



michigan high school athletic association

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TO: MHSAA Boys Golf 2019 Finals Qualifying Teams & Individuals

FROM: Cody Inglis, MHSAA Assistant Director

RE: Finals Qualifier Information

Congratulations on advancing to the 2019 MHSAA Boys Golf Finals. Qualifying teams and individuals are automatically entered in the MHSAA Finals - there is no need to submit any materials to the MHSAA office.

For all information regarding Finals time schedule, course assignment, hotels, and all other policies and procedures please go to the MHSAA Web site on the Boys Golf page, click on "Participating Schools" on the left channel, and then click on the appropriate "Finals Qualifier Information" link in the middle of the page for Finals Qualifier information that you can download.

Any additional questions should be directed to our office at 517-332-5046 or my cell at 517-899-2656 or e-mail at: cody@mhsaa.com



MHSAA 2019 Boys Golf Finals Finals Policies & Procedures Qualifying Teams & Individuals



**Shotgun start time in all Divisions will be 9:00 a.m.
Check-in starting at 7:00 a.m.
Coaches meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.
Players meeting starting at 8:30 a.m.**

**Finals Greens Fees - \$29 per player/per day
(\$290 total per team)**

**Make checks payable to the Finals Course
Bring checks/payment to Finals course registration on Friday
Schools are responsible for greens fees both days of the Finals
Checks for practice rounds should be separate from Finals greens fee payment.**

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Congratulations on advancing to the 2019 MHSAA Boys Golf Finals. Qualifying teams or individuals are automatically entered in the MHSAA Finals - there is no need to submit any materials to the MHSAA office. Please review the following information regarding the Finals. Any additional questions should be directed to our office at 517-332-5046 or my cell at 517-899-2656 or e-mail at: cody@mhsaa.com Please pay particular attention to the coaching duties, privileges and restrictions and player scoring responsibilities.

GENERAL INFORMATION – MHSAA BOYS GOLF FINALS (Information listed alpha by subject)

CARTS – Motorized carts are not allowed for competitors. Players with physical disabilities may receive authorization from the MHSAA to use motorized carts by submitting a physician's statement of need in advance to the MHSAA. Pull carts (non-motorized types) are allowed at player expense.

Policies regarding motorized carts for coaches are specifically stated in the Participating School Tournament Information. Although it is preferred that coaches walk with their team, motorized carts may be rented by coaches with tournament manager approval. Cart rental, at coach's own expense, is \$17 per day at all four Finals courses. A school designated coach (one, not two) who rents a cart may share a cart with one other school designated coach. Carts are not to be used to provide transport for spectators. Any abuse of the cart policy will result in loss of cart use for the school coach for the remainder of the tournament. Should weather conditions prevent carts from being issued to coaches, they will be required to walk.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES – Coaches need to inform Finals participants that use of cell phones or other electronic devices (texting, calls, photos, etc.) is prohibited during competition and may result in penalty or disqualification. This restriction also applies to coaches while they are around competitors during competition. Should coaches need to check phones for live scoring or make a call to a rules or tournament official then they should do this away from players or groups.

COACHES MEETING – Coaches **are required** to attend the coaches meeting prior to the start of competition each day of the Finals. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

COACHING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT- All players are required to have school designated coaching supervision at all levels of the MHSAA Golf Tournament. Coaches are required to facilitate check-in of their team/individuals, distribute scorecards to team/individuals, make substitutions, attend the coaches meeting and be on-site throughout the round to communicate with tournament management and/or rules officials when necessary.

COACHING DUTIES & PRIVILEGES- During the MHSAA tournament **one school designated coach** 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.

Additional clarifications:

- Coaches should be on the course helping facilitate pace of play, checking scorecards and keeping galleries at reasonable distance.
- Coaches **may** "intervene" with their own players and other players when advising or reminding a player to consult USGA rules and be pro-active in matters of rules compliance. When doing so, coaches should not pose as a rules official, or as a member of the rules committee.
- Coaches **may** communicate to a player they can request a rules official and assist in summoning a rules official for the player.
- Coaches **may** deliver food and drink to their players during the round.
- Coaches **may** monitor sportsmanship and report unsportsmanlike behavior to tournament management.
- Coaches **may not** assess penalties to players.
- Coaches **may not** give rules interpretations; only remind players of options and the need to follow rules.
- Coaches **may not** use carts to transfer players or spectators. Exception: Transport of players to safety in bad weather/lightning situations.

