



MPSSAA GOLF BULLETIN

State Tournament - October 25-27, 2021
University of Maryland, College Park

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Golf tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Golf Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Golf Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the USGA Rule Book will be followed.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. The State Golf Committee has approved the use of non-motorized pushcarts by players to carry their golf bags at all levels of play within the State.

II. DISTRICT AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

- A. Tournament Organization
 - 1. Schools may enter one team into district play that is comprised of five individuals (male or female).
 - 2. Schools without teams may enter individuals in district play as individual participants.
 - 3. Schools with a team may enter additional female participants in district play.
 - 4. Girls are subject to the same rules as boys, with the exception of playing from women’s tees in district and state play.
 - 5. The entry for district and state competition must be signed by the coach, athletic director, and the school principal or the entry will be denied.
- B. Playing Rules
 - 1. The state tournament will be divided into two classifications: 4A/3A and 2A/1A.
 - 2. Teams for the district tournament may consist of five players.
 - a. Districts will count the LOW FOUR towards the team score. The LOW FOUR will constitute the team at the state tournament.

2021 GOLF TIME LINE		
	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug. 11First practice and first play date	Oct. 19Tournament completion date	Oct. 25.....4A/3A Semifinals
	Oct. 20Organizational meeting for state tournament	Oct. 26.....2A/1A Semifinals
		Oct. 27Finals/Raindate
		Dec. 15Reimbursement request due

- b. If the fifth player (the individual with the highest score) qualifies, he/she may participate in the state tournament on an individual basis only.
- 3. Each entrant will play 18 holes of stroke play.
 - a. All district tournaments shall be played at the distances shown on their course scorecards.
 - b. Course rating for boys is from the middle or white tees.
 - c. Course rating for girls is from the red or women’s tees.
- 4. Ties for the last individual qualifying place in the district tournament will be determined with a playoff starting from the course designated hole and playing complete holes until the tie is broken. If extenuating circumstances prevent the culmination of said playoff, the USGA recommended tie-breakers will be used starting with 9, 6, 3, 1.

C. Determining district championships and qualifying for the state tournament.

- 1. Individual advancement to the state tournament (all criteria below must be met for advancement).
 - a. Individuals must shoot a qualifying score determined by the following formula:

“Course rating +X strokes = qualifying score for that course”

District	Date(s) of Event	Course(s) & Team Qualifying Score	Female Course Rating/Qualifying Score	Male Course Rating/Qualifying Score
1	TBA (4A/3A) TBA (2A/1A)	Both @ Black Rock GC	Both -	Both -
2	TBA (Boys & Girls) TBA (Girls Only)	Poolesville GC - ---	Poolesville - Laytonsville -	Poolesville - ---
3	TBA	Enterprise GC -		
4	TBA	Breton Bay GC -		
5	TBA	Crofton GC -		
6	TBA	Fox Hollow GC -		
7	TBA	Mountain Branch GC -		
8	TBA	River Marsh GC -		

- b. All districts’ course ratings will be used in the equation. The adjustment factor, “X”, will be determined by the state committee and distributed to all district representatives. The state committee determines the “X” factor based on the USGA course ratings of all district courses to provide equity for advancement based on the district course.
- c. Individuals who shoot the qualifying score are not guaranteed advancement to the state tournament. Individuals must also be in the top one-eighth (1/8) of the remaining players after subtracting participants who advanced with their teams. (Refer to page 39 of this bulletin for further details.)
- d. District chairpersons may submit six additional qualifying alternates in numerical order.
- 2. Team advancement to the state tournament.
 - a. The four-player team in the 4A/3A and 2A/1A with the lowest aggregate score for 72 holes shall be the district champion.



- b. In addition to the top 4A/3A and 2A/1A team finisher, any team shooting a qualifying score at their district course as determined by an aggregate score of four times the “X” factor plus four strokes will advance to the state tournament. When a female is included in the low four scores, the female “X” factor will be used to determine the aggregate score for team advancement.

