding the practice green(s). In regular season competition, check with meet management pertaining to the opportunity for a player to chip or putt on a completed competition green.
- Coaches, individual hole by hole score is what counts on a player's scorecard. Even if the score is added incorrectly, the hole by hole score is the player's score for that round. Most scoring computer programs total the score once all the hole by hole scores have been entered.

**MEDAL PLAY
COACH & PLAYER INFORMATION**

For all regular season and post-season tournament play, USGA playing rules will be followed unless modified by the local course management. All golf matches shall be played in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf in accordance with rule 13-1 of the USGA Rules of Golf Book: The ball shall be played as it lies, except as otherwise provided in the rules.

There is no provision in the USGA Rules of Golf for winter rules. Winter rules do not exist, therefore, shall not be used; however, the USGA does allow for areas of the golf course to be marked and defined as Ground under Repair (rule 25-1). If it is determined that areas of the golf course are unsuitable for play, the committee shall define these areas as Ground under Repair. The Ground under Repair shall be marked and defined accordingly so no questions will arise as to the boundaries of said areas.

Poor turf conditions do not necessarily equate to Ground under Repair. Ground under Repair is defined as abnormal ground conditions. If an area is abnormal in relation to the entire golf course, then it should be defined as Ground under Repair.

Any errors or **discrepancies** that take place during medal play are to be corrected **PRIOR to signing the scorecard** and turning it in. **The round begins with the first tee of the competition and ends when the scorecard has been attested to, signed, and turned in. Once the scorecard has been signed and attested to by all players in the group**, it is too late to make corrections and all scores will stand as turned in. Coaches should verify with the tournament manager the scores are correct when posted, by verifying them individually following the posting of the scores. If the head coach elects not to attend the posting of the scores and does not verify his team score(s) are posted correctly, player(s) scores stand as posted. This will not preclude circling a given hole(s) score for the committee or jury of coaches to review at the conclusion of play, but it would permit a correctable situation at the completion of play, prior to signing the scorecard and turning it in for recording. **Coaches, remind your golfers to record the score after completion of each hole (all players involved). If there is any discrepancy, players should make every effort to resolve this discrepancy before playing the next hole. If the discrepancy can't be resolved, circle the hole/score and once the player involved finishes the round the player involved should not sign his card, nor turn it in, until the jury has made a ruling. At the completion of his round, the player should inform the scorers he has a questionable situation that needs to be resolved before signing and turning in his scorecard.**

At the conclusion of play (each day of one or two-day tournament) every player in the group needs to verify that all scores are correct by attesting to, and signing each card in that group. This procedure will allow all members in the group at the conclusion of play that day to verify and agree on what each individual in their group shot that day. If there is any discrepancy, it should go to the rules jury (appointed by the tournament manager) to rule on before signing or turning any cards in.

Coaches, remind your golfers to record the score after completion of each hole. The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his scorecard. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, **he is disqualified**. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score returned stands. Scorecards are to be turned into the official scorer immediately following the round once signed and attested to by each golfer. **Coaches are not to hold onto the scorecards while waiting for scores to be posted.**

COACH INFORMATION

The head coach is able to coach his players from green to tee. Coaching must cease once the player has put his ball in play at the next tee box. This coaching opportunity provides a great opportunity for coaches to work with their players while the meet is in progress. Your responsibility as a coach is to supervise the team or individual(s) participating. In district and state competition, all head coaches (if co-coaches, only one) will be given a wristband to identify who this coach is, and he/she will be the only person allowed to visit with his/her players from green to tee.

It is against the rules for coaches to play golf on the course the day of the district or state meet. If this takes place, the team will be **disqualified** due to the coach's actions, even if the tournament manager has given permission for the

coach to play. Coaches are not to leave the premises while his/her player(s) are competing. Coaches may be asked to assist the host school with regular season or district competition, please do your best to honor that request.

Coaches must also understand that they are **not** rules consultants when assisting. Let the players play, and if any questions come up, the player should notify his group, resolve the problem or hit a provisional ball and get a ruling when competition is completed before signing his score card. We appreciate coaches wanting to assist in making rulings, but there are times when a wrong ruling is provided and there is no recourse.

