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Committee Members

## IMPORTANT DATES

First Practice April 19th, 2021
First Scrimmage/Game No required number of practices/training
Last Day to Play May 28th, 2021
Maximum Number of Contests 16

## Coaches Meetings

Pre-Season - March 18th - 5pm - Virtual
Seeding - May 29th - 10am - Virtual

## ELIGIBILITY

26. Representation Rule: NYSPHSAA Approved Waiver - from 6 to 4 (5/5/2021)

Minimum Number of Contests To be eligible for sectional, intersectional or state competition, a team must have completed in four (4) school scheduled contests which occurred on four (4) different dates during the season.
Team/Individual and Individual Sports: An individual must also have represented their school in four (4) scheduled contests during the season to be eligible. These required contests must occur on four (4) different dates and must be conducted prior to the conclusion of the team's regular schedule.

## COVID GUIDELINES

Please view the hyperlink to the NYSPHSAA COVID 19 Information Page to view the Return to Interscholastic Athletics Document which contains sport specific information.

## INDIVIDUAL/TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 Whippoorwill Club, Armonk NY Rain Date: TBD
STATE COMPETITION: NYSPHSAA has cancelled all State Spring Sport Championships for the 2021 season.

## GOLF STANDARDS

1. Number of Players: 6 players for all matches. Tri-matches - 6 players. The number of coaches and extra players will be confirmed by calling the host school before the match date.
2. Length of Match: Regular matches are 9 holes. All players must complete the same 5 holes in medal play for an official match. If a league match is incomplete, coaches MUST reschedule the match.

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## GOLF STANDARDS (cont.)

3. Dress Code: Players and coaches must be appropriately dressed. Blue jeans and collarless shirts are not acceptable. Players should be presentable anywhere on the club grounds. Hats must be worn with the brim in front. Improper dress may lead to exclusion or disqualification. Shorts or skirts may be worn for matches. They must be knee length, and in accordance with the dress code of the host course. Denim shorts or cut-off jeans are prohibited. It is the responsibility of the visiting coach to contact the home coach to verify the dress code of the host course.
4. Rules: USGA Rules - Local rules in play must be noted before the start of the match.
5. Scoring: Matches will be based upon stroke play. The low 5 -woman team score (aggregate score) for each competing team shall determine the winner. In the event of a tie, the $6^{\text {th }}$ score from each team shall be added and the best 6 player aggregate score will determine the winner. In the event that the match is still tied, the match will remain a tie.

If the match is to determine the team championship, a sudden victory playoff format will take place. All 6 players from each team will be required to complete an extra hole determined by the head pro of the course. The low 5 -woman team aggregate score on the extra hole shall determine the champion.

If weather, lack of daylight or course conditions do not permit a playoff, a match of cards for the 5 woman team will determine the winner. The team with the lowest 5 woman score for the \# 1 handicap hole wins the match. If a tie remains after a match of card for the \#1 handicap hole, then the lowest 5 woman score for the \#2 handicap hole wins the match, etc. until a winner is determined.

Should a team only have 4 eligible players, that team cannot win the match. If a team has only 5 players, they cannot win the match if the low 5 woman team aggregate is tied. It is recommended that if a competing team has less than 6 players, coaches arrange pairings so each group has a mix of players from each school. All scores played in matches between competing schools shall count toward a player's average used to determine sectional seeding and entrance into the Sectional Qualifying Tournaments.
6. Girls will play from the red tee area in all matches and qualifying tournaments.
7. Players must carry their own bag (no designee shall carry a players clubs for them). Exception to this rule requires Conference or Sectional approval.
8. Use of pushcarts is allowed only if permitted by the host course.
9. Use of a GPS or Range finder (without slope or wind adjustment capabilities) is permitted.
10. A coach or school representative must accompany and remain with the team for matches as well as qualifying for Championship Tournaments.
11. The use of alcohol, tobacco or non-prescription drugs is not permitted at any time during a golf match. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the individual player.

## INDIVIDUAL SCORING ENTRY

We will continue to use a collaborative Google spreadsheet to record individuals' scores throughout the season in an attempt to make the sectional qualifications more transparent. Please enter your scores from
each match played no later than the Friday of that week.
Instructions:

1. Go to 2021 Girls Official Individual Scoring Record
2. If not already logged into a google account through your web browser, you will be asked to enter your username and password. Your username is the email that you provided when setting up your account.
3. There are four main sections to this spreadsheet:

- Individual Team Pages
- Sectional Rankings Page
- In Progress Rankings Page
- Intra-League Standings Page

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## GIRLS PLAYING ON BOYS TEAMS

Girls playing on a boys' team during the 2021 regular season have the ability to declare themselves eligible to qualify for the girls' sectional championship. The process is as follows:

1. The Girls' Golf Championship Declaration must be submitted to the Section One Girls' Golf
co-chair (Denise Kiernan) prior to their first match.
2. The coach will submit the following information, for every match played, on a weekly basis to the Section One Girls Chair-Denise Kiernan.