D. General Policies

1. District tournament directors will be responsible for the assignment of duties. It is highly recommended that the representatives from schools at the district tournament be assigned as scorers or marshals.
2. In order to accommodate all players, the State Committee may adjust the district alignment when the committee determines an overcrowding of district participants.

III. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The 2021 State Tournament will be held at the University of Maryland golf course. State Semifinal rounds will take place Monday, October 25th and Tuesday, October 26th. Qualifiers from the Semifinal rounds will compete in the Finals on Wednesday, October 27th.
2. The competition will be held over 36-holes, weather permitting.
 - a. TEAMS: Teams qualifying will compete in a one-day 18-hole semifinal round.
 - i. On Monday, October 25th the Class 4A/3A qualifying teams will compete.
 - ii. On Tuesday, October 26th, the Class 2A/1A qualifying teams will compete.
 - b. INDIVIDUALS: Individuals qualifying will compete in a one-day 18-hole Semifinal round. In order to manage the size of the field and the pace of play for each day of the Semifinals, the State Committee may assign individuals to either day of Semifinals.
 - i. Individuals, whose school has qualified as a team, will compete on the same day their school team competes.
 - ii. The committee will attempt to schedule as many individuals as possible on the same day their school’s classification competes.
 - c. Teams and individuals qualifying from the Semifinal rounds will return on Wednesday, October 27th, for State Final play. Overall results will be based on cumulative scores from the Semifinals and Finals.
3. There will be a meeting of the State Golf Committee on Wednesday, October 20th, at 10 a.m. at the University of Maryland Golf Course. District chairpersons should complete the electronic form provided by the State Committee Director.
4. Directions for State Tournament

From route 495 (Capital Beltway) : Exit Route 1 South to Md. Route 193 (University Blvd). Proceed West for two miles to golf course entrance on right.
5. Each district shall provide the following personnel who will be assigned by the State Golf Committee as scorers or marshals.
 - a. Coaches or an approved school representative in lieu of the coach will assist in tournament management.
 - b. On Wednesday, October 27th, all coaches or the approved school representatives in lieu of a coach with remaining athletes will assist in tournament management.

6. The Tournament Director will assign competitors on the basis of schools represented and scores reported on the entry blank. Players from the same school will not play together.
7. Tournament play will begin with a 'shotgun' start at **9:00 a.m.** each day.
 - a. Coaches or school-designated representatives (representatives must present on school letterhead a document stating their designation as the school representative and it must be signed by the athletic director or school principal) are responsible for signing in all participants at least 30 minutes before starting time.
 - b. Coaches or school-designated representatives must remain onsite the duration of the tournament for general supervision and in the event of student-athlete injury or emergency.
 - c. Time should be allowed for traffic, etc. Players and coaches/school representatives who fail to report before the starting time will be scratched.
 - d. The head coach must be onsite and help with general supervision or tournament management as directed. If the head coach is not onsite, an assistant coach or school designated representative must be available. Redesignating **or refusing to complete** assigned duties without prior approval of the State Golf Committee is subject to "misconduct detrimental to the tournament" and its' penalties as found in the MPSSAA Handbook.
 - e. Time Frame: * Please account for traffic in your travel plans.*
 ** Driving Range opens at daybreak.**
 8:00 a.m.....Coaches Sign In
 8:15 a.m.....Coaches Meeting
 8:25 a.m.....Range Closes
 8:30 a.m.....Players Meeting
 9:00 a.m.....'Shotgun' Start
8. Method used to determine champions
 - a. The four-member team in each classification (4A/3A and 2A/1A) with the lowest aggregate score for 144 holes shall be declared the state team champions.
 - b. The individual boys and girls in each classification (4A/3A and 2A/1A) with the lowest aggregate score for 36 holes shall be declared the state individual champions.
9. Designated alternates are eligible to participate in team competition if a team withdraws any of their team competitors from the tournament and the substitute played as the fifth team-member in the district tournament.