Make sure you fill out the on-line district & state team golf entry form (www.iahsaa.org under golf, left hand side of home page) and fax/e-mail the form to the designated host school at least four days before the scheduled district and two days before the state meet. This will permit the meet manager the opportunity to set up tee times according to your players' ranking, via your entry form. A coach may substitute a **team** player(s) before teeing off in the district or state meet. **In the state meet no substitutes will be allowed on day two.** In the district or state meet, no substitution will be allowed once a player has teed off on his first hole, regardless of injury, illness or disqualification. The individual will be considered withdrawn, and the team will use the five remaining players for the remainder of the tournament. **Individual qualifiers for the state meet may not be substituted for, nor will another non-qualifying golfer from that district be allowed to take this individuals place, regardless of the circumstance.**

RULES FOR PLAYERS/COACH

The following rules will govern all interscholastic golf in Iowa.

1. In case of gambling during matches, the players involved are disqualified in that particular meet.
2. Cheating would be reason for disqualification, jury decides.
3. The players will keep score, with no player keeping his own score. Coaches may be asked to help monitor certain holes on the course. **Coaches are not to make rulings on the course.** Please allow all players in the group decide the ruling, and if they can't agree, the player involved should play a provisional ball and let the rules committee make a ruling when he finishes the round (before signing and turning in his scorecard). We now have Iowa Section Certified PGA staff members on hand at our state site to assist in rulings on the course.
4. Any player who uses tobacco (including smokeless) on the course is disqualified.
5. Disputes on rules at the district meets: The coaches jury selected by the assembled coaches, with the meet manager/golf pro, acting as chairman, will decide on all disputes.
6. In the state meet, the Iowa Section Certified PGA and or club pro will make all final golf rule decisions.
7. Any player who fails to finish play in the district tournament competition is considered to have withdrawn from the tournament and his score will not count. **If this should occur during the state tournament on day one, he will not be able to participate on day two.** His scores either day would not count if he fails to finish play on day two. NOTE: Additional information under substitutions earlier in the handbook.
8. In regular season district and state competition, **no caddies are allowed. No motorized golf carts will be allowed except for disability reasons and must be pre-approved in writing by the IHSAA.** **Non-motorized pull carts** are permitted; individuals desiring to use pull carts must supply their own non-motorized pull cart or call the course in advance and reserve one, but courses are not responsible for providing a non-motorized pull cart at each meet. This rule applies to both regular season and tournament play.
9. There shall be no coaching of golfers by parents or spectators. Spectators are to remain at a reasonable distance behind the golfers while watching so as not to hinder play. Should there be any interference by spectators with play in any way, shape, or form, the spectator(s) are subject to being asked to leave the premises by the meet management. Spectators should remain approximately 30 yards behind the golfers on the course or on the cart path when observing play other than to cross fairways without interfering with players. No spectator may instruct or advise a player about any shot selection a player is going to make. Once the players reach the green area, spectators should move over to the cart path, even with the green, to allow the next group of players to continue play.
10. In the state meet, second day pairings are to be based on first-round team scores. No players from the same school should be assigned to the same group, threesomes or foursomes.
11. In the district meet the tournament manager should make every effort to avoid the necessity of having players from the same town, even though from different schools, play in the same threesomes and foursomes. This is impossible in some cases, but wherever it is possible to avoid this, it should be done.
12. All schools are expected to start play as scheduled.
13. At the conclusion of the district & state meets, coaches should verify the scores posted. When the teams/individual(s) leave the course and the team standings have been posted, there will be no changing of the results of play.
14. All golf coaches will be notified in ample time where the District & State meets will be held (see website under golf)..
15. All players will be required to wear pants or shorts and shirts while playing. Playing without shirts is not permissible. Any player who plays without a shirt is automatically disqualified (see new rule on page 1 of this manual).
16. In the district or state meet, if a player is injured or becomes ill, there can be no substitute for him once play has started. That individual will be withdrawn and count only the four best scores of the remaining players.

