NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

GOLF

PLAYING REGULATIONS

Updated as of May 2025

1. **Championship Date**

Where possible, the event will take place on the fourth Friday after Labour Day.

2. **Location**

The location will be a suitable course with a minimum par 70 for an 18-hole course or par 35 for a 9-hole course.

3. **Costs**

Host schools/associations are encouraged to provide competition at little or no cost to the schools/participants. Convenors may charge $25 maximum if the course will not waive its fees.

4. **Entries**

The top three (3) teams from each Association will qualify. The host team qualifies automatically if not part of the top three from an Association. The top four (4) individual girls from each Association will qualify. The top five (5) individual boys not represented on qualifying teams will qualify.

Teams will consist of 5 golfers (male or female) with the results of the 4 best gross scores to count. Team scores will be determined by adding those four best scores. Individual placement will be based on the gross scores of each competitor. There will be no "net" competition.

5. **Sport Scoring Procedures and Disputes**

A scorer's table must be set up to check and verify each players score. All players in the group will be required to sit at the table and verify all competitors' scores in their group. In order to do so each player must record all players scores on their scorecard. This scorer's table will include: the tournament convener and 2 other coaches (one from each association). Any discrepancies or concerns will be dealt with at this time.

The competition must have on course an individual acting as a rules official and a rules committee made up of the convener and 2 other coaches (preferably one from each

association.) If there is a player in question then the committee must be made of 3 coaches from schools not directly involved with the player in question.

6. **Rules of Play**

The RCGA Rule Book will govern play.

All competitors and coaches must follow a dress code for the NWOSSAA golf competition. Proper golf attire must be worn at all times, jeans and t-shirts are not permitted.

All tournaments will operate using a 'shotgun start'.

Caddies will not be permitted. Spectators and coaches may walk with the group, but must not communicate with players while his/her round is in progress.

Power carts will not be allowed except for athletes who present, to the convenor, a doctor's certificate indicating appropriate medical rationale.

Foursomes will be comprised of athletes of comparable golfing ability. Coaches will rank their athletes in terms of their handicap. Whenever possible no one from the same school shall be paired together in a foursome.

Every foursome will be allocated a designated teacher/coach/volunteer supervisor whose purpose is to assist in keeping the foursome on schedule with respect to pace of play and to keep the foursome's score. It is not the expectation of the teacher supervisor to make on course rulings. Teacher-supervisors are permitted to use motorized carts at their own expense. The availability and use of motorized carts will be at the discretion of the Golf Course.

It is the expectation that all teachers/coaches accompanying the team will perform the supervision duties in order to facilitate the supervision process.

All competitors must follow the rules set by the golf facility and must meet the code of conduct established by NWOSSAA.

The use of range finders/distance measuring devices for distance calculations are allowed during competition.

No devices to measure slope, wind speed, elevation, etc. will be allowed as per the RCGA rules. (requirements taken from the OFSAA playing regulations)

All players play from their gender's regular tees, even if they are competing for the team championship.

7. **Tie Breaking Procedures**

<u>Teams Tied</u>

If two or more teams are tied for first place overall, all five players of each team shall play sudden death, starting at hole #1 preferably, but if that is not possible, at a hole designated by the convenor, with the best four scores of each team to count, play to continue until the tie is broken.

Individuals Tied

If two or more players are tied for first place, players shall play sudden death to determine the NWOSSAA Champion.

Individual Spots to OFSAA

If the two players (not on the winning team), who advance to OFSAA cannot be clearly determined by score, then those players tied shall play sudden death to determine the two spots (third place or alternate should also be determined in case a player cannot advance for some reason).

If a sudden death playoff is not possible to resolve the ties for Individual Spot(s) to OFSAA, the tie will be broken using the following:

The winner will be determined by matching the scorecards of the tied players based on the lowest total score for the last 9 holes (10 to 18), if still tied use the last 6 holes (13 to 18), if still tied use the last 3 holes (16 to 18), if still tied use the final hole #18.

If there is still a tie, then the front 9 score will be used followed by the last six holes, last three holes, and final hole of the first 9 holes (front 9) will be considered in turn. (2025)

8. Awards

Awards will be presented to both teams and individuals in the following categories:

Open team (best team)

Individual girls (best three placements and ties)

Individual boys (best three placements and ties)