B. General Policies

1. Advancement standards for qualifying from semifinals to finals:
 - a. TEAMS: The top forty percent of teams (up to 40%) from each semifinal will advance to the finals with at least three teams guaranteed to advance. All teams who tie the cutoff score will advance.
 - b. INDIVIDUALS: The top forty percent of individual male and female competitors will advance to the finals. All individuals who tie the cutoff score will advance to the finals. There will be one male cut score and one female cut score announced at the conclusion of each semifinal round for all individuals.
2. Within each classification (4A/3A and 2A/1A), each of the top two teams will receive a plaque. Awards will be presented to the top individual male and female finishers in each classification.
 - a. Ties for first place will be resolved by playoff, starting on the course designated hole and continuing until the tie is broken. All other individual ties will stand.



- b. In case of a tie for first team honors, the teams involved start from the course designated hole and continue on until the tie is broken.
 - 3. The number of individual awards may be reduced in the proportion to the number of participants in district and state play.
 - 4. All equipment, including golf balls, shall be furnished by the competing teams or individuals.
- C. Playing Rules
- 1. The regular green fee is expected for all practice rounds. No free practice rounds will be permitted on the course prior to the tournament.
 - a. Only a limited number are available on the weekend prior to the tournament.
 - b. Coaches are reminded of MPSSAA regulations prohibiting Sunday practice and may not accompany players to Sunday practice rounds.
 - 2. Coaches are responsible for reviewing the rules of stroke play with their players.
 - 3. **The use of the gold tees for males and red/white tees for females will apply in the tournament when played at the University of Maryland. Summer rules will be in effect if warranted by course conditions.**
 - 4. An official scorer will accompany each foursome to assist play and carry the official score card.
 - a. Golfers are expected to keep their own score and should verify it **as a whole group** with the scorer after each hole.
 - b. Official scorers and golfers must enter the designated "Scoring Area" to verify and sign their official scorecards after each round. **All questions regarding the round shall be addressed PRIOR to the golfers leaving the designated scoring area.** Official scorers shall also deliver the signed scorecards to the Match Director in the designated "Scoring Area" and sign-out that it was delivered. Failure of a player to verify, sign, and submit a scorecard shall be considered "conduct detrimental to the tournament".
 - c. Any unsportsmanlike action directed at these officials, such as abusive language, may result in disqualification from tournament play.
 - 5. Local rules of the host club shall be observed implicitly. An official school representative from each competing school shall be responsible for such compliance by members of his/her group. The tournament director may delegate the responsibility to rule on technical questions arising from play to some other person; however, should there be any reservations on a ruling that was made some time after a questionable problem or development, the situation may only be resolved through action of the tournament committee as designated by the tournament director.
 - 6. Closing of the course due to inclement weather
 - a. In the event a Semifinal on Monday OR Tuesday is postponed, the postponed Semifinal will be contested on October 27th. Based on the availability of the University of Maryland golf course, a possible second 18-hole final could be completed on a date to be determined.
 - b. In case both Monday AND Tuesday Semifinals are postponed, an alternate plan will be developed by the State Golf Committee.
 - 7. **The MPSSAA State Golf Committee has adopted the following policies prior to, during, and after each day of the state tournament in the interest of the integrity of the game, sportsmanship, and safety.**
 - a. Participating players are prohibited from using tobacco products during the tournament.

- b. All players must wear appropriate nonmetal cleated shoes and may not play barefooted.
 - c. All players must wear appropriate golf attire.
 - d. The use of a caddie or motorized golf cart is not permitted. Non-motorized pushcarts will NOT be available to rent at the state tournament.
 - e. Spectators are restricted to the cart path and must remain off all fairways and greens.
 - f. Coaches, parents, students, and/or spectators are prohibited from providing direct or indirect advice to players, scorers, and tournament officials throughout the tournament. Failure to comply may result in player disqualification and/or restricting the offending spectator to the clubhouse.
 - g. Pace of Play - The MPSSAA State Golf Committee reserves the right to time a group whenever the Committee deems the group to be out of position. Players should also be aware that under USGA Rule 5.6, the Committee may assess a penalty to a player in a group which is out of position if that player makes no effort to help the player's group get back into position, e.g., such as when a player unduly delays play between shots.
 - h. **Distance measuring devices, including portable electronic devices, are allowed and permitted to be shared with other competitors.**
8. Any violation of aforementioned actions by participants, coaches, and spectators may result in warnings, penalties, and/or disqualification upon determination of the tournament committee as designated by the tournament director.