17. **Cell phones are prohibited during regular season and all tournament play.** Penalty will result in disqualification of that player. Coach, I would encourage you to collect your players cell phones before the competition begins and once all competition is completed give the phones back to your players. This may save you a disqualification.
18. A player disqualified from a tournament is disqualified for the entire event (rest of the tournament or multiple day event), whether it is a one day or two day event.
19. **Golf range finders and any electronic devices will not be allowed during regular season or tournament play.**
20. Coaches, during regular season and tournament play, players are required to walk or if agreed upon before play begins, be transported to their starting hole or possibly between holes with no more than **two players riding in the cart (plus a driver)**. If carts are used to transport players, players must be **seated inside the cart**. **Players may be transported to their starting holes by car or van if needed.**

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

1. In meets or tournaments sponsored by the IHSAA, a **two-stroke penalty** shall be assessed for conduct unbecoming high school players. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a.) **Club throwing**, is defined as releasing the club in a manner to cause harm to any person or the course. **Ball throwing**, is defined as could cause harm to another participant, spectator, course or means of releasing frustration.
 - b.) **Use of abusive language.**
 - c.) **Willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course.**
 - d.) Other **unbecoming conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee**. This rule will be strictly enforced by the rules committee. **With a second offense, the player is automatically disqualified.**
2. Any player who uses **tobacco** (including smokeless tobacco) or gambles on the course is automatically disqualified.
3. **Eligibility Rule 36.14(2) Penalty.** Any student disqualified from an interscholastic contest by game officials for flagrant, violent, or verbal misconduct will be ineligible for the next regular scheduled game/meet at the level of competition and all other games/meets in the interim at any level in addition to any other penalties the IHSAA or school may assess. The second violation carries a four games/meets automatic ineligibility. It will be the responsibility of the host school meet manager to report any disqualification(s) to the IHSAA the day following the meet, if the meet is held on a Friday or Saturday, then on the Monday following the meet. It is the coach's responsibility to inform his/her administrator of any disqualification(s). The administrator will file an official report form with the IHSAA on-line, and the player must complete the online sportsmanship course before returning to competition including his mandatory sit out period.
4. The IHSAA and the Golf Coaches Advisory Committee feel the code of conduct rules are appropriate, but a concern remains when the players themselves are unwilling to enforce the rule against another player in the group. **If a code of conduct violation is observed (not heard about later) by a HEAD GOLF COACH and the group involved does not enforce the rule, the HEAD GOLF Coach observing this inappropriate action should get the players together at the conclusion of play at that particular hole and have the players discuss the situation and enforce the proper ruling.** If a code of conduct rule has been violated, a two-stroke penalty should be assessed the individual(s) responsible. **If a HEAD GOLF COACH observes any behavior that could lead up to a code of conduct violation, the coach should professionally warn the player of his inappropriate action and inform the player's coach and notify a rules jury member. Coaches make sure your players are aware of this rule, so your team is not penalized by one of your player's inappropriate actions.**

BREAKING OF TIES

TEAM TIEBREAKER AT DISTRICT AND STATE COMPETITION: Breaking of all **team ties** will be decided by using the **fifth player's score of that day**, and if the tie is not broken with the fifth player's score, the **sixth player's score will be used**. In the event a given team has only four players and the team they are tied with has five players, the team with five players would break the tie and be declared the winner. If a team has only five players and a team tie still exists after using each team's fifth player's score, the team with six players would break the tie and be declared the winner. This makes the fifth and sixth players' score more meaningful in the team concept. If the team tie remains after using the fifth or sixth players' scores, a three hole play-off will take place, using only the players' scores who counted that day. If the three hole play-off does not break the team tie, we will go to sudden death.

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TIEBREAKER SYSTEM: Reminder, for individual qualifiers (regardless if they're on a qualifying team or not), we must determine a medalist, runner-up medalist and third place individual. A SUDDEN DEATH PLAY-OFF WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE TOP THREE INDIVIDUAL PLACES. All fourth place individual district ties stand, advance to the state competition, and duplicate medals will be provided the fourth place individuals who did not receive a medal the day of district competition.

STATE COMPETITION: Individual ties in state competition for **first place only (medalist)** will be broken using the sudden death play-off. If the tie is not broken after the first sudden death play-off hole, play will continue on a sudden death schedule until the tie is resolved.

In state tournament competition only, all individual ties relating to second through seventh place will result in duplicate medals being awarded.

Team tiebreaker will apply in the state meet as mentioned above.

DISTRICT/STATE QUALIFIERS

The top three district teams qualify for the state meet. At no time would a fourth-place team advance to state competition. **Individual Qualifiers:** The lowest four individual scores qualify (regardless if they are on a qualifying team or not) for the state tournament (**including all fourth place ties**).

