

**Big North Conference
Golf Rules and Regulations**

1. All matches will be played under USGA rules. Winter rules will be followed except for Conference Championship Tournament, unless Tournament Golf Committee deems it appropriate to change it.
2. Six (6) person maximum teams will be used in all matches, plus four (4) JV's if agreed upon.
3. Scoring
 - a. Maximum of six (6) player team in 9 hole stroke play. The sum of the low four (4) scores on each team determines team winner. Each player will keep their opponent's score and their own score.
 - b. After each hole, each player must check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round, each player shall sign the card and hand it to the competitor. If more than one player record scores, each shall sign for the part which he/she is responsible. After completion of the round, the competitor should check his/her score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the coaches. He/she shall ensure that his/her competitor has signed card, countersigned the card him/herself and return it to the coaches as soon as possible.
Penalty for the breach of this rule is disqualification for that match only. No alteration may be on a card after the competitor has returned it to the coaches. The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole. If he/she returns a score of any hole lower than actually taken, he/she shall be disqualified. If he/she returns a score for any hold higher than actually taken, the score returned shall stand.
 - c. Any player disqualified for poor conduct, from any Conference matches, shall be suspended for the next two Conference matches. This action must be reported by the coach to the school's Athletic Director, who in turn will report this to the Conference. Any player disqualified for poor conduct two (2) times during the season shall not be eligible to play in the Conference Tournament or be eligible for selection to any All Conference teams. (examples of "poor conduct" include, but are not limited to, throwing or slamming of clubs, excessive foul language, or general unsportsmanlike conduct displayed during the contesting of a league match or tournament).
4. A Divisional Championship will be awarded to the team with the best record in its respective Divisional play. Only Divisional matches count for Divisional Championships.

5. Scoring – The winner of the match will be the team with the lowest total strokes of the number of players agreed upon by the conference and/or school as set forth in their contract. In case of a tie, one (1) stroke will be deducted from the low medalist’s team score; if the low medalist is tied, the second lowest individual score will determine the winner, and so on until the tie is broken.
6. No caddies or spectators will be allowed on the course during a match.
7. **Coaches may coach “green to tee”.**
8. No power carts or pull carts are allowed. Disabled player’s request will be reviewed by the Golf Committee.
9. Practice before matches (day of match) – No practice holes are to be played before matches at the course being played that particular day.
Practice at shag areas, driving ranges, putting green, etc., is permitted in accordance with course rules.
Penalty for infractions will be disqualification of that player or players for the match.
Disqualified players would be replaced by substitutes.
10. Temporary Greens – Maximum of two (2) putts.
11. Visiting teams that arrive at the course prior to the home coach’s arrival must wait to receive instructions as to local regulations.
12. Starting time is at the discretion of the local course. The regulations of the local course will dictate the starting time if a late arrival occurs.
13. Home team coach is responsible for interpretation of home course rules.
14. In all Conference golf matches, both the home and visiting players must adhere to the following rules:
 - i. Appropriate shirt with collar and worn with tail in.
 - ii. NO jeans of any style. Girls and boys must wear appropriate golf apparel.
 - iii. Golf shoes should be worn; sneakers are permitted.
 - iv. No tobacco shall be permitted on course. This includes chew and dip.
15. All conference selections shall consist of two (2) teams and an honorable mention. Five (5) players and three (3) open positions shall be selected per team division. Two (2) members from each school may be selected on the honorable mention team. A player must participate in at least 50% of the Conference matches for his/her team, to be eligible for post-season honors.
First team - max Eight (8) players,

Second team; Eight (8) players,
Honorable mention team; max of two (2) from each school.

16. Every effort should be made to have the regular season Conference dual meet season completed prior to the Conference Championship Tournament.

17. The Conference should be the primary responsibility of each member school.

- a. Dual matches
- b. Tournaments
- c. Meetings

18. There will be a mandatory pre-season meeting for players and coaches, where a rules seminar will be conducted.

19. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES – For NJSIAA competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures Distance ONLY. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a device designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, slope, slope assist, windspeed, temperature, weather, etc.) the player is in breach of USGA Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, REGARDLESS of whether any such additional function is actually used or turned off.

Note: The use of cell phones, ipods, and palm pilots (multifunctional devices) are NOT ALLOWED, therefore, they are NOT to be used as a distance measuring device for this competition. Also, distance is public knowledge, and a distance measuring device is not part of a player's equipment, therefore the device may be shared during a round.

20. Girls will use the next forward tee which includes all conference, county, etc. tournaments that take place during the regular season.

Conference Championship Tournament Rules and Regulations

- 1) A Conference Championship will be held. Each team will select their top five (5) players to compete in an eighteen (18) hole tournament [play five (5), count four (4)].
- 2) Seeding meeting will be held to determine pairings. A shotgun start will be employed on the date chosen for this event.
- 3) In order for a player's score to be posted, the player must play at the specified time with his/her assigned group. A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allotted to any team to check in for the tournament. If a team does not meet the grace period time allotted, they will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- 4) There will be a plaque given out for each team divisional team winner.
A team plaque will be presented to the team in each division carding the lowest four (4) total scores. Individual medals will be presented to the ten (10) low individual scorers regardless of their division. Individual medals will be presented to the top (5) low individual scorers from the Passaic County Golf Event.
- 5) Individual ties will be broken by a modified match of cards, using the most difficult par 3-4-5 aggregate, and if need be the next most difficulty par 3-4-5 aggregate. Team tie for first only, play sudden death playoff. Four (4) players – Coach's choice.
(Only participants in the tournament will be allowed to follow the playoff as the gallery).
- 6) During the Conference Championship Tournament, Coaches are not to play the course that day. They shall act as pace of play officials and official scorers; and assist in supervising the event.
- 7) Girls will use the next forward tee.
- 8) **With respect to Distance Measuring Devices, this tournament will mirror the Big North Conference.**

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9) Reminder: All competitors should be mindful of:

1. Replacing their divots
2. Repairing all ball marks
3. Raking all bunkers

Please note, that the concession stand will be open for business that day for food and beverage.