MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Boys’ Golf Division - 3

Hosted by Forest Akers West Golf Course MSU

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 or **GREEN** tees.

**Out of Bounds**:  Defined by the inside edge of perimeter fence posts and white lines or stakes if present. On hole #13, behind and to the right, the stakes define out of bounds tying into the stakes going down hole #5. On #18 the inside edge of the curb of the cart path behind the green defines out of bounds and it ties in with the white stakes that are present on each side of path.

**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. 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).*

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

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**Obstructions**: Cart paths, dirt extensions of cart paths and utility boxes are included as immovable obstructions. Rule 16

**Integral Part of the Course**: The retaining wall around #1 tee is an integral part of the course. Ball must be played as it lies or the player may invoke Rule 19, ball unplayable.

**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.

**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.

**Text or Call Mick Kildea if you have any rules question while playing your round**

**517 749 8723**

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