



PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION 2023 MHSAA UP BOYS & GIRLS GOLF

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The MHSAA UP Boys/Girls Golf Tournament is conducted in three divisions. Division assignments are posted on MHSAA.com. A school must compete in a minimum of four meets during the season to qualify for the MHSAA Tournament. A school team consists of four or five golfers with the best four scores counting toward team score. A school may enter less than four golfers in the UP Finals but may not contend for team scoring or team advancement.

TOURNAMENT & SEASON DATES – 2023

First practice (includes tryouts) – March 13, 2023

First contest – March 20, 2023

UP Finals – May 31, June 1, 2, or 3, 2023

UP GOLF FINALS SITES:

D1 – Boys – Escanaba HS – May 31 – Sweetgrass GC, Harris

D1 – Girls – Escanaba HS – May 31 – Sage Run GC, Harris

D2 – Norway HS – May 31 – Oak Crest GC, Iron River

D3 – Powers North Central HS – June 1 – Highland GC, Escanaba

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TIEBREAKER POLICIES – At the UP Finals ties are to be broken **ONLY** if the tie is for the Team Champion or Individual Medalist.

For the **team competition**, the first tie-breaker is comparing scores of each team's fifth golfer. If the tie is still not broken:

1. The 5 players from each team shall compete in a sudden victory play-off to break the tie.
2. All 5 players' scores count in the play-off to break the tie.
3. Two members and three members from each team will be placed in fivesomes.
4. The tournament host and golf course professional will determine the starting hole.

For the **individual competition**, ties will be broken by a sudden victory playoff starting at the hole chosen by tournament management. **TEAM TIES SHALL BE BROKEN VIA PLAYOFF BEFORE INDIVIDUAL TIES.**

At the **MHSAA UP Finals**, the team champion is based on the total score over 18 holes. The lowest 4 scores of a team comprise the total score. All competition is stroke play following USGA rules.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

CART/CADDIE POLICIES – Players – During MHSAA regular season and tournament golf competition, use of motorized carts by competitors is not allowed. **EXCEPTION:** Permission for use of motorized carts for medical reasons may be granted by the MHSAA when a written request is made by a school administrator. The written request must include a physician's statement specifying the medical need. Permission will be granted only when the medical need is due to a legitimate physical disability, recovery from a serious surgical procedure or a chronic medical illness such as a serious heart condition or debilitating illness. A physician's statement by itself does not automatically allow for use of a motorized cart. Fees associated with such use are the responsibility of the student and/or school. Players may use non-motorized pull carts at their own expense. Coaches may use carts at the District, Regional or Finals tournament at their own expense with rental fees to be determined by local course management.

Caddies are not allowed for players during MHSAA Tournament competition.

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES – Cell phones can be used by players in four specific circumstances. (MHSAA Local Rule)

- **To call a coach or tournament manager for a health or safety issue**
- **To call a rules referee with questions**
- **To input scores for live scoring or other scoring programs being used**
- **To use as a distance measuring device**

NOTE: See "Distance Measuring Devices" language regarding approved use of conforming device. Any player who receives information using electronic devices is subject to a two-stroke penalty for each occurrence (Rule 10.2, Advice). Continued violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Spectators who use cell phones or other electronic devices on the course to communicate with players or coaches are subject to removal from the course.

COACHING SUPERVISION- No individual or team may participate in an MHSAA event **UNLESS ACCOMPANIED TO THE EVENT BY THE COACH**, administrator, or appointee of the school. (MHSAA Regulation II, Section 10(D)).

COACHING PRIVILEGES & RESTRICTIONS – During the MHSAA UP Finals golf tournaments, the following regulations govern coaching privileges, responsibilities, and restrictions:

Coaching Privileges Defined – During the MHSAA tournament, two school designated coaches with proper lanyard ID will be allowed to coach players from his/her school team during play. The coaching period will be anytime during play except when the coach's player has

physically reached the green, at which time coaching is no longer allowed. While players are conducting tee shots, it is recommended that coaching and/or communication with players in a group be kept to a minimum. Coaching shall not slow pace of play. Coaches shall exhibit good sportsmanship, monitor sportsmanship of players, keep spectators at a reasonable distance and keep pace of play moving. Violation of conduct expectations shall result in the loss of coaching privileges.

- Coaches may not call rules violations or assess penalties but are encouraged to remind players and rules officials of possible rules violations or penalties when they occur, and/or assist in preventing any such rules violation.
- Coaches may not be physically on the green to perform duties such as reading or lining up putts or tending the pin and coaches may not rake bunkers or carry a player's clubs. Coaches should keep a reasonable distance from the green while players' putt.
- **Coaches can check and monitor player scorecards.**

SCORING - The following policy applies to participants at MHSAA UP Finals Tournaments.