PROJECTED MPSSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT DATES		
2022 - October 24/25, 26	2023 - October 23/24, 25	2024 - October 28/29, 30

2020-21 GOLF STATE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE			
		Office	Other
DIRECTOR	Eric Michael	Washington County301-766-2929	240-217-4607
DISTRICT 1	Kyle Walker.....	Shiloh MS (Manchester Valley)410-386-4570	443-465-0847
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DISTRICT 8	Dan Stearman	Stephen Decatur.....240-388-2776	
	Brad Niesz	Queen Anne's410-758-0500	410-490-7447
STATE TOURNAMENT SITE DIRECTOR			
	Phelps Prescott	Arundel410-674-6500	410-903-6152

Email addresses for committee members can be found on the Golf page of mpssaa.org.



2021 ALIGNMENT FOR GOLF

CLASS 4A-3A

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westminster Car 2. Frederick Fre 3. Linganore Fre 4. Thomas Johnson Fre 5. Tuscarora Fre 6. Urbana Fre 7. North Hagerstown Was 8. South Hagerstown Was <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 2</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Albert Einstein Mtg 2. Bethesda-Chevy Chase Mtg 3. Clarksburg Mtg 4. Col. Zadok Magruder Mtg 5. Damascus Mtg 6. Gaithersburg Mtg 7. James Blake Mtg 8. John F. Kennedy Mtg 9. Montgomery Blair Mtg 10. Northwest Mtg 11. Northwood Mtg 12. Paint Branch Mtg 13. Quince Orchard Mtg 14. Richard Montgomery Mtg 15. Rockville Mtg 16. Seneca Valley Mtg 17. Sherwood Mtg 18. Springbrook Mtg 19. Thomas S. Wootton Mtg 20. Walt Whitman Mtg 21. Walter Johnson Mtg 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. Watkins Mill Mtg 23. Wheaton Mtg 24. Winston Churchill Mtg <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 3</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bladensburg PG 2. Bowie PG 3. C H Flowers PG 4. Dr. Henry A Wise Jr PG 5. Duval PG 6. Eleanor Roosevelt PG 7. High Point PG 8. Laurel PG 9. Northwestern (PG) PG 10. Oxon Hill PG 11. Parkdale PG 12. Suitland PG <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 4</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Northern (Cal.) Cal 2. North Point Cha 3. St. Charles Cha 4. Chopticon StM 5. Great Mills StM 6. Leonardtown StM 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 5</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annapolis AA 2. Arundel AA 3. Broadneck AA 4. Chesapeake AA 5. Crofton AA 6. Glen Burnie AA 7. Meade AA 8. North County AA 9. Old Mill AA 10. Severna Park AA 11. South River AA 12. Atholton How 13. Centennial How 14. Howard How 15. Long Reach How 16. Marriotts Ridge How 17. Mt. Hebron How 18. Reservoir How 19. River Hill How 20. Wilde Lake How 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 6</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catonsville B Co 2. Dulaney B Co 3. Dundalk B Co 4. Franklin B Co 5. Kenwood B Co 6. Parkville B Co 7. Patapsco B Co 8. Perry Hall B Co 9. Towson B Co 10. Woodlawn B Co <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 7</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aberdeen Hfd 2. Bel Air Hfd 3. Edgewood Hfd <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 8</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James M. Bennett Wic
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CLASS 2A-1A