DISQUALIFICATIONS – Coaches and players are subject to MHSAA Regulation V, Section 3(D) regarding flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct. If a player or coach is assessed such a DQ, they are disqualified from the next day of competition as coach or player. Therefore, if any player is disqualified under this regulation, they are eliminated from the entire competition. The penalty will be assessed at the end of the round.

A player, who has been disqualified on day one of the Finals for a golf rules infraction only, will be disqualified for the remainder of that day. That player may compete on the second day. If a player is disqualified on the second day for a golf rules infraction, that player's score for the first day will remain as posted.

If a participating team can only post three scores due to multiple disqualifications, the team is eliminated from consideration for team honors at any level of the MHSAA tournament. The remaining individuals may continue to compete for individual honors.

DISTANCE FINDERS – Distance finders that measure distance only will be allowed for use in the MHSAA Regional and Finals tournament in 2019 as a "local rule" adopted by the MHSAA under USGA Rule 4.3a (1-4) and Section 8 as follows:

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 the Rules of Golf, for which the penalty is TWO STROKES for the first breach of this rule and DISQUALIFICATION for a subsequent breach.

Cell phones/smart phones may not be used as distance measuring devices.

DRESS CODE - Proper golf attire, including a golf shirt, will be required at the MHSAA Finals. Bermuda shorts are permitted. Short shorts, cut-offs, jeans and tank tops are NOT permitted. Hats worn backward are not allowed. Mock turtleneck shirts designed and sold as golf attire are allowed. Managers will ask to have all golfers 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.

FINALS GROUPINGS – Players will be grouped in threesomes by team waves on day one of the Finals based on the coaches player ranking and team place from Regional competition. Day two threesomes will be based on first day results. If a coach wishes to change the Regional player ranking for the Finals, the MHSAA should be contacted no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, June 3. Individuals will be placed in groups after team waves based on Regional place.

FINALS COURSE ASSIGNMENTS – 2019

2019 LP Boys Golf Finals

June 7-8

D1-The Fortress-Frankenmuth

D2-Forest Akers West-Michigan State University – East Lansing

D3-Katke-Ferris State University – Big Rapids

D4-The Meadows-Grand Valley State University - Allendale

FINALS PRACTICE ROUNDS – Finals qualifying teams and/or individuals are allowed one practice round at the Finals course after the conclusion of their Regional and before the first day of the Finals. The practice round is a maximum of 18 holes and must be played on a single day, not over two days. Violations of the practice round limit will result in disqualification from the tournament. Note: Players may use the range and/or practice green at the Finals course at any time without penalty. Rates/contact info as follows:

The Fortress, Frankenmuth – 877-725-0019 - Greens fees - \$32 (walking rate)

Forest Akers West, MSU - 517-355-1635 - Greens fees - \$32 (walking rate)

Katke, FSU – 231-591-3765 - Greens fees - \$32 (walking rate)

The Meadows, GVSU - 616-331-1004 - Greens fees - \$32 (walking rate)

FINALS GREENS FEES – Schools are also responsible to pay greens fees on both days of the Finals. Greens fees are \$29 for each player per day of the Finals. A 5-person team will therefore pay a total of \$290 greens fees for both days. An individual will pay a total of \$58 greens fees for both days. Checks/payment must be made on Friday at time of registration. Make checks payable to the respective Finals course. Checks for practice rounds and other expenses should be paid for separately from Finals greens fee payment to the course.

HOTELS/TRAVEL EXPENSES – The MHSAA does not reimburse participating schools for hotel/travel expenses, nor does the MHSAA book rooms. A list of area hotels is included with Finals information for your convenience.

INTERNET STREAMING - Teams participating in MHSAA Tournaments are prohibited from streaming live video of any portion of an event over the Internet - including using social media platforms like Periscope and Facebook – or any other method.

Likewise, individual spectators are also prohibited from streaming video through any means.