- Each competitor will keep official score for one other player in the group.
- No two players will be allowed to keep score for each other in a group.
- Each marker is required to keep track of and mark each score by hole on official MHSAA SCORECARD for the assigned player.
- Score shall be verbalized by players so all in group, including the scorer for that player, can hear. If there is a discrepancy between score marked and score announced, marker shall ask the player to review strokes in presence of other players in the group.

All questions on number of strokes shall be settled before starting play on next hole. A score must be verified before first tee shot is made on next hole. All players in a group should report directly to the scoring area at the conclusion of the tournament round to have scores reviewed and posted by tournament management.

The following shall be the procedure after a round is completed at all MHSAA Golf Tournament venues.

- 1) At the completion of the round, the competitors in a group sit down at the scoring table.
On the opposite side of the table, there will be at least one committee member or their designee.
- 2) The competitors confirm their hole-by-hole scores with their marker (this can also be done prior to going to the scoring table).
- 3) The competitors are asked if they have any rules questions. The competitors are also asked if a second ball was played under Rule 3-3 at any time during the round.
- 4) The committee member will ask the competitors to sign their scorecards and turn them in when they are satisfied that their hole-by-hole scores are correct. The competitors remain at the table.
- 5) As the committee member is totaling, they can ask the competitors for clarification, if there are any questionable scores (Ex. "Is that a 3 or an 8?"). The committee member who totals the scores for a card will write the totals on the card. The committee informs the competitors of their totals and if a competitor disagrees,

he/she can voice their concern and have the card rechecked and recalculated. Once all competitors' cards have been totaled and verified, the competitors leave the table and the cards are then moved to the board for posting.

Player Scoring Responsibilities Statement - All players in the MHSAA Tournament are responsible for the accuracy of their own score and that of the player for which they are scoring. Players who record false scores for themselves or knowingly allow other members of their group to record false scores or violate USGA rules are subject to penalty and/or disqualification.

PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT COURSE – Practice at the assigned tournament venue is allowed on days prior to the tournament, but **not** allowed on the day of the competition. Tournament host courses should allow reasonable and equitable access to courses for practice rounds by participating schools.

PROTESTS – There are no protests allowed in MHSAA Tournament competition. All rules issues must be resolved at the tournament location by the Rules Committee on the day of competition.

PLAYER GROUPINGS – Tournament managers will group players in threesomes or foursomes by team “waves” at all levels of the tournament. Students competing as individuals will be placed in groups based on their average score. In some cases, threesomes will be used and there may be some circumstances where a twosome is allowed (late withdrawal, DQ, etc.). **Managers are not allowed to have players grouped in fivesomes.**

RETURNING TO THE COURSE RESTRICTION – After a player's score is verified at the scoring area, they may return to the course as a spectator, where they are governed by MHSAA spectator rules and guidelines.

SUBSTITUTIONS – Substitutions for team members may be made at time of check-in, provided the substitute player is on the Master Eligibility List. Substitutes will take the position of the player being replaced, no re-ranking of players will be allowed

DRESS CODE – Proper golf attire, including a golf shirt, will be required at all MHSAA tournament series. Bermuda shorts are permitted. Short shorts, cut-offs, jeans and tank tops are NOT permitted. Hats worn backward are not legal. Mock turtleneck shirts designed and sold as golf attire are allowed. **Coaches** - Please enforce this dress code with players at MHSAA Regional and Finals competition. Managers will ask to have all golfers on your team change clothing prior to tee time if they are not dressed properly. Any player not dressed properly WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE. It is the coach's responsibility to familiarize players with the rules of play and etiquette.

GALLERIES – Golfers are not permitted to converse with members of the gallery (except at the turn in clubhouse area). Should communication between golfer and a gallery member be necessary during play, it shall be a duty of tournament management to talk to gallery in golfer's behalf. When player-gallery conversation pertaining to advice, counsel or suggestion which could influence play, choice of club, or method of making a stroke (Rule 10.2a) is detected by another player in that foursome, penalty should be enforced. Violation of rule must be reported to tournament management by another golfer in foursome, and the manager shall record violation when it occurs. Penalty for such violation shall be:

First Offense – Two Stroke General Penalty
Second Offense – Disqualification

In addition, team members are discouraged from conversing with one another while playing the tournament course.

OPT OUT POLICIES, ELIGIBILITY LISTS, AND ROSTERS

The following items must be sent to the Manager of the Tournament where your school is assigned:

1. Master Eligibility List
2. Roster/Ranking of Players
3. Average team score of players

ALL ABOVE ITEMS MUST REACH THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER BY THE OPT- OUT DUE DATE, Friday, May 19, 2023 by 4 p.m. If materials listed above are late, they can be accepted by payment of a **\$50** late fee before players are arranged in foursomes. No materials will be accepted after the foursomes have been established. **THE LATE FEE WILL BE RETAINED BY THE HOST SCHOOL.** Additions or changes to the Master Eligibility List can take place prior to the start of the first day of the MHSAA Tournament.