In determining the individual qualifiers at district competition, a medalist, runner-up medalist and third place winner must be determined. All fourth place ties will advance to the state meet.

The largest 48 4-A schools will participate in fall golf, including any schools below class 4A who elect to participate in class 4A golf.

The state meet will start at NOON on Friday and 9:00 AM on Saturday, weather permitting.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Each member school is entitled to enter six players in the district meet. The four best scores will count to determine the total score for the school. If a **team tie** exists, we will use the fifth players' score and if the **team tie** remains we will use the sixth players' score, **NOTE:** See above team tiebreaker for all team and individual tiebreaker information. **A school entering less than four players in the district meet may compete for individual honors, but not team honors.**

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Coaches: Under no condition will your school be permitted to practice on the district or state golf sites by taking school time to do so. Prior to the district tournament, teams can play at a district site if they desire, with no loss of school time. No loss of school time means when every student in your school is dismissed that day. Example; school is normally dismissed at 3:30 PM, that is when a golf team can leave for a practice round. Students are NOT allowed to use any type of personal school days allocated by the school at the beginning of the school year such as (doctor appointments, family days or personal reasons) to go play practice rounds on the course designated for district or state play. Keep in mind, anyone who wants to play a practice round (player/coach) at a district or state site, must pay green fees. Prior to the district tournament teams or individual(s) may play/practice at the district/state site, if they desire, with **no loss of school time.** **The course on which the STATE TOURNAMENT is to be played is closed for any practice rounds to all golf teams and individual(s) once the district tournament starts.** **EXCEPTION: If a team is hosting the state meet and the state meet course is their home course, practice is permitted on the state course by the host school only.**

Walking the course: There is no rule against teams arriving at the district/state site to walk the course provided they do not cause any confusion with regard to people playing the course, and they have the courses permission to walk the course. **Players who walk the course are not to have any clubs with them while they are walking the course. Players are not to roll balls on the greens when walking the course.** Any violation of this rule will result in player disqualification of the entire one or two day tournament.

Players may use the practice driving range, chipping green and putting green at the district or state site, if available, the night before or the day of the district/state meet. GPS/range finders are permitted when walking the course prior to competition. GPS/range finders are NOT permitted during regular season or tournament competition.

GREEN FEES

A \$10 per person green fee is assessed for participation in all district tournaments, paid directly to the course management by the participating schools - a total of \$60 green fees per school per district tournament. **Please have a check made out directly to the course where you will be participating at in the district tournament in advance of your participation and present it to the host school management upon arrival, it will be appreciated.** The host school manager will present the green fees for all participating teams to the course management.

State tournament green fees will be paid to the host golf course by the IHSAA.

TEE OFF TIME

All district tournaments teams will be notified by the district host what the tee-off time will be. The state tournament will start Friday at 12:00 Noon and Saturday at 9:00 AM. The Saturday starting times may be adjusted per weather conditions.

RAIN-OUTS

If district tournaments are postponed (no more play that day) once competition has started, play will continue from the last completed hole by every player in their group. If three of the four players have puttied out and the players are called off the course and do not return that day, all players will be required to play the hole over.

If play is halted and players are called off the course, all players should mark their ball and if play continues that day, players would resume play at their marked spot.

In districts, if you are required to return a second day because of a rain-out and you are rained out a second time, and have finished nine holes, those nine holes scores will determine which teams and individuals qualify for state competition.

Remember, this is only true on the second time you return. **Example 1:** Districts were scheduled for Tuesday and you were rained out. You come back on Wednesday and you are rained out but everyone gets at least nine holes played. Those nine holes on the Wednesday will determine the teams and individuals that advance on to state competition. **Example 2:** District play has begun, groups finish at least nine holes and are rained out, everyone returns the next day and begin play from the last completed hole by everyone in your group. If rain again forces competition to end for that day and everyone has **not** completed competition (nine holes), the first days nine holes will determine the teams and individuals that advance to the next level of competition.

In state tournament competition, if eighteen holes are played on Friday and it is impossible to play Saturday due to rain, the first eighteen holes will determine the champion. Likewise, if Friday is rained out but we are able to play eighteen holes on Saturday, those eighteen holes on Saturday will determine a winner. Under no conditions will competition be held on Sunday. If both Friday and Saturday are rained out, then the tournament will be reset by the tournament manager and each school will be notified accordingly. When the tournament is rescheduled, competition will be eighteen holes.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

A prerequisite for receiving any expense allowance from the IHSAA is that your school must travel to another town for the tournament participation.

