

2019 NMAA State Golf Championships

**5A - The Canyon Club
4A - Piñon Hills GC
A/3A - Rockwind GC**

**A/3A - May 10-11, 2019
4A & 5A – May 13-14, 2019**

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

Including:

- **Pace of Play Guidelines**
- **Local Rules (subject to change)**
- **Spectator Guidelines**
- **Evacuation procedures**

Coaches, please review this material with your participants in the NMAA State Championships. They are responsible for knowing these policies and procedures.

**General Information and Reminders
from the NMAA, Sun Country Golf House,**

**Piñon Hills Golf Course,
Rockwind Community Links,
and The Canyon Club at Four Hills**

Sites: 5A The Canyon Club at Four Hills - Albuquerque
 4A Piñon Hills Golf Course - Farmington
 A/3A Rockwind Community Links - Hobbs

Date/Format: A/3A - May 10-11, 2019 - 36 holes of stroke play, 18 holes per day
 4A & 5A - May 13-14, 2019 - 36 holes of stroke play, 18 holes per day

GENERAL INFORMATION

NMAA State Golf Tournament Seeding and Pairing Process: Seeding is based first on the number of times qualified and second, if there are ties, seeding will be based on the team's scoring average for the tournaments in which they shot a qualifying score. Pairings will be posted on the NMAA website by 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 8th for A/3A & Thursday, May 10th for 4A & 5A.

Set-up: All yardages and green depths are taken from SCAGA's most recent course rating and measuring and reflect the measurement from the center of the teeing area to the center of the green. Ratings and Slopes have been adjusted to reflect the course set up for the 2018 NMAA State Golf Tournament.

A/3A	Girls:	5350 yards	Par 72
A/3A	Boys:	6600 yards	Par 72
4A	Girls:	5450 yards	Par 72
4A	Boys:	6750 yards	Par 72
5A	Girls:	5600 yards	Par 72
5A	Boys:	6700 yards	Par 72

BE ADVISED – All yardages are approximate, subject to change and can be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Committee based on a number of factors including weather, course condition, etc.

Coaches Meeting / Starting Times: There will be a meeting of all coaches at 7:30 am, on Friday, May 10th (A/3A) and Monday, May 13th (4A & 5A) at each tournament golf course, to be followed by tee times at 8 a.m. Tee times (beginning at 7:30 am) will be used for the second round

Tie Breaking Procedures: *(NMAA Bylaws)*

1. **State Championship (First Place Only)** – In the event a team score is tied after 36 holes of play, the following procedure is used to determine the winner:
 - a. Four or five golfers (team) tee off from the number one or ten tee, whichever is the most open. The teams alternate hitting; proceeding from the number five player to the number one player. USGA rules are followed from then on.
 - b. Scoring is the best of four (4) scores on each hole totaled.
 - c. Play discontinues when one team's total score is greater.
 - d. The champion is determined by the team with the lowest total for four players.
2. **Ties for second and third place in team scoring** are resolved by comparing the total scores from both days of the first three individual finishers from the tying teams. If necessary, utilize the same procedure involving the first two players and finally the first finisher until the tie is broken.

3. **Medalists** – Six medalists are identified based upon their two-day (36-hole) score. Ties are broken for first place only for individuals at the state tournament using a three-hole aggregate score and a sudden death if the score remains tied at the end of the playoff.

Note to Rule 10.2: Each team may appoint one person (coach) who may give advice to members of that team. Exception: When a school has two teams participating in a single event, both coaches from that school may act as a coach for both teams. The coach may not stand behind his/her player at **ANY** time. The coach or school representative must have a certificate to coach his/her players. The designated coach must be identifiable by wearing the NMAA golf coaching badge representing the gender being coached. The coach and his/her cart are outside agencies and not part of the player's side.

Communication between the coach and a player is only allowed from tee-to-green. Once the player and his/her golf ball are on the green, **NO COMMUNICATION** may occur between the player and the coach until all members of the playing group have completed the hole and left the putting green. Penalty for violation - At committee's discretion, the player will be assessed a 2-stroke penalty.

