



## **2020 NSAA Fall Season Guidelines**

Circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic are constantly changing and the circumstances vary from community to community. Difficult decisions will have to be made from week to week or even day to day. The safety and well-being of the participants and spectators is and always will be the primary consideration as we provide opportunities to participate in the fall sports season.

Each school has the authority to determine if it will participate in the 2020 Fall Season. During the season it will be the responsibility of the host school to provide administrative oversight in compliance with established COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with their local health departments and facilities. **Prior to any contest, the host school administration will be required to notify the visiting school administration of their established protocols.** The visiting team and spectators will be expected to adhere to all protocols established by the host school.

The host school should make every effort to mitigate risk and provide adequate opportunities for physical distancing procedures for the opposing team, officials, and all spectators.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Restricting attendance / seating areas
- Separate points of entry for home and visitor teams / spectators
- No concession stands or separate/multiple concession stands for home and visitor spectators
- Separate / multiple restrooms for home and visitor spectators
- Adequate locker room space / outdoor space for the opposing team
- Adequate locker room space / outdoor space for the officials
- Encouraging / requiring spectators to wear face coverings
- Implementing diligent and effective cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces

If a school has a player test positive for COVID-19, they will contact their County Health Department regarding a course of action.

It is recommended that players, coaches, and spectators have their temperatures checked at home or at the school prior to participating in or attending practices and games. Any individual with a temperature of 100.4 or above should not participate in or attend practices or games.

During practice, coaches should make accommodations for physical distancing whenever possible. Provide adequate spacing when participating in stretching, instructional time and drills. Conduct workouts in small groups whenever possible.

During competition, the sideline/bench/team areas should be restricted to essential personnel only. This includes players, coaches, team trainers, team managers, game officials, statisticians, and media.

Coaches, officials, and players should be cognizant of physical distancing guidelines when interacting during the game.

Pregame and postgame interactions between opposing coaches and players should adhere to physical distancing guidelines.

**Schools are encouraged to play their regularly scheduled competitions unless a COVID-19 issue prevents them from playing. Member schools shall be solely responsible for determining whether a scheduled game, match, contest, or other activity is cancelled or postponed due to a COVID-19 related issue in consultation with their local health departments. Member schools shall notify the NSAA of any cancellation or postponement.**



## **2020 NSAA Girls Golf COVID-19 Rules Modifications & Considerations**

### **Equipment/Facility:**

- Driving range is to be determined by golf course.
- Much of the facility information will come from the golf course.
- If bad weather occurs it is recommended that all should return to their vehicles rather than the clubhouse.
- It is recommended to not have award ceremonies.

### **Contest warm up:**

- Driving range regulations determined by golf course.
- Consider having a rotation of use to limit number on the range at one time and putting green.

### **Competition:**

- Communicate the details of the event prior to the day of the event. This way schools can plan their arrival and competition with minimal gatherings to discuss the event details.

**Practice Areas** - The policies below for the practice range and putting/chipping green(s) allows for players to practice prior to their start time on a limited basis. All players should have equal opportunity to practice before their round if the following are adhered to.

- **Practice Range**
  - Limitations to the number of players that may be on the range will be site specific based on the size of the range and the number of stations available using 6' social distancing.
  - Players only allowed on the practice range.
  - Players can be limited to only one bag of balls (approximately 50 balls) to hit on the range.
- **Putting/Chipping Greens**
  - Limitations to the number of players that may be on the practice putting green and/or chipping green will be site specific based on the size of the greens.
  - Players only allowed on or around the greens.
  - Players should be quick and efficient with their practice to ensure all players get time on the greens.

**Starting Areas** - Players should arrive at their assigned tee no more than 5 min before their assigned starting time.

- **Scoring** –
  - Digital scoring may be used when available.

- Scorecards should be distributed to each player. Scorecards will not be exchanged or require signatures.
- Upon completion of the round players will enter the designated scoring area to review and verify their scores verbally with the scoring official.

#### **GOLF COURSE SET-UP & RULES OF GOLF MODIFICATIONS**

- **Bunkers** - Limited number of bunker rakes could be available on the golf course.
  - Ball will be played as it lies in the bunker.
  - If a player feels their ball is in an abnormal ground condition they can ask for relief from a member of the Committee. If granted, the relief procedure will be followed as stated in the Rules of Golf.
- **Flagstick** - Attending and removal of flagsticks is permitted if allowed by the facility.
  - It is recommended that the player that removed the flagstick be the one to replace it.
- **Returned Scorecard** - A scorecard will be deemed returned when the player has verbally verified their hole-by-hole scores with their marker and the scoring official and left the designated scoring area.

#### **NSAA Championships and District Contests.**

- Scoring monitors will not be used at district and state championships.

#### **NSAA Board approved changes**

Schedules for Class A are now due August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Schools in Class A can replace a meet or tournament that is missed. Schools cannot exceed the individual contest limit. Meets or tournaments that are replacement meets or tournaments will not count towards an individual or team differential. Note: This does not refer to meets or tournaments that are rescheduled.