



2023

Spring Golf

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2023 MIAA SPRING GOLF SECTIONAL/STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACH

Failure to observe this rule will result in the Team/Athlete being defaulted.

"In case of an emergency the principal may write and sign a letter written on school letterhead designating a member of the school staff (*not a parent*) as the official school designee. This letter must be presented by the designee to the Sectional Director upon arrival at the championship site. The designee must remain at the tournament site throughout the entire round."

B. STARTING TIMES

Starting times and pairings will be listed on the MIAA Tournament website as soon as the Championship Director has established them.

C. COACHES ASSIGNMENTS

At all qualifying rounds and at the State Finals the Championship Director will assign coaches, or official school designee present, to serve as monitors; i.e. whenever possible, a coach will go with each group, monitor play, observe behavior, etc. The players keep the official scores for each other. Coaches will not be monitoring their own players. Any coach or official school designee who refuses to complete his/her assigned duty will cause his/her players to be disqualified from the Championship.

D. DRESS CODE

All players and coaches must be dressed in proper golf attire that conforms to the golf course dress code and clearly identifies the school they represent. No denim or blue jean pants, cargo shorts or tank tops are permitted. *Those in violation will not be allowed to compete.*

E. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

During the play of the MIAA Sectional and State Tournament, a player MAY obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. A player MAY NOT use any device to measure other conditions such as gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc. A player MAY NOT use a Cell Phone at any time for any purpose and cell phones are not allowed to be used as a measuring device. Any player found in breach of this rule will be immediately disqualified.

F. SPECTATORS

Spectators should have cell phones in silent/vibrate mode while on the golf course. If it is necessary to make or take phone calls spectators should do so out of the range of any golfers. Spectators are not allowed to give any advice to players. Coaches may carry a cell phone in a silent/vibrate mode. This is to allow coaches to contact help in an emergency situation.

G. MIAA DRONE POLICY: Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

Unless granted special permission by the MIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any MIAA tournament event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the MIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.

H. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

All schools are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and spectators. When requested, a school must complete a report regarding a contest in which a problem occurred.



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I. INCLEMENT WEATHER RULE

In case of inclement weather the following should be called in the order listed:

1. Sectional Championship Director
2. Golf Course

The decision of the Championship Director will be final (USGA rule).

J. TOURNAMENT MEDICAL COVERAGE

It is the responsibility of each participating school to provide for the first aid/medical needs of their student athletes.

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TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

All play in these championships will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A and any Local Rules as set forth by the Championship Director prior to the beginning of play. Questions will be settled by the Championship Director or designated Rules officials or Golf Committee Rules Official whose decisions will be final. The competition will be deemed closed when the results have been approved and the trophies awarded.

The Standard Rules of Golf for the MIAA, the Local Rules as they are allowed by the Rules of Golf, and the Pace of Play Memorandum apply and are posted on the MIAA website.

All players must walk. Push/Pull carts are allowed if allowed by the golf course.

There will be NO Coaching or Advice Giving Allowed during the stipulated round by Coaches or Spectators. The Local Rule allowing coaching has not been adopted. Coaching is allowed between the stipulated round and any play-off that may occur.

SECTIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Note: Reference - MIAA Spring Tournament Alignments for 2022 and 2023 to make sure your school is going to the correct tournament location.)

There will be two (2) Sectional Team Championships - North/Central/West and South.

A team will consist of six (6) players. In the event a school brings less than six (6) players, there must be a minimum of four (4) to participate in the Team Championship.

The stroke play scores of the 4 lowest players will make up the team score. The score of the 5th lowest player will be used to break ties. If a tie still exists, the 6th players' score will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, co-champions will be declared.

MIAA Trophies will be awarded to the Sectional Champion and Runner-Up. If Co-Champions then each school will be awarded a Champion Trophy.

Each Sectional Championship will qualify 3 teams for the State Championship.



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STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The teams that qualified at each Sectional Championship will be eligible to compete for the State Team Championship. Each team will consist of 6 players. The 4 lowest stroke play scores on each team will make up the team score. The score of the 5th lowest player will be used to break ties. If a tie still exists, the 6th players' score will be used to break the tie. However, if the 6th players' score fails to break the tie, all six team members, of each tied team, will enter into a sudden death playoff, at a hole to be determined by the Championship Director. The four best scores from each team will be counted, if still tied, the fifth score will be counted, if still tied, the sixth score will be counted. If the tie still remains, the playoff will continue to a second playoff hole.

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SECTIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Golfers who play on a coed team in the Fall and are registering to play in a Sectional Qualifier should: Register for the Spring South Sectional Qualifier if their Fall team would play in the South Qualifier or register for the Spring N/C/W Sectional Qualifier if their Fall team would play in the North, Central or West Qualifier

ENTRANTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Members of a team that is participating in the Sectional Team Championship are also participants in the Sectional Individual Championship.
- Girls that participate in the Fall on a golf team or any Girl that participates on a team in the Spring, whose team DOES NOT qualify for the championship, is eligible to enter as an individual if they score a minimum of fifty-percent (50%) of their 9 hole rounds during the regular season in eleven (11) over par or better
- Only ONE Individual athlete per school is allowed. Waivers are available if a school feels they have more than one athlete that meets the criteria outlined above. Contact the MIAA office to request the waiver.
- **All Entries MUST be submitted by May 22, 2023 through the Formstack tool link that will be emailed to Athletic Directors.**

At each Sectional Individual Championship the top 25% (and ties) of those participating will qualify to play for the State Individual Championship. Any percentage points above a whole number will be rounded up to the next whole number (i.e.- if there are 41 players, then 25% would equal 10.25 which is rounded up to 11 players). **Golfers that do not post scores in the top 25% at their sectional tournament cannot individually qualify for the state tournament. The top 25% of posted scores may include individuals that also qualified to move on with their team.**

EXAMPLE

Lexi Thompson	71	Stacy Lewis	75	
Lydia Ko	72	Jessica Korda	75	
Kristy Kerr	72	Mo Martin	76	
Paula Creamer	73	Danielle Kang	76	All 76 scores Qualify due to tie
Inbee Park	73	Amy Yang	76	
Michelle Wie	74	Juli Inkster	76	



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The player that records the lowest score will be declared the ***MEDALIST***. In case of ties for the lowest score at each Sectional the players will be declared ***CO-MEDALISTS***. There will not be any play-offs for individuals at the Sectional Championship.

STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

All players participating in the State Championships whether they qualified at the Sectional Individual Championship or is participating as a member of a team that qualified at the Sectional Team Championship are eligible to compete for and to win the Individual Championship. The player that records the lowest score will be declared the State Individual Champion.

If at the conclusion of play, two or more players are tied for the Individual Championship, the players who are tied will playoff starting at a hole determined by the Championship Director. If two or more players are still tied at the conclusion of the first playoff hole, those players will continue to a second playoff hole and play will continue in this manner until the tie is broken.

The winner of this championship will receive the MIAA Trophy/Medal designating them the State Individual Champion.