Tournament Managers are to remind participating teams of this policy; ensure that team video equipment is not being used to stream live video; read the public address announcements and post the signage provided by the MHSAA; and enforce the policy if a member of a participating team party or a spectator is suspected of streaming video.

PACE OF PLAY- Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay under the Rules of Golf. An acceptable time frame for playing a stroke is no longer than 40 seconds once a ball has been found and identified and it is clearly his/her turn to play. Each player is responsible for his/her group maintaining a proper position on the course, i.e. no more than approximately one starting interval behind the preceding group throughout the round. When a group is out of position due to slow play, tournament management will issue a warning prior to penalties being assessed.

RANGE POLICIES – Participating teams and individuals will be assigned practice range times and locations on the range by host course personnel. Range fees are included in the Finals greens fees.

SCORING RESPONSIBILITIES- Tournament competitors will keep score for each member of their foursome or threesome at all MHSAA Tournaments. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT WILL DETERMINE WHICH COMPETITOR WILL MARK FOR ANOTHER IN EACH PLAYER GROUP PRIOR TO EACH DAY OF TOURNAMENT.

- Each competitor acting in the capacity of a marker will keep official score for one player in the group, as well as mark scores for each other player in the three or foursome.
- Each marker is required to keep track of and mark each score by hole on the official MHSAA SCORECARD for the assigned player.
- Score shall be verbalized by players so all in group, including the marker for that player, can hear and write down that score. If there is a discrepancy between score marked and score announced, the marker shall ask the player to review strokes in presence of other players in group

All questions on number of strokes shall be settled before starting play on the next hole. Score must be verified before first tee shot is made on next hole. At the end of the round all members of the playing group shall bring scorecards to the scoring table together and review scores and questions with tournament management and score recording personnel. Scoring issues can be corrected while players remain in the scoring area. All players in the group shall remain in the scoring area until scorecards are signed, scores are posted and confirmed.

The following shall be the procedure after a round is completed at all MHSAA Golf Finals 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 and their group (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 is in disagreement, 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.

Teams may play a maximum of five players, with the top four scores counting for team score. All competition is stroke play.

SPECTATOR CARTS – As a general rule, use of carts is not extended to spectators. In cases of extreme medical need and only with prior approval from the MHSAA office will host tournament management provide cart access or assist in transporting people on the course. The cost of these carts will be \$20.00 a round at each site if carts are available.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT - During play, spectators may not give advice to a player, nor shall players ask for advice from spectators. Once play begins, spectators shall maintain a reasonable gallery distance from all players, approximately 25 yards is considered the minimum distance while observing play between tee & green. Violations are subject to penalties under USGA rule and spectators may be removed from the course. General encouragement of players is acceptable but there shall be no communication between spectators and players. At the turn, a spectator/family member may have appropriate communication (non-golf related or encouragement) with players.

STARTING TIMES – Scheduled starting time is 9 a.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Finals, with check in time at 7:00 a.m. on Friday and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. Coaches meetings will be at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday with player meetings at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Course conditions may delay start of play.

SUBSTITUTIONS – Substitutions are allowed each day of competition and must be on the Master Eligibility List. A coach may re-rank players for the Finals first day by 3 p.m. Mon. June 3, using the attached form.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT – The MHSAA Finals will be conducted in stroke play over 36 holes, 18 holes each day of competition. A shotgun start will be used each day. Team scores will consist of the top four scores from the team.

For additional questions regarding Finals policies and procedures contact:

Cody Inglis, MHSAA Assistant Director cody@mhsaa.com Cell – 517-899-2656

Cole Malatinsky, MHSAA Executive Assistant cole@mhsaa.com 517-332-5046 (MHSAA Office)

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GOLF FINALS TOURNAMENT

FRANKENMUTH HOTEL SPECIAL RATE:

Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel and Waterpark

Dragonfly Room

Standard room with 2 queen beds, a TV, a microwave, and minifridge. Comes with 4 complimentary waterpark passes, sleeps 4 comfortably. Max capacity is 5.

\$119.00 + tax (Thursday, 6/6/19)

\$159.00 + tax (Friday, 6/6/19)

Family Suite

2 queen beds, a pull out sofa, 2 TVs, a fireplace, a microwave, and minifridge. Comes with 6 complimentary waterpark passes, sleeps 6 comfortably. Max capacity is 7.