To be eligible for MHSAA sponsored meets and tournaments, a school must have a bona fide team, which is one that has an actual schedule in that sport for current school year and has participated against MHSAA member schools in four or more contests in that sport during the current year.

A member school will be allowed to enter less than a full team (four golfers) into Finals competition. Therefore, a member school may enter one to five golfers in the MHSAA golf tournament series. A school entering four or five golfers will be competing for team honors and individual honors. A school entering one, two or three golfers will be competing for individual honors ONLY. The MHSAA Golf Committee and Representative Council recommend that schools enter only golfers who can score an average of 65 or better for 9 holes.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES– Distance measuring devices that measure distance only will be allowed for use in the MHSAA Regional and Finals tournament in 2023 as a “local rule” adopted by the MHSAA under USGA Rule 4.3a. (1-4) and Section 8, as follows:

“...the device must be limited to measuring distance only. Features that would render use of the device contrary (i.e. illegal) to the local rules include:

- The gauging or measuring of slope.
- The gauging or measuring of other conditions that might affect play (e.g. wind speed or direction or other climate based information such as temperature, humidity, etc.).
- Recommendations that might assist the player in making a stroke or in his/her play (e.g. club selection, type of shot to be played, green reading or any other advice related matter).
- Calculating the effective distance between two points based on slope or other conditions affecting shot distance.

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/her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

DRAW PROCEDURES – NA

TIME SCHEDULE

Managers will notify competing schools of the starting time of their Tournament. All contestants and coaches or designated adults must be present and checked in with the Tournament Manager 30 minutes prior to the designated starting tee off time and have all changes made. There shall be no delay of the start of the Coaches/ Players Meeting or tee off time due to unexplained team/coach absences. The procedure for "Members of Foursomes who are Not Ready to Play at Scheduled Times" will prevail. A shot-gun start is recommended for tournament competition.

The following method is to prevail at all MHSAA Golf Tournaments when any member of a scheduled foursome is late at the starting tee when a shot-gun start is used:

The MHSAA shall be considered the committee who determines the conditions and penalty for a player not ready to play at the scheduled time.

1. If a player arrives at tee within five minutes after scheduled starting time, a two-stroke penalty will be invoked.
2. If a player arrives at tee more than five minutes after scheduled starting time, disqualification occurs.

NOTE: The "scheduled starting time" is when the siren, gun, or cannon is sounded. It is the responsibility of the tournament management to allow players time to get to their designated tee area. It is the responsibility of tournament management or his/her designees to check tee areas to see that foursomes have arrived at their designated tee area.

AWARDS - Team champions receive a trophy and team medals. The medalist, and second through fifth place finishers each are awarded medals. **TIES FOR FIRST PLACE MEDALIST MUST BE RESOLVED BY A PLAYOFF TO DETERMINE WHO WILL RECEIVE THE MEDAL.** Ties for second through fifth place medalist honors will remain. The tournament host will order extra medals for ties from the MHSAA.

LOCKER ROOM PRIVACY POLICY - Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

LIMITS OF COMPETITION

Teams and individuals may have a maximum of 16 dates of competition during the regular season. MHSAA tournament dates do not count against season maximums.

FINANCES

If admission is charged, it shall be \$5/car for spectators at the Finals Tournament.

GREENS FEES – Participating schools are responsible for all applicable greens fees.

PLAYING RULES/ADAPTATIONS

Playing rules for all MHSAA Tournament competition will be those of the USGA. In areas where the MHSAA has jurisdiction (sportsmanship, conduct, amateur status, awards, etc.) such

MHSAA regulations will supersede. All local rules and tournament rules will be stated and reviewed at the coaches & players meeting prior to competition. Pace of play is the responsibility of and shall be monitored by tournament managers.

RULES AUTHORITY - During MHSAA Tournament competition, assigned rules officials in conjunction with tournament management are the sole authority for enforcement and interpretation of USGA playing rules. Rules officials may assist in keeping pace of play moving and monitoring sportsmanship and spectator conduct. They shall consult and cooperate with MHSAA Tournament managers on all matters of rules application. At the MHSAA Regionals and Finals, in addition to making rulings, MHSAA rules officials may assess penalties when they observe (first hand) violations of playing rules.

RULES COMMITTEE - Managers will select a Rules Committee prior to the beginning of the tournament which will be available throughout the tournament to make decisions regarding reported rules infractions. It is strongly suggested that three individuals make up this Committee including:

1) Tournament manager or designee; 2) MHSAA Rules Referees 3) Golf Pro 4) 2-3 coaches of participating teams.