Coaches Sign In and Cart Assignments (at all sites): Each school with more than one (1) participant will be provided one (1) complimentary coach's golf cart. If a school has more than one (1) golfer of each gender, they will receive one (1) cart for each designated coach. A team's designated coach must sign-in at the golf shop each morning to receive his/her cart key. During competition, coaches must wear the badge that will identify them to the Rules Committee as the team's official coach for the round.

Footwear: All state tournament courses are "soft spike" facilities. Wearing of shoes with traditionally designed spikes during the stipulated round will result in a penalty of DISQUALIFICATION.

Dress Code: Traditional golf apparel that is in good taste in conjunction with local course rules will be enforced. Denim is permitted, but it and all clothing should be in good repair, not excessively baggy or tight fitting. Shirts, if they are the type, should be tucked into shorts or slacks and hats with bills should be worn with bills to front. Expressly prohibited are cutoff shorts, tank tops or clothing where undergarments or midriffs show.

Distance Measuring Devices: (Specify as appropriate, e.g., In this competition, or For all play at this [course](#), etc.), a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a [stipulated round](#), a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule [14.3a\(1\)](#). *See also the Notice to Competitors for each State Championship site.*

Cell Phones/Pagers: Players are not permitted to use cell phones while on the course. Cell phones must be kept on SILENT on the golf course and can NOT be used to make phone calls, however, use of cell phones to take pictures is permitted as long as it is not a distraction to the golfers or holds up the pace of play. ALL phone conversations MUST be made at the clubhouse. Violators of this policy will be asked to leave the course.

Spectator Carts: Carts are available for rental on a first-come-first-served basis at all sites, limit one cart per purchase. Abuse of cart use, may result in having rental privileges revoked or in being asked to leave the course.

RULES REMINDERS and CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Coaches, please make sure that you and your players are knowledgeable of and understand the *Local Rules and Conditions of Play for NMAA Regular Season Matches/Tournaments and State Championships (the hard card)*. Also, pay special attention to the following reminders or reviewing the following areas in the rule book may be very helpful as well. Practice and encourage ways to improve your players' pace of play.

Rule 20.1c(3) – Doubt as to Procedure - Review in the Rules Book and the decisions pertaining to Rule 20.1c(3). Note to your players that the facts must be reported to the committee before signing their scorecard anytime they invoke Rule 20.1c(3) or they are subject to disqualification.

Relief options and markings of **Red or Yellow Penalty Areas**

A **Ball Drop** (drop circle) is an additional relief option (from Penalty Areas, GUR, immovable obstructions). Generally it is not mandatory, unless the Committee has deemed it so.

Relief options for **Unplayable Ball**

Rule 18.3 (Provisional Ball) - If there is any chance that a player's ball may be lost outside a Penalty Area or Out of Bounds, encourage him/her to play a provisional ball. It must be announced as a Provisional Ball.

During practice rounds, point out and explain areas that are **Out of Bounds**.

Pace of Play will be 4 ½ hours (15 minutes per hole). Poor pace is generally caused by too many practice swings, too much socializing between strokes and more diligence than necessary on the greens. Encourage players to cut time on these things, move directly to their ball, and make good use of their pre-shot routine and execution instead. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front; not just ahead of the group behind.

Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Situation - Signaled by one long air horn blast. Play shall be discontinued immediately and players shall proceed to shelters, restrooms, or clubhouse and await being picked up. A player failing to discontinue play immediately shall be disqualified. When the committee has players back in position, resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn blasts. **Review Rule 5.7A-D.**

Marker Responsibility (keeping fellow competitors score) – Encourage players to learn to be good “markers” by paying attention to the strokes taken by their fellow competitor, checking after the hole or during if necessary, and then writing down the correct score.

Although it is appropriate to settle questions after each hole and before teeing from the next teeing ground or leaving the last green, if that is the hole in question, any remaining questions are to be settled in the scoring area, prior to the players and markers signing and returning scorecards.