\$199.00 + tax (Thursday, 6/6/19)

\$239.00 + tax (Friday, 6/6/19)

They will be able to book online with the code MHSAA19 or call at 1-800-863-7999.

Other Frankenmuth Hotels:

Holiday Inn Express and Suites

926 S. Main
989-652-8100

Fairfield Inn and Suites

430 S. Main St.
989-652-5000

Springhill Suites

530 S. Main
989-652-7500

Drury Inn & Suites

260 S. Main
989-652-2800



GOLF FINALS TOURNAMENT

LANSING AREA HOTELS SPECIAL RATES & ROOM BLOCKS

MHSAA 2019 Boys Golf Finals

| <i>FACILITY</i> | <i>EVENT RATES</i> | <i>AMENITIES</i> |
|--|---|---|
| Best Western http://www.bestwestern.com (517) 349-8700 | •\$109.00 •36 rooms blocked of Doubles | Complimentary Breakfast Fitness Center Indoor Pool Business Center |
| Holiday Inn Express Okemos - University Area https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/reservation (517) 999-8700 | •\$99.00 •36 rooms blocked of Doubles | Complimentary Breakfast Fitness Center Indoor Pool Business Center |



GOLF FINALS TOURNAMENT

GRAND RAPIDS AREA HOTELS

Sleep Inn & Suites

4869 Becker Dr.
Allendale
616-892-8000

Quality Inn

2171 Holton Ct. NW
Walker
616-791-8500

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

358 River Ridge Dr. NW
Walker
616-647-4100

Baymont Inn & Suites

2151 Holton Ct. NW
Walker
616-735-9595

Hampton Inn Grand Rapids North

500 Center Dr. NW
Grand Rapids
616-647-1000

The Gatehouse Suites

2701 E. Beltline Ave. SE
Grand Rapids
616-957-3699

Radisson Hotel Grand Rapids North

270 Ann St. NW
Grand Rapids
616-363-9001

Sleep Inn & Suites

4284 29th St. SE
Grand Rapids
616-975-9000

Spring Hill Suites by Marriott

450 Center Dr. NW
Grand Rapids, MI
616-785-1600

Holiday Inn Express Hotel

4651 36th St.
Grandville
877-859-5095

Comfort Suites

4520 Kenowa Ave. SW
Grandville
616-667-0733



GOLF FINALS TOURNAMENT

BIG RAPIDS AREA HOTELS

Country Inn and Suites Big Rapids

15344 Waldron Way
Big Rapids, MI
231-527-9000

Hampton Inn Big Rapids

15320 Waldron Way
Big Rapids, MI
231-527-7333

Holiday Inn Big Rapids

1005 Perry Ave.
Big Rapids, MI
231-796-4400

Super 8 by Wyndham Big Rapids

845 Water Tower Rd.
Big Rapids, MI
231-796-1588

Quality Inn and Suites

1705 S. State St.
Big Rapids, MI
231-592-5150



2019 BOYS FINALS GOLF TOURNAMENT

PLAYER RANKING CHANGE FORM

*****Use only if ranking is changed from Regional, there is no need to send this form if there are no ranking changes in your team – individual qualifiers do not need to send this form*****

*****Substitutions may be made at Finals check-in, but if you know a substitution will be made prior to the Finals deadline this may be included on this form. *****

Players will be grouped by team waves in threesomes at the 2019 MHSAA Boys Golf Finals. The first day **team** waves will be determined by the coach's player ranking and Regional team place. **Individuals** will be placed in groups after the team waves based on their Regional place. The MHSAA will assign groups based on the coach's team ranking from the Regional Tournament. If a coach wishes to change the player ranking, it must be submitted to the MHSAA by 3 p.m. on Monday, June 3. If player team rankings are changed from those used at the Regional, the coach should complete this form and fax it to the MHSAA at 517-332-4071.

SCHOOL _____ COACH _____

| | <u>Last</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>Grade</u> |
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| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| 5. | _____ | _____ | _____ |

THIS FORM SHOULD BE FAXED/E-MAILED TO THE MHSAA
BY 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 3

FAX # - 517-332-4071 or cody@mhsaa.com