
NMAA Golf Rules Clinic – section IV – State Championship Information

Dates & Sites: Monday & Tuesday, May 7-8, 2012

A-AAA - UNM Championship Golf Course, Albuquerque

AAAA - New Mexico Tech Golf Course, Socorro

AAAAA - New Mexico State University Golf Course, Las Cruces

Competition: Competition shall be held for individuals and teams, based on medal play for 36 holes. Team scores shall be determined by taking the four lowest scores of each five-man team for each round of the competition. If a team only has four players, each player's scores shall count toward the team's total. The six lowest 36-hole scores from all individuals shall determine individual honors.

Entry Procedure:

1. Each district chairperson must submit a State Tournament Team Entry Form and a State Tournament Individual Entry Form for the schools/individuals who qualified for the State Tournament within 24 hours of the completion of the District Tournament. Forms must be faxed to the NMAA office at (505) 923-3114.
2. The State Tournament Team Entry Form must be submitted to the NMAA office by a school's coach or athletic director by 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. The State Tournament Individual Entry Form must be submitted following the same guidelines.

Rules Committee: The NMAA, in conjunction with the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association and others, determines the Rules Committee. The committee's duties include, but are not confined to the marking of courses, completion and notice of the rules sheets to competitors, as well as monitoring and identification of course and/or event officials.

Seeding and Pairings: The NMAA is in charge of all seeding for the State Tournament. Scoring average, course ratings, weather conditions, and number of qualifying legs may be utilized to determine seeding. Seeding and pairings will be posted on the NMAA website (www.nmact.org) by noon, Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Protests: All protests, either before or during the tournament, must be presented in writing to the NMAA Event Director. Protests of USGA rules will be handled by the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association.

Tie-Breaking Procedures:

1. Ties in team scoring, other than for first place, will be resolved by comparing the total scores from both days of the first three individual finishers of the tying teams. If necessary, the same process will be utilized involving the first two players from each tying team and finally, the first finisher from each tying team until the tie is broken.
2. State Championship (First Place only) – In the event of a first place team tie after 36 holes of play, the following procedure is used to determine the winner:

- A. Four or five golfers (the team) tee off from the number one or number ten tee, whichever is most open. Teams alternate hitting proceeding from the number five (or four) player to the number one player. USGA rules are followed from that point on.
 - B. Scoring is the best of four scores on each hole totaled.
 - C. A team is eliminated when its total score is greater than other teams involved in the playoff.
 - D. The champion is the team with the lowest total for four players on the last hole played.
3. Medalists - Six medalists are identified based upon their two-day (36-hole) total 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.

Qualifying Certification Sheets: Qualifying Certification sheets do not constitute entry into the State Tournament. Teams/individuals may only be entered into the State Tournament via the official entry forms (Team Entry Form and Individual Entry Form). Qualifying sheets are used only for seeding purposes and only for teams/individuals that have been properly entered into the State Tournament via the appropriate Entry Form.

No Team or Individual Additions to the Field: The Golf Committee will not add any teams or individuals to the field for the State Tournament after the final entry forms are submitted. Emergency substitutions must be approved by the NMAA Executive Director.

Practice Round Tee Times: Tee times for Sunday's practice round will be assigned by the NMAA based on team seeding. Assigned tee times will be posted on the NMAA website (www.nmact.org) by noon, Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Coaching and USGA Rule 8: A coach or school representative must be present, and cannot play, while his or her players are competing on the golf course. The coach or school representative must have a certificate or waiver to coach his/her players. Each team may appoint one person (coach) who may give advice, including pointing out a line for putting to members of that team. The coach may not stand behind his or her player while the player is making a stroke.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated in any event. Abusive language, club throwing or any other act judged to be unsportsmanlike by the Tournament Committee, will be penalized in the following manner:

First Offense: Two stroke penalty will be incurred by player

Second Offense: Disqualification

Caddies/Powered Golf Carts: Caddies or powered golf carts are not allowed. Pull carts are allowed. Participants with written medical authorization, submitted and approved in advance by the NMAA, may be allowed to use a powered golf car or cart.

Questions regarding the State Tournament should be directed to:

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