District: For district tournament participation, the IHSAA will reimburse each traveling school at the rate of 46¢ per mile one way from its school to the site of the meet. There will be no lodging or meal expenses for district golf. Each school's expense allowance check will be mailed directly from the IHSAA Office after the report is received from the district tournament manager; therefore **no expense allowance card will be needed for district golf.**

State: For state tournament competition, the IHSAA will reimburse each traveling school at the rate of 46¢ per mile one way for individual qualifier(s) and teams \$1.15 per mile one way per team.

AWARDS

In the district tournament, there will be 22 medals: Six medals for the team winning first; six medals for the team winning second and six medals for the team winning third; one medal for the medalist; one medal for the medalist runner-up, one for third and fourth place, (4th place ties, additional medals will be mailed).

In the state meet, there will be medals awarded to the top four teams, six medals per team.

All individual ties will remain as ties except for medalist honors (a sudden death play-off would be held if we have a tie for medalist honors), duplicate awards will be presented and the ties will remain ties for individuals places 2-7th place. If we have a three way tie for third place, our next medal presented will be sixth place and duplicate third place medals will be ordered.

In the state meet, a championship, runner-up and third place trophy will be given, along with a banner for the champion and runner-up team.

PICTURE PLAQUES

Teams and individuals who qualify for the state meet will have their pictures taken with their coach when they arrive at the state golf meet site. Individuals in the picture will be identified via the online school link after the state meet by each school. The photos will then be made into a picture plaque to be presented to each of the golfers and head coach, compliments of the IHSAA. Additional picture plaques may be ordered during the online identification process. An IHSAA representative will no longer collect order forms and money at the state meet, because this will all be taken care of online via the IHSAA website. Let your school A.D. know if you desire to purchase additional plaques.

STATE MEET PIN PLACEMENT

No practice is permitted by a host school on the state golf meet site once pin placements have been made for the first day's competition. Meet management should, in concert with the green's superintendent, make the determination as to how late they might wait prior to making pin placements for the first day's competition. No practice is permitted on the course by the host school or any other school once pin placements are made. Obviously the driving range and chipping/putting greens will be open to any school.

SCORING FOR THE STATE MEET

In determining the winner at the state meet, the first-day scores will be the four best scores recorded from the team. The next day will be a new day and the four best scores on that day will be recorded. The total of the two days will determine team winners. **If a team tie exists at the end of the second day and ties can't be resolved by the fifth or sixth players' score from that day, the four members whose scores counted the last eighteen holes will be the four players involved in the play-offs.** Please review the tiebreaker procedure elsewhere in this manual.

NON-SCHOOL TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION/AWARDS RULES

DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

From the first day of school through the last day of school, you may *not* accept any award or prize which has a value in excess of \$50.00, **NEVER MONEY**. Golfers may participate in non-school events during the year, if allowed by local school policy. Check with your Athletic Director.

EXAMPLE: Ben Jones is allowed by his school to play in a four team best ball tournament in late March. Ben is playing with three individuals who are out of school, with Ben being the only high school student. Ben's team wins \$400.00. Each of the three out-of-school individuals could accept \$100.00 cash. Ben could receive a gift certificate for \$50.00. Ben should ask the golf course to document what Ben received and have the course sign that document stating he only received a \$50.00 gift certificate and provide a copy of the document to his Athletic Director, stating what Ben accepted. In that case, if someone reads/hears about his tournament success, the school has proof that Ben accepted only a \$50.00 in a gift certificate. An individual could receive up to \$50.00 in gift certificates per tournament.

SUMMER MONTHS:

During the summer months, you may accept any award or prize any amateur golfer is permitted under USGA rules, \$750.00---**NEVER MONEY**.

EXAMPLE: *Same scenario as above, but since school is no longer in session Ben could receive \$100.00 gift certificate, but should again document his winnings and provide a copy for the Athletic Director. Understand, an individual could receive up to \$750.00 in gift certificates per tournament.*

REMINDER: For fall golf schools, this policy starts with the first legal day of fall golf competition, August 9, 2012.