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allegany All 2. Fort Hill All 3. Mountain Ridge All 4. Century Car 5. Francis Scott Key Car 6. Liberty Car 7. Manchester Valley Car 8. South Carroll Car 9. Winters Mill Car 10. Brunswick Fre 11. Catoclin Fre 12. Middletown Fre 13. Oakdale Fre 14. Walkersville Fre 15. Northern (Gar.) G 16. Southern (Gar.) G 17. Boonsboro Was 18. Clear Spring Was 19. Smithsburg Was 20. Williamsport Was <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 2</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poolesville Mtg 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 3</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crossland PG 2. Central PG 3. Fairmont Heights PG 4. Frederick Douglass PG 5. Friendly PG 6. Gwynn Park PG 7. Largo PG 8. Potomac PG 9. Surrattsville PG <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 4</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calvert Cal 2. Huntingtown Cal 3. Patuxent Cal 4. La Plata Cha 5. Lackey Cha 6. McDonough Cha 7. Thomas Stone Cha 8. Westlake Cha <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 5</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chesapeake Science Point AA 2. Northeast (AA) AA 3. Southern (AA) AA 4. Glenelg How 5. Hammond How 6. Oakland Mills How 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 6</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carver A&T B Co 2. Eastern Technical B Co 3. Hereford B Co 4. Lansdowne B Co 5. Loch Raven B Co 6. Milford Mill Academy B Co 7. New Town B Co 8. Overlea B Co 9. Owings Mills B Co 10. Pikesville B Co 11. Sparrows Point B Co 12. Western STES B Co <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 7</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bohemia Manor Cec 2. Elkton Cec 3. North East (Cecil) Cec 4. Perryville Cec 5. Rising Sun Cec 6. C. Milton Wright Hfd 7. Fallston Hfd 8. Harford Tech Hfd 9. Havre de Grace Hfd 10. Joppatowne Hfd 11. North Harford Hfd 12. Patterson Mill Hfd 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT 8</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colonel Richardson Cin 2. North Caroline Cin 3. Cambridge-SD Dor 4. North Dorchester Dor 5. Kent County K 6. Kent Island Qa 7. Queen Anne's Qa 8. Washington Som 9. Easton Tal 10. St. Michaels Tal 11. Mardela Wic 12. Parkside Wic 13. Wicomico Wic 14. Pocomoke Wor 15. Snow Hill Wor 16. Stephen Decatur Wor
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MPSSAA STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING CHART

The Chart below is used to determine the number that will qualify from individuals who are officially entered and participate in the District Tournament. FIGURES ARE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS REMAINING AFTER SUBTRACTING PARTICIPANTS WHO ADVANCED WITH THEIR TEAMS.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT			
Individual Qualifying Chart			
1- 1	34- 4	67- 8	100-13
2- 1	35- 4	68- 9	101-13
3- 1	36- 5	69- 9	102-13
4- 1	37- 5	70- 9	103-13
5- 1	38- 5	71- 9	104-13
6- 1	39- 5	72- 9	105-13
7- 1	40- 5	73- 9	106-13
8- 1	41- 5	74- 9	107-13
9- 1	42- 5	75- 9	108-14
10- 1	43- 5	76-10	109-14
11- 1	44- 6	77-10	110-14
12- 2	45- 6	78-10	111-14
13- 2	46- 6	79-10	112-14
14- 2	47- 6	80-10	113-14
15- 2	48- 6	81-10	114-14
16- 2	49- 6	82-10	115-14
17- 2	50- 6	83-10	116-15
18- 2	51- 6	84-11	117-15
19- 2	52- 7	85-11	118-15
20- 3	53- 7	86-11	119-15
21- 3	54- 7	87-11	120-15
22- 3	55- 7	88-11	121-15
23- 3	56- 7	89-11	122-15
24- 3	57- 7	90-11	123-15
25- 3	58- 7	91-11	124-16
26- 3	59- 7	92-12	125-16
27- 3	60- 8	93-12	126-16
28- 4	61- 8	94-12	127-16
29- 4	62- 8	95-12	128-16
30- 4	63- 8	96-12	129-16
31- 4	64- 8	97-12	
32- 4	65- 8	98-12	
33- 4	66- 8	99-12	

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