

Golf Rules Clinic - Unit 1

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The golf rules clinic includes sections on USGA Rules, NMAA Bylaws and NMAA State Championship Information. As you go through this clinic, and throughout the school year, please remember the following:

- Education-Based Athletics: What differentiates interscholastic athletics from club sports is the primary emphasis on the student-athlete and his/her growth educationally and individually as a person. Your primary goal as an interscholastic coach is to support the academic mission of the school and provide your student-athletes with the life-long values that are the by-product of participation in education-based athletics.
- **“Compete With Class”**: The NMAA’s Sportsmanship Initiative is now a year old and is the result of a half year of input from coaches, students, administrators and officials. The initiative provides schools and coaches with a blueprint and resources by which they can impart the program’s core values of respect, integrity and responsibility to the entire school community. Many schools adopted and practiced the core values of Compete With Class this past year and witnessed outstanding results. A new [NMAA Sportsmanship video](#) is available this fall for your parent meetings. Please take the time to adopt **“Compete With Class”** as your team’s motto for the 2015-16 school year. Your athletic director will have more information regarding this positive program.

Please carefully review all information in all units of this clinic and share the information with your team, school, and supporters.

As you begin a new season, please be aware of the following Important Dates:

Monday, August 28, 2017 - First Fall competition date

Saturday, November 11, 2017 - Last Fall competition date

Monday, February 5, 2018 - First Spring competition date

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 - Coaches deadline for completion of Online Rules Clinic

Monday, April 2, 2018 - Rosters, schedules, results must all be updated on your MaxPreps team page.

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 - Entry forms due in the NMAA office by 8:00 AM.

Sunday, May 6, 2018 - Practice round at all sites

Monday, May 7, 2018 - NMAA State Golf Championships First Round – Tee Times

- 6A at Pinon Hills, 5A at Rockwind, A/4A at The Canyon Club

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 - NMAA State Golf Championships Final Round – Tee Times

- 6A at Pinon Hills, 5A at Rockwind, A/4A at The Canyon Club

Please do whatever you can to ensure that players, assistant coaches, and spectators are aware of USGA and NMAA rules. Remember that NMAA golf rules are in effect at all regular season NMAA events, just as they are at District and State. This includes the cell phone restriction, the spectator policy and the regulation regarding one designated coach per team per round (identified by wearing the NMAA provided coaching badge). Also remember that distance measuring devices are allowed but please be sure to follow NMAA bylaws with regard to their use.

Finally, please remember the NFHS [Coaching Golf](https://nfhslearn.com/courses/26000) course which was developed “in partnership with the PGA of America and teaches the rules and etiquette of the game, as well as fundamental techniques.” The course is available at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/26000>.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the students of New Mexico. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at any time.

Good luck this season.

Tyler