



NMAA Golf Guidelines for the 2020-2021 Season

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2021 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:

June 21, 22, 2021 – *Subject to Change*

- One-day tournament, but could change pending the COVID-19 restrictions.
- District Tournaments can be played on the following dates:
 - June 7-14, 2021
- State entries are due to the NMAA office thru the iWanamaker system on June 16, 2021 by 9 a.m.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP COURSES:

- The 2021 NMAA State Golf Championships will be held in Albuquerque for this year, to avoid overnight travel.
 - **A-3A** – Los Altos GC
 - **4A** – Ladera GC
 - **5A** – Arroyo del Oso GC

SEASON DATES: *Subject to Change*

- Start of Spring Golf: March 22, 2021
 - First competition can be played March 27, 2021.
- District Tournaments: June 7-14
 - District Tournaments can be played during this time, but must be completed by June 14.
- State Entries due to NMAA on June 16th at 9 a.m.

REGULAR SEASON:

- 10 Tournament Limit.
 - During the 2020-2021 school year, 9-hole tournaments will count as 0.5 towards tournament limitations
- Tee Times ONLY – no shotgun starts are allowed.
 - Number of players per tournament will depend on the course guidelines and the amount of time players will need to complete the round.
 - See the Sun Country 'COVID-19 Tournament Best Practice' document for information on running your tournament.
- Tournaments in the Spring are limited to a maximum of 64 players.
- Following the completion of the round, players will attest their scorecard with their marker using iWanamaker and then return directly to the team bus/van or vehicle.
- No Awards Ceremonies will be allowed at this time.
- No spectators will be allowed on the course at this time, however, more information will be forth coming.
- Masks are required to be worn by each participant and coach during practice or competition. *Subject to Change as Governor's Orders are updated*
 - Penalty for NOT WEARING A MASK –
 - 1st – Verbal Warning
 - 2nd – Two Stroke Penalty
 - 3rd – Disqualification

SCORING DURING THE REGULAR SEASON:

- The use of the iWanamaker scoring program is required during the regular season. More information to follow as the start of the Spring Season nears
 - Allows for Digital Scorecard Exchange.
 - Also allows each golfer to familiarize themselves with the program in advance of the State Golf Championships.

STATE QUALIFYING:

TEAMS: Teams will qualify out of the district tournament. The top-2 teams (1st & 2nd place) in each district qualify for the State Championships.

- **Number of Teams per Classification:**

- 5A Boys: 10 Teams
- 5A Girls: 10 Teams
- 4A Boys: 10 Teams
- 4A Girls: 10 Teams
- A-3A Boys: 8 Teams
- A-3A Girls: 8 Teams

INDIVIDUALS: The top-2 individuals not associated with the top-2 teams in each district will qualify for the State Championships.

- **Number of Individuals per Classification:**

- 5A Boys: 10 Individuals
- 5A Girls: 10 Individuals
- 4A Boys: 10 Individuals
- 4A Girls: 10 Individuals
- A-3A Boys: 8 Individuals
- A-3A Girls: 8 Individuals

STATE TOTALS:

- 5A Boys: 10 Teams & 10 Individuals = 60 Players
- 5A Girls: 10 Teams & 10 Individuals = 60 Players
 - *120 Players (Boys & Girls)*
- 4A Boys: 10 Teams & 10 Individuals = 60 Players
- 4A Girls: 10 Teams & 10 Individuals = 60 Players
 - *120 Players (Boys & Girls)*
- A-3A Boys: 8 Teams & 8 Individuals = 48 Players
- A-3A Girls: 8 Teams & 8 Individuals = 48 Players
 - *96 Players (Boys & Girls)*

Tiebreaker Procedure:

- In the event of a tie for one of the top-2 spots in the district tournament, either for the Team or Individual, the State tiebreaker system will be used to break that tie, which is as follows:
 - Team
 - 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.
 - Scoring is the best of four (4) scores on each hole totaled.
 - Play discontinues when one team's total score is greater.
 - Individual
 - Three-hole aggregate score playoff and sudden death if the score remains tied at the end of the playoff.



2020-2021 NMAA Regular Season Golf Tournaments – Guidelines & Best Practices

Below are the 2020-2021 NMAA Regular Season Golf Tournament Guidelines and best practices. This document is fluid and subject to change throughout the course of the season. Tournament Directors are encouraged to read and follow these guidelines.

Pre-Tournament Communication

- A notice to competitors on the procedures that will be put in place.
- Punishable actions sheet if they do not follow the procedures.
- All events will be tee times only to limit gatherings.
- Staff will be wearing masks throughout the day, while making sure they are continuing to sanitize.
- Tournament hosts will send all rules/guidelines to Host Professionals, along with how they need to monitor the events.
- Bring your own sunscreen, bug spray or anything else you might need.
- **MASKS** must be worn at all times, before, during and after the round.

Arrival

- Players check-in 30 minutes prior to their tee times and not any sooner.
- Players can arrive to course before the 30 minutes but must stay in their bus/van or vehicle.
- Players can warm up 30 minutes prior to their tee times on the range and it will be spaced out where six feet will be between you and other competitors.
- Golf carts for coaches will be single rider only and must be wiped down thoroughly before and after every event.

Arriving to the Tee

- No handshakes.
- Players will arrive to the 1st tee 10 minutes prior to their tee times not any sooner.
- Players will sanitize their hands upon arrival to the 1st tee.
- Players will maintain 6-feet separation while on the first tee.
- iWanamaker scoring will be required during the 2020-2021 season.
- There will be no starters' boxes or snacks on the first tee to limit number of things people touch.

Playing the Course

- Local rule of not removing flag stick will be put in place.
- There will be a sanitizing station as courses or tournament hosts allow/determine.
- Upon completion of the round, there are to be no handshakes or touching. You can use verbal congratulations from six feet away.
- While walking, maintain as much distance as possible and please refrain from touching other participants' equipment. Example: ball marks, club covers, tees and golf balls.

Scoring Area

- Will be roped off at every event.
- Players will verbally go over hole-by-hole before attesting their scorecard, using iWanamaker.
- The group who recently finished is the only group allowed in the scoring area.
- There will be chairs six feet apart at the scoring area to limit exposure.
- If the group ahead is still in the scoring area, the group that recently finished will remain outside the scoring area until directed to enter the scoring area.
- Players will sanitize hands upon entering scoring area; recommended that Tournament Director provide hand sanitizer for the scoring area.
- No post practice allowed.

Awards Presentation

- Players will be required to return to their team bus/van or vehicles immediately following the attesting of the scorecard.
- Tournament hosts will coordinate with head coaches from winning schools if awards distributed following the event.

Spectators

- No spectators are allowed at any regular season golf tournaments, sanctioned by the NMAA. This mandate will be updated as statewide restrictions are lifted.

Evacuation Plan

- If we need to evacuate the course, participants will do so immediately and will go to their team bus/van or cars until we are ready to resume.

Consequences

- If participants choose not to follow these rules, they will be disqualified from the event.

***Note – The 2020-2021 NMAA Tournament Guidelines reference many of the practices used by the Sun Country Golf Association during their own events.**