**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

**Boys’ Golf Division - 4**

**Hosted by Bedford Valley Golf Course**

**June 9 & 10, 2023**

**Notice to Competitors**

**LOCAL RULES**: In addition to the January 2023 Official Guide to the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and USGA, the MHSAA Golf Rules and Conditions (Hard Card), the Condition of Competition for all MHSAA championships, the following Local Rules shall be in effect:

**Format**: 36 Holes Stroke Play for team and individual competitions. 18 holes determines a complete tournament if inclement weather exists.

**Tees:** Play will be from the ***MHSAA*** tees.

**Out of Bounds:** Defined by the inside edge of perimeter fencing post and white lines or stakes on holes 4, 11, 12, 13, 15; the split rail fence on holes 2 and 3; the inside edge of the driveway on hole 1.

**Ground Under Repair:** Defined by freshly painted white lines. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Mandatory free relief must be taken from all flower beds.

**Penalty Areas**: Identified by red stakes and defined by red freshly painted lines on the ground. **In addition**, all areas with the very tall grass (the heather, not the normal bluegrass rough) are red penalty areas on this course. The edge of the penalty area is defined by the area on the ground where the tall grass meets the normal rough. The player is entitled to take relief under Rule 17 as long as it is known or virtually certain that the ball crossed the edge of the very tall grass and remains in that area. There is no free relief for a ball in a penalty area other than for a dangerous animal condition. (*If it is not known or virtually certain that the ball lies in the defined penalty area, and the ball could be out of bounds or lost outside the penalty area—the player must proceed under Rule 18 (play from the previous spot and add a one stroke penalty).*

The opposite margin of the red penalty area to the left of hole #13 extends to infinity.

**Obstructions:** Cart paths, dirt extensions of cart paths, buildings within the boundary of the course, PVC sleeves for yardage markers and utility boxes are immovable obstructions. Rule 16.

**Dropping Zones;** If a player is entitled to relief from interference from the cart path, clubhouse, flower beds and paved area around the clubhouse behind #9 and #18 green, the player may proceed under Rule 16.1 or the player may drop the ball, without penalty, in the closest Dropping Zone.

The player does not have to stand in the dropping zone when dropping the ball.

When a player is using a dropping zone, the relief area is defined by that dropping zone and the ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone (see [Rule 14.3](https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rule-14.html#_4e9a8dc7-38b6-4385-9123-4a08e2522327)).

The dropping zone is defined by a line on the ground, the line is inside the dropping zone.

**Scorecards**: Player must return to the scoring area with all players in their group, immediately upon completion of their round. Scoring will be done on the MHSAA app.

**Tie Breaker:** See the instructions as outlined in the MHSAA guide.

Play well and have fun!

**Text or Call John Rowlands if you have any rules question while playing your round**

**248 730 0665**

**And explain what hole you are on and what part of the hole**