

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
GIRLS GOLF BY-LAWS
Adopted June 3, 2009**

1. Play will be under the current United States Golf Association Rules and the local rules of the course being played.
2. League Play:
 - a. Local club rules must be covered before tee off.
 - b. Scoring for all matches will be medal play, four person team, score the best three. The fourth golfer is to be used to break a tie. If a tie still exists, then refer to league scoring.
 - 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, pants or shorts and NO JEANS will be allowed. 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. Teammates will be allowed to discuss course strategy. This shall include club selection and reading putts. Each player is required to carry their own bag.
3. Division Champions: The Golf League will consist of four divisions. The divisions will recognize a champion based on win/loss record within division play only.
 - a. Team scoring for division
 - (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, co-champions will be declared.
1. Weather/Official Match

If inclement weather interrupts play, refer to Section IX Lightning and Thunder Policy. A match is declared official at the completion of 5 holes. An abbreviated match may be used as one of the official qualifying matches, but will not factor into their scoring average.
5. Section Tournament: This is a 2 day 36 hole tournament that will be conducted for the top golfers in the Orange County League determined by stroke average throughout the season. All players are allowed to use their six (6) best nine (9) hole scores when calculating their average over par. The top 18 scores including ties will advance to the second day of play. A player must compete in at least six (6) matches to qualify. Awards will be presented to the top nine (9) finishers. A 10th place finisher will be determined to represent Section IX, if necessary, at the NYSPHSAA Tournament.

If for any reason a qualifying tournament needs to be shortened, the chairperson or designee, golf club pro, or course superintendent will make a decision as to how many holes will be considered official for scoring.

6. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

- a. When a coach is ejected from a game please refer to NYSPHSAA Handbook # 27 Sportsmanship.
- b. When a player(s) is ejected or disqualified from a match for fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct, the following action will be taken:
 - (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 any remaining scheduled matches including sectionals or any higher level of competition.
- c. The coach of the player(s) who was ejected will notify his/her Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will then contact the OCIAA 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.
- d. A player(s) who is ejected from a match will not be allowed to be present at the site of any match that player(s) has been disqualified from participating in (home or away).
- e. For unsportsmanlike violation that occur during the OCIAA season, penalties will carry over into sectional play. Once penalties are served, sectional unsportsmanlike conduct rules apply.

7. Awards:

- a. Plaque: Division Champions (Team)
- b. Awards: Individual - 1st through 9th place
- 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 20 total matches.

9. Mixed Competition:

NYSPHSAA Handbook page 65 and 66.

The NYSPHSAA requires that the names of girls and boys who participate on a team of the opposite sex be submitted to the league and section before any interschool contest in that sport.

NOTE: Teams organized for one sex may only practice and compete against teams of that same sex. Furthermore, once an individual competes on a team for one sex during a season, he/she may not compete for or against a team organized for the other sex during that season.