

**MHSAA Boys Golf State Finals—Division 4**  
**The Fortress Golf Course**  
**June 11 and 12, 2021**

**Notice to Competitors**

**LOCAL RULES:** In addition to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2019 as approved by the R&A/USGA and their interpretations and clarifications, 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 **MAROON**.

**Penalty Areas:** Identified by red or yellow stakes and defined by red or yellow 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. *If it is not known or virtually certain that the ball lies in the defined penalty area, and the ball could be lost outside the penalty area—the player must proceed under Rule 18 (play from the previous spot and add a one stroke penalty).*

**Out of Bounds:** Out of bounds defined by white stakes and/or white lines. The inside edge of the roads on holes #10, 11, 13 and 14 the left side of hole #18 and the club house area and parking lot are out of bounds.

**Ground Under Repair:** Defined by freshly painted white lines.

**No Play Zone:** If it is known or virtually certain that the player's ball lies in the large area of flowers, other plantings, and rocks to the right of the putting greens on holes #6 and #8, the player must take mandatory free relief from this area. This area is an abnormal course condition. The player's only option for this free relief is to use the ball drop that is located to the right of the green on the hole he or she is playing (Rule 16.1). Note 1: No one is allowed to enter this no play zone for any reason. The general penalty of two strokes applies for breaching this condition (Rule 16.1). Note 2: Only if it is known or virtually certain that the ball lies in the no play zone, the ball does not need to be found. Free relief is still available (see rule 16.1e).

**Obstructions:** Cart paths, dirt extensions of cart paths and utility boxes are included as immovable obstructions.

**Ball Drop Zone:** As an additional option to Rule 17, for a ball in the penalty area on holes #2, 4, and 17 a player may drop a ball with a one stroke penalty in the dropping zone located on the most forward tee of the hole.

**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 Tom Bollinger if you have any rules questions while playing your round](#)

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[And explain what hole you are on and what part of the hole](#)