A digital form, similar to the one seen above, will be provided to the coaches by the Section One Girls' Golf Chair-Denise Kiernan
3. The scores, played on the white blue and blue tees, will then be converted using the USGA Women's Rating Adjustment which can be found here on the USGA website. Once converted, these scores will be added to the 2021 Girls Golf Scoring Record.

## ***Important Note***

In order for a score to be used in qualifying, the golfer must complete every hole and record their score on that hole. If a player picks up their ball on any hole before completing the hole, that score cannot be used to qualify for the sectional championship. See COACHING AND GOLF MATCH GUIDELINES below.

## COACHING AND GOLF MATCH GUIDELINES

1. No team shall bring any extra players or coaches without the knowledge and consent of the Home Team.
2. Matches should be confirmed in advance to avoid conflicts.
3. The Home Team coach shall act as the referee for the day.
4. For scoring purposes, only 1 score may be used for an individual golfer per match, regardless of the number of opponents. 1 match = 1 score. Scores from tri matches will not count as two separate matches for individual scores.
5. On the day of a match, a player may not practice or play on any of the holes that will be used in competition.
6. No metal spikes allowed.
7. Any player picking up her golf ball and not completing a hole shall be given a score of 10 for that hole. The score of 10 is then circles on the score card indicating that the golfer has picked up her ball on that hole. Her score for that match will count as one of the "dropped" scores in determining her differential average.
8. Coaching players during a match is permitted by all coaches present up to and including May 28th. After that point, coaching players during a match is not permitted by any coaches present; this includes the Sectional Tournament. Players from the same team may assist each other during the play of an official team match.
9. Players should use Rule 3-3, Doubt as to Procedure, to avoid disqualification in stroke play.
10. It is recommended that spectators not be allowed on the course to follow individual matches. Spectators may be allowed to follow players in tournaments where markers are present to provide proper supervision and enforce the rules of etiquette for golf with the approval of the host course. Due to COVID-19 all school districts must comply with the S1 Policy for Spectators and the site that the practice or match is taking place.
11. Subject to approval of both schools, match dates may be altered as conditions permit due to postponements, availability of courses, etc. League matches have priority in scheduling.
12. Every effort should be made to play matches when scheduled. If postponement seems likely, the responsibility for communication shall be on the Home Team. A 1:00 p.m. deadline is recommended as the latest time for notifying the visiting team of a cancellation. The Home Team determines inclement weather.

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## COACHING AND GOLF MATCH GUIDELINES (cont.)

13. Every coach is responsible for the conduct and dress of their team. All players are guests and regular members of the host course must be treated with the utmost respect. All course regulations and rules must be strictly followed. Coaches should be present at the finishing holes for proper supervision of the teams at the completion of the match.
14. Scorecards should be signed by players at conclusion of the round. Score sheets should be reviewed and agreed upon by both coaches before leaving the course.
15. No practice/alternate scores will be counted in the player's individual record.
16. Only 9 -hole scores can be used in computing the differential score.

## SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

1. Sectional coaches or an approved representative of the coach will meet to select the qualifiers for the Sectional Championship. Coaches must submit an Individual Scoring Sheet for each player.
2. Recommended criteria for selection will be an individual's best $75 \%$ differential average. A player must have completed a MINIMUM of 6 matches to be eligible for a Sectional Tournament.
3. All-league awards will be allotted as per the Section One All League formula used in all sports. All Conference honors will be granted to any player advancing to Round II of the Section I Open. All section honors will be granted to the top 15 players in the Section I Open.

## FINALS PROTEST PROCEDURE

1. A player lodging a protest will immediately notify the marker for hers group that she intends to file a protest and indicate the reason for the protest.
2. The marker will make a notation of the infraction and notify a member of the Rules Committee as soon as possible.
3. The referee will evaluate the rules infraction with the Rules Committee and determine a ruling.
4. The Rules Committee will make the final decision in all protests. The Rules Committee will be selected by the Sports Chairperson prior to the start of the match. It will consist of three or five Committee Members.
5. Representatives of the schools involved will not vote on any final decision

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## LEAGUE ALIGNMENT 2021

The new league distribution will be evaluated closer to the start of the season. Adjustments will be made accordingly.

| LEAGUE A | LEAGUE B |
| :--- | :---: |
| Albertus Magnus | Bronxville |
| Bronxville | Harrison |
| Clarkstown | Pelham |
| East Ramapo | Rye |
| Nanuet | Ursuline |
| North Rockland | Yonkers |
| Nyack |  |
| Pearl River |  |
| Rye |  |
| Suffern |  |
| Tappan Zee-New Team | LEAGUE D |
| LEAGUE C | Byram Hills/Fox Lane |
| Arlington | Dobbs Ferry |
| Beacon | Edgemont |
| Carmel | Scarsdale |
| Our Lady of Lourdes | Yorktown |

Developing teams should schedule one match, at a minimum, with each team in their respective leagues. Other teams should continue to schedule two matches with each remaining team in the league. Please adjust your schedules accordingly.

