

MHSAA Boys Golf State Finals—Division 3
The Meadows Golf Course—Grand Valley State University
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 **BLUE** tees.

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 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).*

Out of Bounds: Defined by the inside edge of all perimeter fencing on holes 5, 6, 12, 13, and 14. In addition, on holes 3, 4, and 18 the inside edge of the public road is the out of bounds line.

Ground Under Repair: Defined by freshly painted white lines.

Obstructions: Cart paths, dirt extensions of cart paths and utility boxes are included as immovable obstructions. Also, the wooden steps in the bunkers on hole #4 and 8 are immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed.

Integral Part of the Course: The wooden pilings in the bunkers on hole #4 and 8 are integral parts of the course. The ball must be played as it lies or player may invoke Rule 19, ball unplayable. Note that the wooden steps in these bunkers are immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed.

Elevated Power Lines: If a ball, as the result of a stroke, strikes the pole supporting power lines OR the power lines themselves during play of a hole, the stroke must be canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played. NOTE: the supporting pole or the power lines MUST be on the course for the above to be applicable.

Ball Drop Zone: As an additional option to Rule 17, for a ball in the penalty area on hole #18 a player may drop a ball with a one stroke penalty in the dropping zone located on the putting green side of the penalty area. This option is NOT available for the first stroke played from the teeing area.

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 Terry Kildea 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