

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOYS GOLF BY-LAWS
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1. Play will be under the current United States Golf Association Rules and the local rules of the course being played.
2. League and/or Conference Play:
 - a) Local club rules must be covered before tee off.
 - b) Scoring for all matches will be medal play, six person team, score the best five.
 - c) Due to the number of teams that play on private courses and that we are playing under local rules, players are to wear collared shirts. Competitors may wear golf slacks or golf shorts if the host club permits. Golf shorts will be Bermuda style in length. No cut-offs, denim jeans, or gym shorts permitted. Players not following this standard will not be allowed on the course. This rule will also be consistent with the Section and State standards.
 - d) Players shall wear appropriate footwear - soft spiked shoes, spikeless shoes or sneakers.
 - e) Competitors are permitted to use non-motorized push or pull carts during league, sectional and state competition.
 - f) Teams are limited to 16 golf contests. A contest consists of a 9 hole match vs. one or more opponents. Tri and quad matches consisting of one 9 hole match vs multiple opponents is considered **ONE** contest.
 - g) Teammates will be allowed to discuss course strategy. This shall include club selection and reading putts.
3. Division Champions: The Golf League will consist of divisions. Each division will recognize a champion based on win/loss record within division play only.
 - a. Team scoring for conference standing:
 - (1) 2 points for a win
 - (2) 1 point for a tie
 - (3) 0 points for a loss
 - b. If there is a still a tie based on the above point(s) system, the following will be used to determine that division champion.

1. Head to Head overall for current season between teams that are tied.
 2. Points allowed between tied teams
 3. Record vs. the team occupying the next highest position in division standings
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4. OCIAA Tournament: This 18 hole medal play tournament will be conducted for the top 50 golfers in the Orange County League determined by stroke average throughout the season. A player must compete in at least 6 matches to qualify. Awards will be presented to the top 6 finishers. The top 29 scores and ties will continue to play in the first round of the State Qualifier.
5. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:
- a. When a coach is ejected from a game please refer to the NYSPHSAA Handbook, Sportsmanship Standard #27.
 - a. When a player(s) is ejected from a game for fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct, the following action is required by the NYSPHSAA Regulations, detailed in Standard #27b.
 1. First ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled match.
 2. Second ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests.
 3. Third ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled matches including Sectional play or any higher level of competition.
 4. There is no appeal to a player(s) ejection. The official's decision is final and includes the following contest(s).
 - b. The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator. The Athletic Administrator will then contact the Athletic Coordinator's Office to confirm that the player or players will not be allowed to participate in that school's next scheduled match or matches as required above. The Athletic Administrator must report the ejection to the Athletic Coordinator's Office.
 - c. A player(s) who is ejected from a game, will not be allowed to be present at the site of any game that player(s) has been disqualified from participating in (home or away).
 - d. For an unsportsmanlike violation that occurs during the OCIAA season, penalties will carry over into sectional play. Once penalties are served, sectional unsportsmanlike conduct rules apply.

6. During the regular season and in the OCIAA and Section IX Tournaments, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. **Cell phones are not allowed nor any other multi-functional device that has the capability to connect to the internet.** This includes, but is not limited internet capable smartphones, tablets, or PDA's which may be used as a distance measuring device, even if no other features or applications installed on the device are not actually used. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
7. Awards:
 - a. Plaques: 5 Division Champions (Teams)
 - b. Awards: Medallions: Winner (1 Gold), Runner-Up (1 Silver) and 4 Bronze
 - c. OCIAA Patches: Each individual school may purchase their own patches if they choose to do so.
8. Schedules:
 - a. Will be developed by the Athletic Coordinator.
 - b. Each varsity team may not schedule more than 16 total matches.