DECISIONS MADE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BASED ON USGA RULES AND MHSAA REGULATIONS ARE FINAL. Any coach whose team is involved in a rules infraction decision shall be excused from serving on the committee. A RULES OFFICIAL IS TO BE PRESENT FOR THE DURATION OF TOURNAMENT PLAY.

INFRACTIONS - The following procedures shall be used when a rule infraction occurs at MHSAA Golf Tournaments:

A. Each competitor is advised to carry a Golf Rule Book or “Rules at a Glance” for their own interpretation and in case a question arises among players in foursome.

B. Golfers are reminded to play a second ball, if appropriate, when a rule interpretation is not immediately available to the golfer. The marker shall record on the back of the scorecard that a second ball was used, record type of ball used, and briefly outline the situation.

C. Record reports of rule infractions on the scorecard before the first player tees off on the next hole. Reports of infractions must be made by any member of the foursome and may include violations of playing rules or tournament rules such as smoking, conversing with the gallery, or returning to the course during regular play.

MEDIA

Providing accommodations and services to the media covering MHSAA tournaments is the responsibility of the host tournament manager. [Comprehensive information on MHSAA Media Policies can be found here.](#)

The tournament manager shall communicate the results of the event as proscribed. News media representatives are encouraged to call managers in advance of the events they desire to cover, but it is not unusual for a working member of the media to show up unannounced. Your gate attendants should be alert for media passes (the MHSAA annually issues passes good for

tournament events), and admit those individuals when appropriate – as long as they are attending the game in a working capacity.

Press pass/seating arrangements should allow the media attending at your site to arrive on their timetable.

Photographers – still and video – may be granted appropriate access to shoot (i.e. sidelines, baselines), if they are from an accredited media outlet, an MHSAA Licensed Photographer, or an individual identified by a school administrator to the Tournament Manager who is authorized to capture such content exclusively for the school's publication, promotional, educational or public relations uses. Because of the large number of teams involved for individual events (bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, skiing, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, individual wrestling), no passes and access will be authorized for schools.

Souvenir Program Policies – NA

Merchandising/Promotion Policies

Use of MHSAA Logo – The MHSAA logo and acronym are registered trademarks. MHSAA tournament trophy designs are also copyrighted. Use of these legally protected marks requires written permission of the MHSAA. Contact the MHSAA Communications Director for additional information.

Multimedia Policies

SPORTSMANSHIP

When a student is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, that student shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team. Player disqualifications and the application of MHSAA Regulation V, Section 3 penalties shall be done with the tournament manager in consultation with MHSAA staff.

When a coach is disqualified during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, that coach shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching for the remainder of that day of competition and from coaching at or attending at least the next day of competition for that coach's team.

WEATHER POLICIES, SUSPENSIONS, POSTPONEMENTS

In the case of inclement weather, competition at the Finals level will proceed as long as playing conditions are satisfactory. MHSAA policies requiring a minimum 30-minute suspension when thunder and lightning are detected will be followed. Every effort will be made to complete tournament competition on the scheduled day. Should play be suspended, it will resume from the point of suspension when conditions and course availability allow. When play is suspended or postponed it should resume (or start) on the next available day. MHSAA Tournament competition may not be conducted on Sundays.

At the Finals Tournament, once 9 holes have been completed the competition and results after 9 holes are official if the scheduled 18 holes cannot be completed.

If an emergency or Act of God prevents more than 40% of the contestants (not schools) from competing, the tournament is to be rescheduled for the next available day.

INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS

If an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet has begun, it shall be completed.

Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be decided at the site before the game proceeds. Tournament management will make the final decision regarding game events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next game concerns.

TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

Tobacco: It is not intended that a violation of the tobacco policy should lead to immediate ejection of a coach. He or she should be reminded of the policy and reported to his or her school administration after the contest. Only if the coach is unwilling to comply promptly shall he or she be disqualified from coaching at the event. Officials should be reminded of the tobacco policy and reported in writing by the tournament manager to the MHSAA.

Alcohol: Historically, officials promptly disqualified coaches, and tournament managers immediately replaced officials who were under the influence of alcohol; and no change in such procedures is intended by these policies.

SPECTATOR POLICIES

The following general policies apply to spectators at MHSAA Tournament events. Tournament managers may also have additional school, facility or institutional restrictions and/or policies.

- Banners are allowed with Meet Manager approval.
- Smoking is not allowed at the tournament site.
- Spectator Videotaping – Spectators may tape but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s).
- Cell phone use by spectators is not allowed during MHSAA tournament when on the course viewing competition.
- Spectators in the gallery may not talk with or give advice to players during competition.

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV”), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at MHSAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for MHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the MHSAA.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY: During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials, or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.