Generally, a dispute brought up after the fact will not be considered unless it is based on information previously unknown to a competitor.

Scoring Area: Each Championship site will have a designated scoring area which will be indicated on the Local Rules Sheet for each site. Competitors are reminded that they must return an attested scorecard **IMMEDIATELY** after completion of play. Once they have left the scoring area, the score is official.

Must be Corrected or a Penalty of Disqualification Will Be Imposed:

1. Failure to hole out in stroke play
2. Playing outside the teeing ground in stroke play
3. Playing a wrong ball in stroke play
4. Serious breach (gaining a significant advantage) of Rule 14.7b(3) (Playing from Wrong Place)**Error must be corrected before playing from next teeing ground or in case of last hole, before leaving putting green.

Rule 14.5: A ball incorrectly substituted, dropped or placed in a wrong place or not in accordance with the Rules but not played may be lifted, without penalty, and the player may proceed correctly.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Unsportsmanlike Conduct will not be tolerated at any time including the practice round, banquet or anywhere on the golf course grounds. Abusive language, club throwing, or any act judged to be unsportsmanlike will be penalized in the following manner: First Offense = 2 Strokes; Second Offense = Disqualification. If the violation occurs during the practice round or after the round in the clubhouse area, the penalty will apply to the next days round on the first hole.

GUIDELINES USED BY OFFICIALS TO ASSIST THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE IN PENALIZING UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Officials will notify the player, the coach and the tournament committee of any breach they hear or see. Penalties will be applied only when there is an obvious display of temper. Violations qualifying for a penalty include, but are not limited to:

Defacing Property – Any damage to property no matter how insignificant

Throwing Club – Any sidearm or overhead throw. An underhanded throw of a club, a toss toward a golf bag, for example is not an offense.

Foul Language – Cursing or foul language which is obviously done in anger and overheard by the official.

Club Swinging – Hitting any inanimate object, i.e., tee markers, golf bag, golf cart, the ground, in anger.

Tobacco – Any use of tobacco or tobacco products.

Abuse of Official – Any challenge beyond a reasonable questioning of a decision.



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COURSE EVACUATION

The golf course will be evacuated in the event of a ***dangerous situation*** - severe weather, lightning or other impending danger. The signal to evacuate the course will be one long blast from an air horn. Coaches, officials, event volunteers and golf course staff will, at signal to evacuate, begin shuttling **players** from the course to safety.

Players should begin walking toward the
Clubhouse.

Spectators should proceed immediately to
the **Clubhouse.**



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Spectator Policy

Spectators are welcome at all NMAA golf events. They may not give advice or talk to players at any time while on the course. They may talk to players (but not give advice) between nines. Spectators shall stay at least 30 feet behind players they are following at all times without interfering with any group advancing from behind. Spectators must remain on cart paths or in the rough **except when** helping in the search for lost balls. **Penalty for violation:** At committee's discretion, the player(s) will be assessed a **2-stroke penalty**.

Spectators using golf carts must remain on cart paths and should make sure they are stopped while players are hitting.

Cell phones must be kept on SILENT on the golf course and can NOT be used to make phone calls, however, use of cell phones to take pictures is permitted as long as it is not a distraction to the golfers or holds up the pace of play. ALL phone conversations MUST be made at the clubhouse. Violators of this policy will be asked to leave the course.

Spectators should always observe proper golf etiquette as well as acknowledge the good play of all competitors!!

PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

The Rules Committee will handle the administration of pace of play.

The Player shall play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, a player shall not delay play.

1. All groups will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace. A group of four players will be expected to play at a pace of 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hours per eighteen hole round.
2. Each group must maintain their starting interval. Any group falling a hole (par 4 or par 5) or more behind will be out of position. You are deemed to be out of position when your group is on the tee and the hole is clear. If you are out of position, you will be notified that your group is out of position. At this time, the entire group will be **officially** timed. The first starting time will be out of position if they are five minutes off the official pace.
3. The timing of a player's stroke will begin when a player has reached his ball, and it is clearly his turn to play without interference. On the putting green, the timing will begin after the player has been allowed a reasonable time to reach his ball, lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on the line of putt.
4. A player will be allowed a MAXIMUM of 40 SECONDS to complete his stroke. EXCEPTION: An additional 10 SECONDS will be allowed for the player who is first to play on or near the putting green and the first to play from the teeing ground on par three holes. **The timing procedure will also include time spent pacing off yardage, changing/selecting clubs, pre-shot routine, determining wind direction, etc.**
5. If a player exceeds the time limit ONE time, they will receive a caution. A SECOND violation of the time limit, they will be assessed a one-stroke penalty. A THIRD violation of the time limit, they will be assessed a two-stroke penalty. A FOURTH violation will result in disqualification.

NOTE: Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. You are expected to maintain your position at all times.

Best of luck and be ready to play.

The Committee



NMAA 5A State Golf Championships
The Canyon Club at Four Hills * Albuquerque, N.M.
Host PGA Professionals: Brian Dees, Don Yrene
Sun Country Golf Reps: Dana Lehner, Ben Tolsma
NMAA Onsite Director: Tyler Dunkel
May 13-14, 2019

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS **DRAFT**

The Rules of Golf, Decisions on the Rules of Golf, the NMAA Hard Card on Local Rules and Conditions of Competition and this Notice to Competitors constitute the rules of this tournament. (Disregard rules on local scorecard) Scorecards must be turned in immediately following play at the scoring area.

TEES: **BLACK** Tees – Boy Competitors **GOLD** Tees – Girl Competitors

STARTING TIMES: Monday, 8:00 AM Girls start from #1 tee; Boys start from #10 tee. (following 7:30AM coaches meeting)
Tuesday, 7:30 AM: Boys start from #1 tee; Girls start from #10 tee.

PACE OF PLAY: 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hrs. per round. Penalties for Undue Delay: 1st offense - warning; 2nd - 1 stroke; 3rd - 2 strokes; subsequent – disqualification.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Course boundaries are defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of the white stakes and includes the maintenance area to the left of Holes #2, #16 and #17. On Hole #6, out of bounds is also defined by painted white lines which are along the side of the cart path to the left of the pond, and also along the side of the cart path behind the putting green. On Hole #8, there is a painted white line along the west perimeter of the curved wall forming the enclosure for the swimming pool. Out of bounds also includes the paved areas (margin defined by the course-side edge of the curb) between Holes #4, #5, #7 and #8, including the tennis courts, as well as the areas of the course beyond the pavement for the hole being played.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Relief without penalty from artificially surfaced (paved or graveled) paths only. The paths on the right side and behind hole #2, the right side of hole #9, and the left side of hole #15 are immovable obstructions. Rocks, gravel, curbing, wooden borders and landscaped areas which may include signs, water coolers, etc., adjacent to paths are part of the path and are considered one contiguous immovable obstruction.

PENALTY AREAS/BALL DROP: There are two Red Penalty areas on the golf course and they are marked and identified with red lines and stakes. Players have as an additional option a ball drop located on #14 off the corner of the pond in the fairway.

SHELTERS/EVACUATION: The golf course will be evacuated in the event of a **dangerous situation** – severe weather, lightning or other impending danger. The signal to evacuate the course will be one long air horn blast. **Players (maintain your group)** are to proceed to the nearest shelter and await signal to return to course (2 short blasts) or be picked up by coaches, Rules Officials or course Staff and Volunteers and returned to clubhouse.

SCORING AREA: PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO THE SCORING AREA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THEIR ROUND WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUP. Players shall have deemed their scorecard turned in once they have left the scoring area and will be subject to all penalties incurred thereafter.

FRIENDLY RULES REMINDERS

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE/RULE 20.1c(3) (Second Ball): If Rule 20.1c(3) is invoked, player **MUST** report to Committee after the round, even if scoring the same with both balls. Penalty – Disqualification.

KNOWN OR VIRTUALLY CERTAIN: Before a player is entitled to proceed under the Penalty Area Rule (17), it must be known or virtually certain his ball that has not been found is in or is lost in a Penalty Area. Otherwise, if the ball has not been found or identified by the player within 3 minutes, the ball is lost and Rule 18.2 applies.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: NMAA Hard Card takes precedence over Rule 1.2.

LOST BALL: Becomes the ball in play if found within 3 minute search period and substituted ball has not yet been struck.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: (Specify as appropriate, e.g., In this competition, or For all play at this [course](#), etc.), a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a [stipulated round](#), a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule [14.3a\(1\)](#).

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NMAA 4A State Golf Championships
Piñon Hills Golf Course * Farmington, N.M.
Host PGA Professional: Chris Jones
Sun Country Golf Reps: Logan Rasmussen, Matthew Thompson
NMAA Onsite Director: Nate Acosta
May 13-14, 2019

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TEES: **BLUE** Tees - Boy Competitors

WHITE Tees - Girl Competitors

STARTING TIMES: Monday, 8:00 AM: Girls start from #1 tee; Boys start from #10 tee. (Following 7:30 AM Coaches Meeting)
Tuesday, 7:30 AM: Boys start from #1 tee; Girls start from #10 tee.

PACE OF PLAY: 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hrs. per round. Penalties for Undue Delay: 1st offense - warning; 2nd - 1 stroke; 3rd - 2 strokes; subsequent – disqualification.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of bounds is defined by the inside edges of boundary walls, public roads, white paint and/or white stakes.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Artificially surfaced cart paths (must be paved). Fencing and curbing adjacent to cart paths are to be treated as one obstruction. White lines tying into cart paths have the same status as the cart paths (immovable obstruction).

PENALTY AREAS: Red Penalty Areas are marked with red paint and red stakes. Yellow Penalty Areas are marked with yellow paint and yellow stakes.

SHELTERS/EVACUATION: The golf course will be evacuated in the event of a **dangerous situation** – severe weather, lightning or other impending danger. The signal to evacuate the course will be one long air horn blast. **Players** (*maintain your group*) are to proceed to the nearest shelter and await signal to return to course (2 short blasts) or be picked up by coaches, Rules Officials or course Staff and Volunteers and returned to clubhouse.

SCORING AREA: **PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO THE SCORING AREA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THEIR ROUND WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUP.** Players shall have deemed their scorecard turned in once they have left the scoring area and will be subject to all penalties incurred thereafter.

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NMAA A-3A State Golf Championships
Rockwind Community Links * Hobbs, N.M.
Host PGA Associate Professional: Ben Kirkes
Sun Country Golf Reps: Adam Borowiak, Reese Carson
NMAA Onsite Director: Tyler Dunkel
May 10-11, 2019

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Saturday, 7:30 AM: Boys start from #1 tee; Girls start from #10 tee.

PACE OF PLAY: 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hrs. per round. Penalties for Undue Delay: 1st offense - warning; 2nd - 1 stroke; 3rd - 2 strokes; subsequent – disqualification.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of Bounds is defined by boundary walls, public roads, white paint and/or white stakes.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Includes artificially surfaced cart paths. Fencing and curbing adjacent to cart paths are to be treated as one obstruction. White lines tying into cart paths have the same status as the cart paths. NOTE: Behind #7 green, there is no relief from the cart path, if a player would receive incidental relief from the out of bounds boundary fence. The clubhouse and golf cart staging area behind #18 green is an obstruction. A ball drop is provided as an additional option, next to #1 tee.

PENALTY AREAS: Red Penalty Areas are marked with red paint and red stakes. Yellow Penalty Areas are marked with yellow paint and yellow stakes.

SHELTERS/EVACUATION: The golf course will be evacuated in the event of a **dangerous situation** – severe weather, or other impending danger. The signal to evacuate will be one long air horn blast. **Players** (*maintain your group*) are to proceed to the nearest shelter and await signal to return to course (2 short blasts) or be picked up by coaches, Rules Officials or course Staff and Volunteers and returned to clubhouse.

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